

Group discusses minority retention

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Black Student Movement (BSM) members addressed the problem of UNC's low black student retention during their Wednesday general body meeting and discussed solutions for the low black graduation rate.

According to University sources, approximately 50 percent of black students from the incoming class of 1983 did not graduate within a 5-year period, said Kenneth Perry, BSM president. Three of the last five graduating classes have retained less than 50 percent of their black students, he said.

"For every two black students that came in, one did not make it," Perry said. The UNC black student population has a lower retention rate than any other race on campus, he said.

But these statistics are not widely

published because UNC still has the highest graduation rate in the UNC system, he said.

The entire University would benefit if UNC increased its black enrollment, said Garraud Etienne, editor of the Black Ink.

"The University is under a lot of pressure to increase the absolute number of black students," he said. "Everybody would be better off if they could recruit more qualified students."

"Getting a large number of black students in which half of them don't end up graduating anyway doesn't do anybody any good. It's a waste of the students' and the University's time, resources and money."

Other possible explanations to the problem discussed at the meeting were that students may not know how

to study and may suffer from peer pressure not to study.

Perry appointed a task force of four students to thoroughly research the situation.

Perry also reviewed the actions the BSM plans to take against the Carolina Critic, which called for the defunding of the BSM in its last issue, falsely printing that the BSM is funding a minority scholarship.

Perry reported that the BSM had talked to a legal counselor and that the organization is demanding a retraction from the Carolina Critic, which printed in its last issue that the scholarship originates from BSM funds.

The scholarship is funded by a private source, Perry said, and if the Carolina Critic refuses to cooperate, the BSM will take more serious

action.

Perry requested that all BSM members attend the Board of Trustees meeting on Dec. 9 in the Morehead Building to discuss plans for the new Black Cultural Center. The BSM has proposed a 13,000-square-foot center and is asking for an interim space until the center is completed.

"We're not too sure about how things are going to move," Perry said. "We are pushing to have enough space to have offices for everything."

Candidates for the recently vacated position of director of the Office of Student Counseling will be visiting UNC within the next few weeks, Perry said. He recommended that BSM members try to meet the candidates and said he hoped the students could then form an opinion on who would best fit the position.

Student parking committee urged

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A student committee should be created to determine parking permit criteria, members of the Student Congress Rules and Judiciary Committee said during their Wednesday meeting.

The Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee is in charge of student parking criteria. Committee Chairman Gene Davis (Dist. 18) said student permit allocation is now on a first-come, first-serve basis. A small number of hardship permits are deferred to the executive branch, which then decides who needs a parking permit the most, he said.

The proposed committee would not determine the number of spaces allocated or their location, Davis said. It would be designed to make sure the students who need spaces the most get them, he said.

Brien Lewis, student government

executive assistant, said the actual criteria in choosing who will receive permits has not yet been decided. The committee must have its recommendations by April or they will not be accepted, he said.

Each academic department is allocated a certain number of spaces, and faculty members then distribute permits in their department, Davis said. "Students should also be able to decide how their permits are allocated," he said.

Since the committee would only be advisory, its political power will be limited, Lewis said. Student Congress will approve criteria and allotments made by the board, he said.

In other business, the committee discussed the use of signs in campus campaigns. An act was introduced to restrict candidates from putting up campaign posters until 30 days before the election. Posters have caused

problems in the past when a candidate has dropped out of the race or signs were posted before the beginning of the spring semester, Davis said.

The act states a candidate would be penalized \$5 for the first offense and \$25 for the second offense and would be eliminated from the race for the third offense. The Elections Board will be responsible for enforcing the rules and executing the penalties.

An act was also proposed to create an optional meeting for candidates to be held in December. At the meeting, candidates would receive petitions and information on the rules. "It is an opportunity to make candidates aware," Davis said. "If they don't come to the meeting, they will still be bound by the rules."

The candidates meeting is aimed toward the larger campaigns, Davis said. Student Congress candidates

usually don't decide to run until closer to the election, he said.

