



As the crowd rallied around the Bennett flagpole the Black Flag is raised as a salute to the slain leader, Malcolm X. This ceremony ended the group's day of activities. (Photo by Dave Nicholson, Greensboro News-Record).

Fuller Talks Spurs Idea Exchange Here

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On Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m., students, faculty, and administrators met in the Coffee House, at D9. Isaac Miller's invitation, to listen to a replay of Howard Fuller's speech made on campus Feb. 13, during general assembly. The number of faculty members present included Dr. Shute, Mrs. Sampson, Mr. French, Mrs. Watkins, Mr. Macmillan, Mrs. Boyers, Dr. Winston, and Mr. Treadway. The purpose of the session was to enable students, faculty, and staff, to exchange ideas concerning the various subjects that Fuller had discussed. Dr. Miller expressed the belief that there was not enough opportunity to have exchanges of views with speakers on campus. In addition, he stated, "I don't think we talk enough about issues and concerns on the campus."

The discussion Tuesday stemmed from differences in the interpretation of Fuller's speech on the part of administrators and students. Dr. Winston and Dr. Miller felt that Fuller emphasized blackness solely and that in so doing, he was relying on a "narrow frame of reference." Students felt however, that Fuller's emphasizing of blackness was not

at all ill-founded and explained by pointing out that a black school should and must deal with the problems of the black student. Moreover, they explained that black schools must be black oriented and that they should enable students to better deal with the needs of black people. In so doing, courses taught in black schools should be made relevant to the black student, in that such courses, having a black basis, will be made more applicable to solutions of problems within the black community. In response to what the students said concerning the idea of black schools teaching courses that would apply to black students, Dr. Miller stated that "If you have to come to college to learn what is happening to black people, then your experience must be limited." To this students replied that black schools must not necessarily teach what is happening to black people, because hopefully everybody knows this, but to teach students how to better survive in a racist society.

Invariably the discussion led to the concept of self-hatred. Students felt that the black man's problem has been the fact that he has been and still is in many cases, the victim of self-hatred. They cited as examples blacks who imitate whites by striving toward white ideals and values. In his striving to be like the white man, students asserted that more emphasis is placed on material gains, namely money. However, Dr. Miller stated that to him, "This business of self-hatred is new."

The discussion ended with administrators standing firm in their belief and students even more sure of theirs. However, Doris Scott, student Senate President, pointed out that the fact that students, faculty and administrators were able to openly exchange ideas was a step toward unity between the students and the administration.

Windsor Community Center

Students March In Memory Of Malcolm X

On Feb. 21, students from A&T State University, UNC-G and Bennett College marched to Windsor Community Center to participate in a program commemorating the assassination of the late black leader, Malcolm X. The purpose of the march and program was to emphasize that although Malcolm X is dead, his ideas still continue to live even four years after his assassination.

At the front of the march, students bolstered black flags displaying a large red "X". Each participant bore a red arm band which displayed a large black "X." As they proceeded down Gorrell Street, the students encountered the police. At one point of the march, the police with rifles blocked the street. The students simply circumvented the police and continued their peaceful march to the center.

Upon reaching Windsor Community Center, the students rallied in the parking lot. Shortly thereafter, the police spilled tear under one of the police cars. The wind blew the tear gas into the

direction of the crowd of students. However, one of the student leaders Walter Braham, encouraged the students not to disperse, but to stand their ground. He insisted, "the will of the people is more powerful than the white man and his funky technology." Several local newspaper and television reporters took pictures of the crowd of students which at this time had been joined by members of the community center.

While awaiting the arrival of the keynote speaker the mass listened to albums of Malcolm's speeches. An eye witness to the slaying of Malcolm, spoke briefly on the events leading up to Malcolm's death. He stated that Malcolm was aware of his personal danger long before his death, and that the assassination was indeed a conspiracy. It was a conspiracy to put an end to a man who was well on his way to

uniting black people. He also stressed the point that Muslims were not behind the conspiracy.

Following the speech, comments were made by local black student leaders. Then, the march was led back to Bennett College where one of the black flags used in the march was hoisted on the flag pole. The students and community members dispersed and returned to their respective campuses and homes.

Bennett Collects Food For S.C. Counties

Last week, Bennett launched a food drive for Jasper and Beaufort Counties of South Carolina. The drive lasted through Feb. 28.

The idea for the drive originated with development officer Theodore Carter, who said that he conceived the idea after watching television newscasts. It occurred to him that if whites could be so concerned about starving blacks, then certainly blacks should be

twice as concerned. Immediately, he and several students, proceeded to organize the campus-wide food drive. A general meeting was called informing other members of the student body. Soon after letters were drafted and sent to Sen. George McGovern of S. Dakota, who was the first to present the problem before the nation as a result of his Senate committee investigations.

Also letters and carbon copies were sent to Senator Hollings and Gov. McNair of South Carolina, and Congressman Richardson Preyer and State Rep. Henry Frye. The total emphasis of the drive was black people helping other black people. Here was an opportunity for all on campus to show that they "care" about their own kind.

The idea was readily accepted,

Girls allied to make their personal contributions. Any extra money they had was invested in food for the drive. Canned foods of all types were donated, canned milk, juices, soup, rice, beans, etc. The drive was indeed a successful, for many large boxes were shipped to the needed counties. Some thought has been given to encouraging such a drive on other black campuses.