

Editorials

Integration In N.C. Higher Education

will be seeking the location of the state's proposed school of veterinary medicine on the A&T campus. On the face of it, this announcement looks routine. But it is not.

The siting of the proposed School of Veterinary Medicine is looked upon by many as an open test of how integration is working in the area of higher education in the state universities and colleges.

Many blacks and a large number of whites believe that the new school will be rightly located in a black college campus.

Black universities and colleges here in the State of N.C. have always been integrated faculty wise and segregated student wise.

Today, the faculty is still integrated and the student body has been integrated to some extent. It has been proven that integration works better if all parties find a mutual benefit in the system.

The siting of the new school in a black campus has a potential of furthering the principle of integration which the consolidation of higher education here in the state is all about and will also demonstrate to those that may be still doubting the motive behind the consolidation of higher education in the state that integration is not just a lip service thing.

A&T seems to meet all requirements for a Vet. School. To deny that University the school will have the effect of raising again in the minds of many the doubts about the integration aims of higher education in the state.

The board of Governors is made of honorable men and like honorable men they will see the wisdom of siting the Vet. School at A&T instead of locating the school in Raleigh.

Foreman No Match For Muhammed Ali

George Foreman recently asked boxing officials to look into possible wrong doing by Muhammed Ali's trainers. Foreman believes that Ali's men had something to do with adjusting the ropes, making the ring floor softer and accused the referee of quickly counting to ten.

What Foreman should do now for while is what he did when reporters tried to interview him in Zaire before the fight: KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT.

Whatever Ali's handlers may have done outside of the ring can not detract from what Ali did in it. He literally psyched Foreman out of the fight and as I see it, that is all a part of the game. It's like having a good baseball team but loosing the World Series because you committ an error. You can't call it back...it's a part of the game.

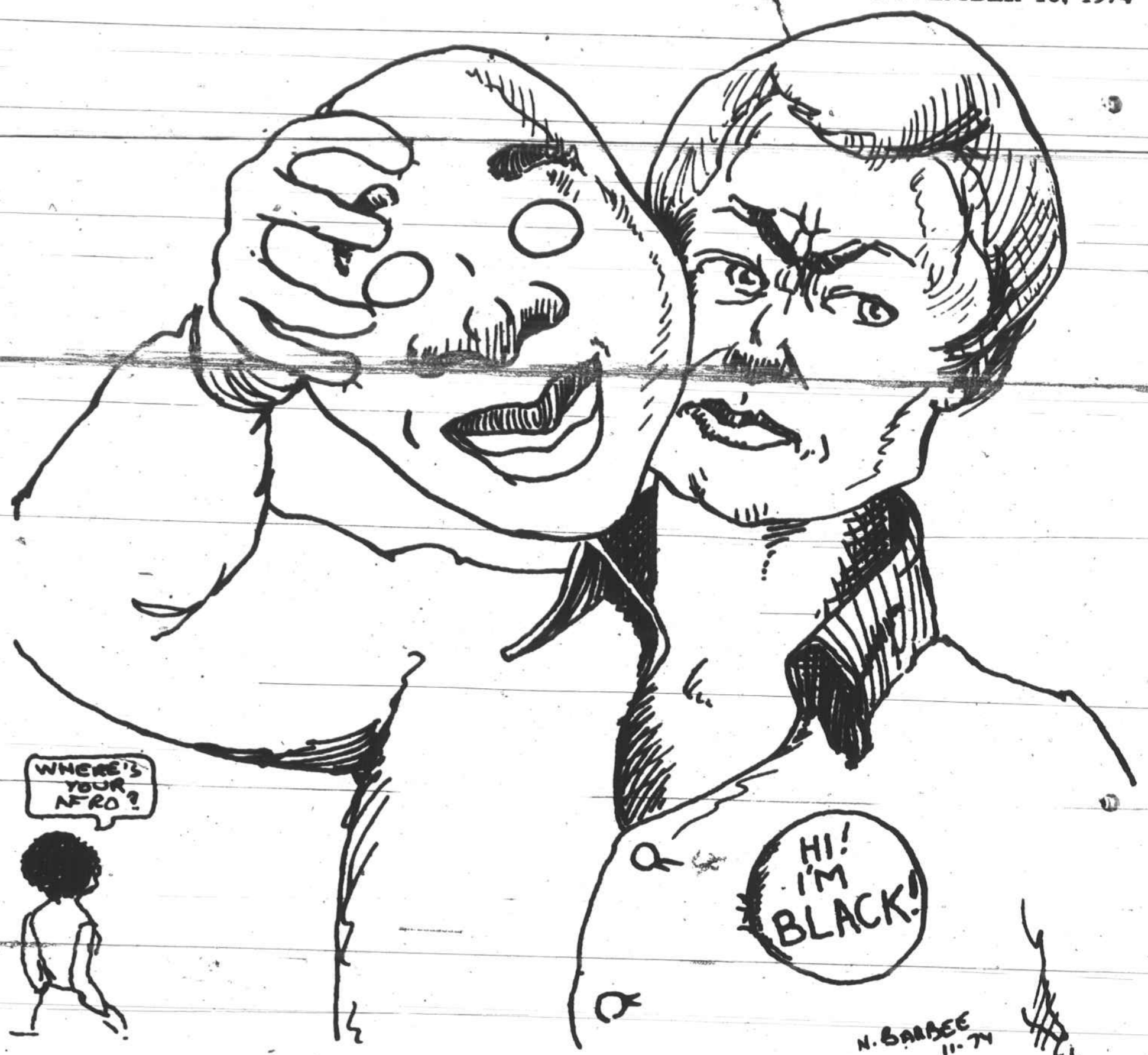
Could it be though that Foreman and Ali are trying to milk the world for all it's worth? Could they be trying to make another cool five or maybe ten million dollars? Whatever happens my interest in the fight game has been seriously injured, right along with Foreman's two-cent pride.