The final order of business was redistricting certain areas of campus. Graham, Stacy and Cobb residence halls were all moved from District 12 to District 13. On South Campus, Hinton James Residence Hall was moved from District 16 to District 15. The graduate school of Computer Science was moved from District 3 to District 2. Toxicology was moved from District 9 to District 5, and Radiological Science, which had not been listed previously, was added to District 5. Law/Public Health was added to District 7, and Botany and Zoology were added to District 9.

The changes, which will go into effect the next election, were made to make the student's residence closer to his voting district and to equalize the number of students per representative.

Use of textbooks on reserve increases

By ANDREW WATERS
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More students are taking advantage of the reserved textbooks in the Undergraduate Library than ever before, library officials said Tuesday.

Students took little advantage of the program, in which textbooks for large survey courses are placed on reserve for students, from its creation in the fall semester of 1984 until the spring of 1987. During this period, representatives from student government chose the textbooks to be used in the program.

But that changed when the library took over the program. Use has increased dramatically since then, library officials said.

Originally, the student government representatives who were supposed to choose the textbooks were not getting the list of books to the library in time for the beginning of the semester, said David Taylor, a librarian in the Undergraduate Library.

"By the time we got the books in

the library, the semester was already half gone," Taylor said. "There was no publicity for the program because the books weren't here."

Gillian Debrezney, circulation and reserve librarian, agreed that the textbooks' late arrival at the library hampered the program's success.

During the first years of the program most of the textbooks were never used, Taylor said. "The average circulation was maybe five to eight times a book (per semester), and half of the collection wasn't used at all," he said.

Since the library has taken over the job of deciding which textbooks to include in the reserve section, more students use the textbooks, Taylor said.

"Use of the textbooks has increased because we can get the orders (for the textbooks) done in time for the books to be here at the beginning of the semester," he said. "And then we can publicize the books at the beginning of the semester. The

timeliness is what makes a difference."

Debrezney said, "There really was a big jump from a lot of books that had very few uses to a lot of books that have many uses."

The textbooks in the reserve section are mostly from large lecture classes, Taylor said.

"We generally pick textbooks of the classes with the highest enrollment, usually freshmen and sophomore level," he said. "We try to pick the books that help the most people." Students can take advantage of the textbooks the same way they can use the regular items in the reserve section, Debrezney said.

"Students can come to the library and look in the black notebooks and see if something's on reserve," she said. Then, they can ask a librarian at the reserve section for the textbook, she said.

Taylor said textbooks were usually not included in the library's regular collection because they are constantly

being revised and updated.

"Textbooks are specialized publications for teaching," he said. "They don't make good library books. This is a special effort to help the students."

BSM president demands apology from magazine

By JAMES BURROUGHS
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The Carolina Critic, a monthly magazine that is distributed at UNC, printed remarks in its November issue that require a retraction and a public apology, Kenneth Perry, Black Student Movement president, said Wednesday.

Members of the Critic staff said during their Wednesday meeting that one remark about the funding of the scholarship was a factual mistake and that a retraction will appear in the next issue.

The Critic printed remarks stating that a minority scholarship would violate the University's affirmative action guidelines and that it would be funded by the BSM budget, both of which are untrue, Perry said.

The Critic article went on to say, "Forget the CGLA (Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association); let's defund the BSM." The statement refers to the yearly battle over funding the CGLA with student fees.

The Harvey Beech scholarship fund, which is still in the planning stages, will be funded entirely by private sources and not by student fees appropriated to the BSM, Perry said. The Critic lied publicly to establish a cause for defunding the BSM, he said.

"It makes it look like we're committing a crime as far as Student Congress is concerned," Perry said. "I think they had malicious intent."

Members of the Critic staff said they were sorry for the error, but they said the magazine has always called for the defunding of most student organizations. The Critic is "standard libertarianism" at work, they said.

"In every issue we have called for defunding of almost all (stu-

dent) organizations," said John Hood, editor of the Critic. The different organizations should fund themselves and not depend on student fees, he said.

