

## It Is a Shame

Ok. So we knew *something* was going to happen. However, we must admit that we were quite surprised when we noticed that the statue depicting an African-American male holding a basketball had been defaced. After reporting the incident to the police and speaking with the officer dispatched to investigate the incident, we learned that Sunday night was one of the first nights that the statues had not been placed under 24 hour watch.

Although some adversaries of the statues may be delighted that this act of vandalism occurred, it seems disappointing and slightly disgusting to us. It is sad that the statue was defaced. No matter how negative or unfair one feels Julia Balk's sculpture is, it is not justification for the vandalism of her work. However, as Laura Anderson, BSM minister of information, pointed out to us, the true disappointment is that after all of the protest, demonstration and obvious disapproval of the statues, the only visible action taken regarding the sculpture is one of a mindless vandal.

We do not believe that vandalism or violence is a necessary impetus for change. Nor do we condone this act of vandalism. We do, however, plan to hold steadfast in our belief that students should not be forced to view art that is offensive to them and their race. We also plan to continue to hold Chancellor Hardin and other members of the administration responsible for well being and quality of life for all students on campus. All students should be able to live in an environment that does not constantly force stereotypes on them. Granted, ending racial prejudice is a incredible demand, placing these offensive statues in another location is quite simple. We hope that administrators will realize this.

On a lighter note, we would like to welcome you back. We hope that you have been able to keep all of your New Year's resolutions so far and that being a part of the Black Ink staff in 1991 is one of them. Tonight we are having our first meeting and all students, faculty and staff are welcome. Good Luck on calling Caroline and we hope that you all have an excellent semester. Peace — Erika F. Campbell and Akinwale N'Gai Wright.

## Black Ink

"The essence of freedom is understanding"

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A disproportionate number of African-American students come from economically-disadvantaged backgrounds, which may inhibit them from seeking higher education. The federal government has created several financial aid programs to provide all students with an equal opportunity to attend college. However, in December of 1990, the U.S. Department of Education declared that racially-based scholarships violated the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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