

The Original 22 Demands

In 1968, Members of the BSM marched onto the steps of South Building and made history when they presented the following demands to then Chancellor Sitterson

1. Black students be considered for admission on the basis of high school performance and recommendation and not by SAT scores, as they are based upon white middle-class standards.
2. Black students be granted substantial financial aid, preferably in scholarship and grants-in-aid rather than in loans.
3. A Department of African and Afro-American Studies be established which could eventually lead to a major in this area.
4. An exchange program with Black colleges and Universities be established on the order of the Toronto Exchange.
5. An exchange program with an African University be established. The BSM should be in charge of choosing students for this program.
6. A scholar-in-residence program be established to bring Black scholars into the University on a monthly basis.
7. A new office be created that would be responsive to the needs, aspirations and the academic and social welfare of Black students. The office should be entitled "Dean of Black Students" and be filled by a Black person.
8. Due consideration be given to the appointment of a Black person to the office of director of admissions.
9. Black persons be placed on the Board of Admissions.
10. Black persons be placed on the athletics coaching staff.
11. The Student Union director be fired and replaced by someone approved by the BSM because he misled the BSM on policies of the use of University facilities. The actions resulted in the loss of potential funds.
12. The Dean of Students be fired and replaced by someone approved by the BSM because he was responsible for the pigeon-holing of the Carolina Talent Search proposal of \$65,000 from HEW. This amount would have been used for the recruitment of minority students.
13. The funds appropriated to the Student Legislature received from the student activity fees of Black students should be given to the BSM annually, based on the fact that the Student Legislature is not representing the interests of Black students.
14. Either Black students have full jurisdiction over all offenses committed by Black students, or duly elected Black students from the BSM should represent our interests on the present judiciary courts.
15. The BSM be given \$7,000, the amount anticipated to be raised by admission charges for the Stokely Carmichael lecture.
16. The University begin working immediately to alleviate intolerable working conditions of the Black non-academic employees.
17. The University acknowledges its shortcomings in dealing with Black non-academic employees and immediately set up meetings with the employees and members of the BSM in order to outline and implement constructive action.
18. Athletic facilities be opened for Black youth. This should be done in cooperation with the Black community. A Black person should be hired to direct this function.
19. The Dental School set up a free clinic similar to the one set up by the medical school students.
20. The Law School set up a Legal Aid Clinic for the Black citizens in need of legal assistance.
21. The University use its influence to alleviate some of the problems in the Black community. 1) Housing: a.) indoor plumbing b.) Reduction of utility rates c.) Establishment of low-rent housing in cooperation with the Black community to be controlled by the Black community. 2) Health and sanitary conditions: a.) Garbage pickup b.) Unpaved streets.
22. The university use its influence to promote those activities of the Black community which will enhance the development of Black control of the Black community.

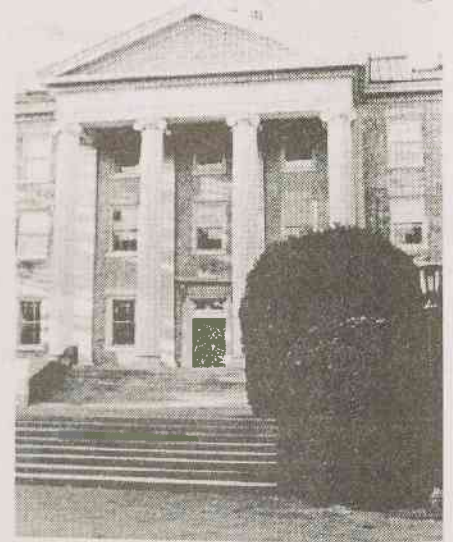


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