

# Why Are WSSU Students So Reluctant To Join Organizations ?

By Victoria Graves

Eddie Elijah, member of the Pre-Law Society one of the many student organizations on the campus of WSSU, says students at WSSU are reluctant to join organizations. Maybe it's because of a conflict of interest, but clubs in the social science department should appeal to all students, regardless of their field of study, says Elijah. "These organizations are people oriented."

Other students on campus who are affiliated with organizations had thoughts on the subject.

Ernie Maxwell, a member of the queen city club says "peer pressure, no self gain and not having the time," were also vital factors.

Another student, William Pass says laziness, lack of knowledge about clubs

and not wanting to take the time out were reasons for students not becoming involved. Emery Partee and Alicia Lucus had similar thoughts. Partee says students are insecure with themselves and unwilling to be committed to something. He also said students talk about doing, but when it comes down to it they don't want to do the work that is involved.

Ms. Lucas on the other hand focused on the lack of awareness of the part of the students. "They don't realize the benefits, knowledge and experience to be gained in joining organizations," she says.

On the whole at WSSU, not only are the students uninformed, but the administration does not endorse social activities or emphasize joining organizations. The students in turn have the attitude that a good student is one who only focuses on school work and discipline.

## March

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Paula Mickens, Miss WSSU, received an ovation from the crowd when she gave a brief talk on the significance of maintaining traditionally black colleges. "I challenge you to join the cause of helping to maintain our black institutions," said Mickens.

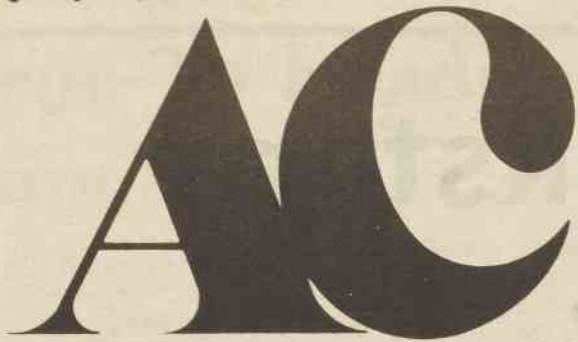
A number of fraternities, sororities and organizations at WSSU carried banners showing their support of Black College Day. Among the groups carrying the hand-held banners were Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Phi Alpha,

WSSU Youth for Christ, Delta Sigma Pi, Alpha Phi Omega and Zeta Phi Beta. The banners were prominently displayed in front of the main entrance to Carolina Hall.

The march and rally was part of a national day of observance for predominantly black colleges. The festivities at WSSU served as a local Black College Day celebration. Black students throughout the state traveled to the state capital in Raleigh where they were joined by state and national black leaders.



Thousands of students at predominantly black colleges and universities flocked to Raleigh for a statewide march and rally in support of Black College Day.



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