

Black Student Group Revitalized at UNC-A

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"All in all, we want to make better relations with everyone on campus, white or black - without bringing out racial differences and focus on helping the problems of the black student, whatever they may be," was a summation by Peggy McFadden of the newly reorganized Black Student Association.

According to McFadden, newly elected secretary of the Association, 15 blacks met September 30 to lay plans for such an organization in the hope of promoting the general welfare and being of black students. Miss McFadden added that the organization would also seek plans to give aid to needy black students in the future.

Attempts were made last year by several UNC-A factions to create a Black Student Association but the attempts were doomed to early failure due to personal disputes and lack of clearly defined goals, according to the leaders at that time.

Several projects were discussed at the meeting September 30 and at subsequent meetings. One of the most discussed ideas

was the distribution of a pamphlet on the UNC-A campus concerning the problems and questions of black students. The new association faces the same problems that faced previous BSA's, partic-

ularly the lack of black students at UNC-A.

Other officers elected included Audry Byrd, President; Anthony MacDaniels, Vice President; and Ed King, Treasurer.

ACLU Attacks Censorship

(CPS) — A special report issued by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on the Nixon Administration and the press has charged the executive branch of the federal government with attempted restraint on the press through a "chilling effect" on first amendment rights.

According to the report, "The most significant result of the attacks has not been a series of court and administrative rulings permanently restraining the freedom of the press . . . rather it has been the subtle tendency of the press to

itself pull back . . . to engage in self-censorship."

It started, says the report, at the time of Vice President Agnew's November, 1969, Des Moines speech which simultaneously criticized the television networks and reminded them that they enjoyed "a monopoly sanctioned and licensed by government." The chill came, said the newsmen interviewed for the report, not out of an inability on the part of the press to take criticism, but out of the quality of the criticism.

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photo by Greg Harris

Folksinger Sylvia, who appeared in the UNC-A Coffeehouse in mid-October, was another of the features sponsored by Operation Entertainment, a project of the UNC-A Social or Commission under the leadership of Butch Ochsenreiter.

Voter Campaigns Start Nation-wide

MINNEAPOLIS, (CPS)— This fall voter registration drives are getting underway all across the country. College campuses contain nearly 5 million, or half, of the newly enfranchised young people between 18 and 21 years of age.

A college Press Service survey shows that the registration campaign offers a good chance of success as campus leaders gird their loins for the year of voter registration activity that lies ahead.

The National Association of Student Governments, the Council of Undergraduate Deans, and the Washington University Student Union are

jointly sponsoring a meeting November 19-21 which, leaders say, will lay the groundwork for a nationwide voter registration campaign.

About 2,000 student government leaders from throughout the nation are expected to attend.

One of the earliest drives is taking place in Mankato, Minnesota, where the one-partisan Minnesota Youth Citizenship Fund Inc. is leading a community-wide effort to register college, high school and vocational school students.

According to MYC spokesman Larry Spencer, the group has been registering about 90 to 100 people an hour in the see page 5



N. C. Symphony To Appear Here

The North Carolina Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin will present a concert on the UNC-A Campus Thursday, November 11 at 8:30 pm in the Lipinsky Auditorium.

The Concert is free to all UNC-A students.

Doing Research on North Carolina?

The North Carolina Room of Pack Memorial Public Library contains a highly valuable collection of informational items relating to the Tar Heel State. With the exception of the State Library in Raleigh and the N. C. Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill, it is the largest and most comprehensive reference collection anywhere of materials on North Carolina.

The N. C. Room provides all citizens of Asheville and Buncombe County with information on their native state, and to this end a vast assemblage of books, pamphlets, newspapers, magazines, maps, documents, photographs, microfilm and other materials has been collected. Begun in 1950's, the collection now numbers over 10,000 separate items and is continually growing.

If you have a question connected with the state or are doing research on any aspect of North Carolina — history, geography, biography, industry, literature,

religion, etc. — the N. C. Room is the place to visit. Some basic reference questions can also be answered by phone.

The general public, as well as students and scholars, will find much of absorbing interest in the collection. However, please bear in mind that it is solely a reference collection — materials cannot circulate and must be used in the room itself.

Some of the research materials available include:

- a large collection of North Carolina fiction and poetry
- an extensive biographical section
- over 100 periodicals received regularly
- fifteen daily and weekly newspapers
- telephone directories for many N.C. localities
- thirty file cabinets of historical newspaper clippings
- the Thomas Wolfe Collection
- N. C. Census Records from 1790 to 1880

—State and Colonial Records in 35 volumes

—about 300 volumes of genealogy and regional history

The Collection also specializes in local history, specifically for Asheville, Buncombe County and Western North Carolina. The Asheville Citizen and Times are available from 1900 to the present, as are the Asheville City Directories from 1883 onward. The histories of many local churches, clubs, organizations and families can be traced via books, documents and newspaper clippings. Maps, pamphlets and memorabilia relating to Asheville and Western North Carolina also prove highly useful to those tracing local and state history.

The North Carolina Room is a part of the library's Reference Department and maintains the same hours, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

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