Hood said the Critic's argument for defunding the BSM was not based upon the actual funding of the scholarship, but on violations of the affirmative action regulations that would occur in awarding such a scholarship.

"The idea of a minority scholarship violates University affirmative action guidelines," he said.

Perry contacted Hood about the article Tuesday night, and Hood advised Perry to write an article or letter to the Critic explaining his objection, Perry said. The Critic should have contacted the BSM in order to check the facts about the scholarship, he said.

Perry said Wednesday afternoon that he planned to protest the article, possibly filing a lawsuit against the Critic. After contacting Dorothy Bernholz of Student Legal Services, Perry decided that a retraction and apology would be a more effective means of protest, he said at the Wednesday BSM meeting.

"I do plan to take this to the fullest extent of our rights," Perry said. "It's public defamation."

If a retraction and apology are denied, then the University should consider forbidding the circulation of the publication in residence halls as well as the use of University facilities by the Critic, which is not officially recognized by the University, Perry said.

Hood said that charges of racial overtones in the Critic are completely unfounded.

"Charges of racism are the last resort for people who have no other more valid argument," he said.

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Seminar to examine issues of '60s

By SARAH CAGLE
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"1968: Twenty Years After," will be the subject of the ninth annual "Adventures in Ideas" seminar this Friday and Saturday in the Toy Lounge of Dey Hall.

The seminar is sponsored by the Program in the Humanities in conjunction with the College of Arts and Sciences.

The lecture series was designed to cover a wide variety of topics in the humanities, said Larry Brasher, seminar organizer and UNC adjunct professor of religion. "We address important cultural, moral and social issues," he said.

Activities will include presentations from William Chafe, Duke professor of American history; Lewis Lipsitz, UNC political science professor; and Raleigh attorney Melinda Lawrence, a former UNC student activist. Each expert will focus on a different aspect of the 1960s. A movie about student activism will supplement their presentations.

Chafe, author of two books, "Civilities and Civil Rights" and "The Unfinished Journey," said he will discuss the civil rights movement, its impact on the 1960s and its culmination in 1968.

"1968 is a pivotal year in the post-war generation," Chafe said. "It is important for us to understand. The election of 1968 brought to a head

the social activism of the '60s and a rejection of social change. This resulted in the development of conservative ascendancy which we still have today."

Lipsitz will speak about the heritage of the 1960s and evaluate the decade's impact on contemporary society. His decision to participate in the lecture series was partially because he was very involved as an activist while a professor at UNC during the '60s, he said.

"We intend to open up a lot of questions," he said. "For instance, was it all crazy, immature and destructive, or was it a cultural leap forward and humanistic?"

Another important issue to be examined is what lessons from the '60s can be applied today, he said.

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marked by negative campaigning on both sides, with the Gardner campaign criticizing Rand's legal representation of drug dealers and the Rand campaign criticizing Gardner's attendance record as a U.S. congressman.

"We had a better candidate and a more positive campaign, but we did turn negative in response to an almost totally negative campaign by Rand," Richardson said.

"It's not just nostalgia."

Melinda Lawrence, who graduated from UNC in the late 1960s, will explain what activism at UNC was like.

The seminar will not be like a formal class, Brasher said. "There will be a lot of audience participation and question-and-answer sessions."

The format will also include a viewing of "The Strawberry Statement," a movie about student activism at Columbia University.

Students and faculty who have not already registered for the seminar can do so by paying the \$60 registration fee at 4 p.m. Friday, Brasher said. The seminar will begin at 4:30 p.m. that afternoon, and the final activities will conclude at 1 p.m. Saturday, he said.

Gardner will now turn to working with the state legislature, Richardson said. He wants to create a non-partisan relationship with all members.

"The majority of Democratic and Republican legislators are tired of the abuse of power" and want to work together, Richardson said.

Rand will return to his law practice and has no immediate political plans, Bass said.

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