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To Be Equal

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Keeping his promise to maintain an open Presidency, Gerald Ford recently hosted a White House meeting of several representatives of national black organizations.

Like similar meetings he's had with us in the past, the President seemed interested in our views and inclined to encourage frank discussion. The acid test will come as he puts his stamp on the new Administration -- we will then see if our concerns will be met by action.

The President took criticism over his intrusion into the Boston busing controversy, and met with strong criticism of domestic anti-inflation policies. Invited by the White House to prepare a position paper for the meeting, I brought along a twenty-one page set of recommendations by the National Urban League for federal action, and the response to that paper may well indicate future Administration policies toward black citizens.

The paper dealt with many of the issues familiar to readers of this column, suggesting a range of federal actions from immediate creation of a million public service jobs to important new initiatives in housing, crime, welfare, education and other important areas.

But at the head of the list was an appeal to the President to personally give the moral leadership that will assure black Americans of their full

partnership in this nation, and will help to guide white citizens along a path of cooperation in our multi-racial society.

Alienation and bitterness are growing these days, bitter weeds that can be traced to past neglect and present economic and social conditions. Where people had great hopes only a few years ago, they now are pessimistic and the very political institutions of the country are in danger of losing their legitimacy.

When Lyndon Johnson stood in the well of the Congress and proclaimed "We Shall Overcome," black people and their white allies were able to feel that their concerns and those of the nation's leadership were one.

But when the official policy of the Nixon Administration became "benign neglect" characterized by overt hostile acts against blacks people as a group, the hopes and aspirations of black people were severely damaged.

Now President Ford can restore those hopes. He can, at the earliest opportunity, make a civil rights, affirming his personal commitment to expanding opportunities for minorities.

He can use the power of the Presidency to tell the nation the facts -- that the long, noble struggle for equal rights and equal opportunities has not yet been won and he can pledge to make his Administration a vehicle for winning

that struggle.

Part of assuming this role of moral leadership would be for him to talk sense to the people about issues like crime, welfare, jobs, and other areas. The public mind today is fogged by vicious stereotypes that have no relationship to reality.

A President can use his unique national platform to talk about the way previously politicized issues are really problems faced by all people and that blacks have not been dealt with fairly by the nation. He can talk about the welfare system's failures and mention that the majority of people on welfare are white. He can explode myths about crime and race.

He can also help to bring black people back into the government in high, policy-making positions from which they've been barred in the past few years. He can take steps to include blacks, instead of excluding them from participation in our national life.

Many of the concrete recommendations we made for policy changes will undoubtedly run into the stone wall of ideological opposition or budgetary doubts or Congressional indifference. But the moral leadership question that is an inseparable part of the nation's race problems depends on the President along, and I am hopeful he will accept the challenge to fulfill that vital role.