

# Editorials

## Black College Day

Once again the time has come for students, faculty and alumni to pull together and fight for a common cause - to save Black colleges.

Yesterday, in celebration of Black College Day, a march and rally was held in Raleigh, North Carolina. The purpose of this event was to create greater awareness of the ever mounting threat to abolish the 107 traditional Black colleges and universities.

This year the event was isolated to "the thirteen states under the gun of so-called desegregation orders or Justice Department lawsuits which force the Black public colleges to become white and the white colleges to remain white."

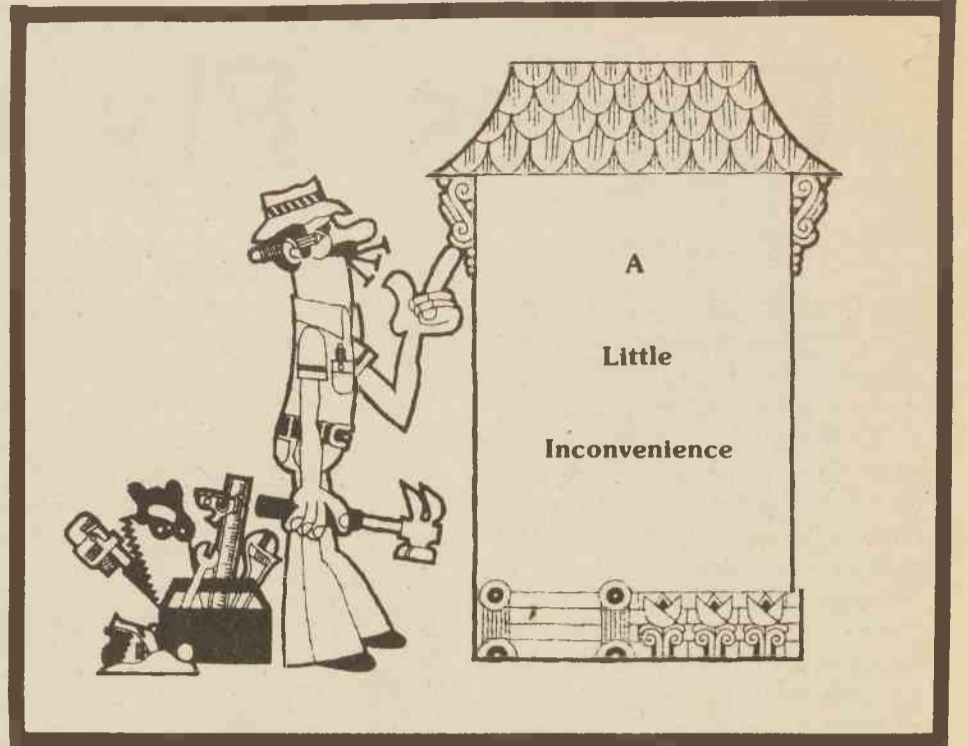
Black colleges and universities cater exclusively to the needs of Black students; they accept lower entrance scores than white institutions, offer remedial courses and offer a psychologically supportive environment. Black institutions were established to give Blacks a place to receive an education and to preserve the history of Blacks. No one should have the power to take what is rightfully ours. If we refuse to stand up for what is ours, we will be giving up an important part of our heritage.

There are those such as Andrew Billingsley, president of Morgan State College in Maryland, who feel that "the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund (LDF) is a strong ally" in the struggle to save Black colleges. They fail to see that the very problem affecting their schools and other Black colleges, stems from Jack Greenberg's hard-hearted NAACP Legal Defense Fund. In other words, "the interpretation of desegregation schemes which comply with Greenberg's LDF, will mean elimination of Black colleges.

The never-ending complaints concerning bad food, poor housing and registration procedures are not only heard here at WSSU, but on other Black campuses as well. High costs and low finances are the roots of these problems. While these situations may exist, we certainly don't want our Black schools to be eliminated.

As you may well see, an important part of our Black heritage is in jeopardy. How can we stand back and let Black institutions die out? We can't; that's one good reason why this special day was set aside to Save Black Colleges.

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