

Studies Minor More Popular Than Major

North Carolina Central University's Black Studies program, in its second year as an undergraduate major program, includes several new courses for 1970-71.

The now more flexible program remains more popular as a minor than as a major field, according to Dr. E. E. Thorpe, chairman of the department of history, which administers the Black Studies program.

The department of history continues to offer the largest number of courses in the program. Four courses in African history are included, as are four courses on the black man in the United States.

The art department continues to offer a three-hour course on Afro-American Art.

The department of dramatic art has added a program in Afro-American Theatre, with two courses to be offered every two years. Neither course is offered in 1970-71.

In addition to last year's offering of "The Geography of Africa" the department of geography now offers "The Geography of Afro-America."

The department of music continues to offer "Afro-American Music: Origins and Development."

Offered in the philosophy department is "The Black Power Argument: A Study in Applied Logic."

Two courses have been added in the department of political science. They are "Black Politics in America," and "Revolution and Ideology in the Third World." In addition, the department continues to offer "Civil Rights: Problems in Administration and Compliance."

In sociology, the offering is, as last year, "The Development of American Negro Protest Ideologies."

Dr. Thorpe said the Black Studies major and minors are intended to "provide an area of concentration for persons who want knowledge in depth about the geography, culture, history, thought, experiences, achievements, and problems of Africa and persons recognized as descendants of black Africans."

NAACP Aids in Averting School Confrontations

WACO, Tex. — Two highly explosive confrontations between black students and the school boards of Waco, Tex., and Idabel, Okla., have been resolved amicably because of the prompt and effective intercession of local NAACP officials. In both cities, black students had begun a boycott of classes.

In Idabel, Southwest Regional Director R. L. Dockery and Wade Watts, Oklahoma State NAACP Conference president, met with Superintendent of Schools Woodrow Holman to negotiate a list of seven grievances.

Points agreed upon were: white-black sensitivity workshops, faculty-student committee on racism, lyceum committee, revision of dress code to permit beards and mustaches, use of the term, "black" instead of "nigra," provision of additional bus service to black students, and no reprisals to students participating in the boycott.


Similarly, in Waco, a negotiated settlement was reached. Here it meant the reopening of the Carver High School, located in the Negro section. Under previous busing regulations, all Negro students were being bused into white areas. The reopening of the Carver school will eliminate this type of busing for some black students and will bring some white students into the Negro neighborhood.

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