

On the Wake of Emancipation



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"Thank you for pillaging our African villages. Thank you for having more black men in prison than in schools. Thank you for being our fathers by blood and our oppressors by law."

Sentiments once reserved for conversations among close friends suddenly are thrust into the public light as students across the UNC campus

debate the presence of institutional racism and discrimination at the University.

While campus organizations debate controversial issues such as the death penalty and abortion throughout the school year, the in-your-face displays of two campaigns during university Human Rights Week celebrations created visible stirs in emotions among students.

First, the Genocide Awareness Project exhibited graphic displays of aborted fetuses as well as victims from other worldwide acts of genocide, the Holocaust and slavery. Throughout the two-day display, GAP organizers argued that the same injustices found in Holocaust and slavery

can be seen in abortion. Then on March 26, an anti-reparations column by conservative political pundit David Horowitz appeared in the Daily Tar Heel. Originally sent to the paper as a full-page ad entitled "Ten Reasons why Reparations are a Bad Idea – and Racist, too -- DTH editors instead decided to run Horowitz's ideas as a column and allow members of the UNC community, including Chancellor James Moeser and BSM president Tyra Moore to respond to Horowitz's claims.

At campuses across the nation, including Duke University, student demonstrations often followed the publication of Horowitz's ad. Horowitz has said he tar-