

— A true culture cannot come to life under present conditions. It will be time enough to talk of the black genius when the black man has regained his rightful place.

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AFRICAN PEOPLE SEE EVERY DAY AS A "BLACK MONDAY" FOR LIBERATION

High School Students Visit Carolina

More than 100 Black National Achievement Scholars from across the state spent a weekend soaking-up life at Carolina December 12-15.

Under the Carolina Talent Search Program, these high school seniors are brought to the University to get a true and first hand view of college life at a white university (over 98% white).

Ashley Davis, head of the program, spent an entire first semester and part of the previous summer school term preparing for this occasion.

The first group of students arrived on campus Friday afternoon to be greeted at the Chapel Hill bus station by a welcoming committee from the campus Black Student Movement. They were ushered to the Carolina Union where they met other Black students and received their room assignments.

With about half of the group arriving Friday night, the BSM wasted no time in having a party on the eighth floor of Hinton James Dormitory, where the counselors and guest were staying.

The following day, the rest of the visitors arrived and a large meeting with N.M.A. scholars and BSM members was held in room 202 of the Carolina Union.

New Type High School Students

Jack McLean, BSM chairman, spoke to the group about the realities of attending white racist institutions.

"We all know we come here to get an education, and the relevancy of that education is even questionable, but we never can forget other Black people. I can tell you now, that in going to this bigoted University entails more than studying.

"You are expected to work hard in the interest of our people, not only yourself. Every-

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Students from Shaw University were the first to arrive for Black Monday (upper left) and A.&T. State University patriots left last (lower right). In between, many events took place including remarks by Jesse Eppes, union leader, (upper right) and Mrs. Mary Smith, striking worker (lower left).

BLACK BROTHERS DOWN NEW DRAFT SYSTEM

Among varying opinions of eligible draftees across the nation, a survey was taken of Black Brothers on campus concerning the draft issue. Those who had low, high and numbers that fell in the uncertain category were interviewed.

As Brothers greatly conscious of their positions in this racist society, they naturally spoke from a Black perspective. Brothers were grouped according to their numbers.

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Question: Does the new lottery equalize the draft system for Black people, if any?

Kenneth Johnson, 340 Senior
For Black people this system is far better. The local boards are obviously unfair to us, therefore this system takes it out of the hands of these war mongers.

Steve Powell, 270 Senior
Personally, I don't like the idea of Blacks serving in the armed forces and returning home to intensified injustices and inequalities. However, I do

feel that this system is much fairer.

Lee Stiff, 210 Junior

The draft system can never be equalized for Black people. Brothers are serving a country that does not serve them. But from a more limited point of view, one is compelled to say Black men have a new kind of

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Brothers Give "Message From Black People"

The "Message From A Black Man" comes through clear to white society today — YOU CAN'T STOP US NOW. This was the message of Black Monday, December 8th.

Nearly 1000 Black students from across North Carolina invaded the University of North Carolina campus to show support for striking cafeteria workers.

After only a few days of planning by the Black Student Movement and BSUL (Black Student United for Liberation), a wave of human power was accumulated.

Jack McLean, BSM chairman, and other members of the groups Central Committee, stayed up several nights making plans for the Black day. Frank Williams, coordinator of BSUL activities, put in much travel time and expended large amounts of energy to make the occasion a success.

With no end to the cafeteria strike in clear view, the workers wholeheartedly endorsed Black Monday and the union was overjoyed by the idea. Black colleges in the state were contacted and all Black student organizations on predominately white campuses were given notice.

Speculation Arises

The prospect of having 3000 Black students on this campus didn't thrill the University officials, the governor or Saga. When news reached the governor, he immediately made clear that his special forces would protect the citizens of North Carolina, and the administration was quiet as usual.

Plans for the day continued as calls came in from all over the state from interested people. On the eve of Black Monday, most plans had been finalized and the stage was set for

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"Abernathy Stresses Soul Power"

The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy and his entourage of assistants from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference swung into Chapel Hill Saturday, December 6, to join striking cafeteria workers in their fight for freedom from the slave-driving of the Saga food company.

After picketing for a brief period at the rear of Lenoir Hall, the student dining hall, Abernathy and his group returned to the Union where he was for

gathering of UNC strikers, students, and professors.

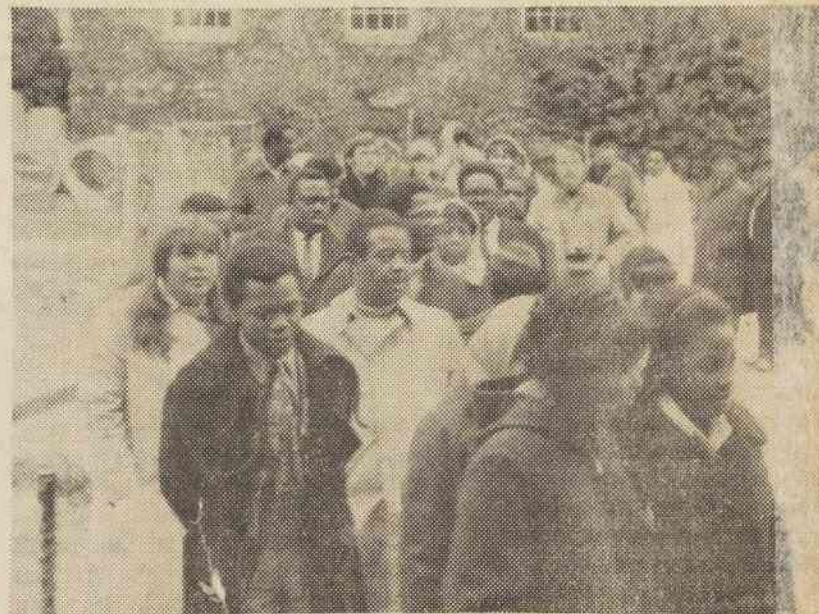
At the meeting, strike leader, Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks warmly thanked Dr. Abernathy for coming and invited him to participate in "Black Monday." She then briefed him on the tense situation in Chapel Hill, describing various injustices of Saga Food Services.

Some of the grievances cited were failure to meet promises, unfair wages, split shifts, and last May's lay off of 50 workers. Mrs. Brooks expressed frustra-

tion over the strikers' inability to negotiate with Saga.

Another strike leader, Mrs. Mary Smith, added to Mrs. Brooks' statement Saga's offer to make (Mrs. Smith) and Mrs. Brooks supervisors only if they would be non-union. It was obvious from the disgust in her voice that the offer was refused. Mrs. Smith ended by saying, "We have to accomplish it (the goals of the strike) this time, because there just won't be another time for us."

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