

# THE JAY AND THE WHITING

On September 28, 1971, Bruce Sampson, editor of the Black Ink, William Williams, Jimmy McRae, and James Moore, all members of his staff went to NCCU to do a story on the "Campus Echo". We interviewed Jae Joyner, the editor of the "Campus Echo," and stayed for a meeting which was held in the auditorium with the student body and the President of the University, Albert N. Whiting. This column is a political satire by William Williams of what took place. The Jay is Jae Joyner, editor of the Campus Echo, and the Whiting is President Albert N. Whiting of NCCU.

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The campus of NCCU is very perturbed concerning the status of their Campus Echo.

This disturbance is not outrightly (physically) evident when strolling around campus alone, but once contact is made a story evolves.

The situation is one of Fear.

The Jay had, according to the by-laws of the Student Government Constitution, legal rights to acclaim

any and everything that was stated in the Campus Echo. The Echo expressed the general consensus of the people. This consensus though, was the expressed 'Fear' of loss of identity, because 'Whites' were becoming more numerous and in instances were getting preferential treatment. Because this idea was expressed occur.

"'Stop Publication!' 'Freeze the funds!' 'Censor the paper!'" cried the

Whiting.

With this motherly jesture from the 'Great Protector' The Jay stayed casually in the background until the opportune confrontation when he retorted "Why won't this Administration stand up against the state one time in their life!!"

"But I have a record of support. History will attest to that". A grand last minute effort long past due.

The surgeon's incision had been made and the blood spewed forth. The remains of the operation was left to the many amateur physicials who had no intentions of administering Medic-Aid.

# A REAL FABLE BY WASHINGTON

Many years ago on a farm in the south, 22 Black people were working in the field picking cotton. Suddenly, there was a loud rumble from the north and as everybody turned their eyes to see what was making the noise, a large stone rolled down from the mountain and pinned 10 of the brothers and sisters to the ground. There were screams of pain and cries of anger and everybody stood around in amazement for a moment. Then the people began to act. Some ran and got shovels, some got boards to pry the large rock up, some got ropes, and others ran off to get help.

Everybody was doing something to save thepeople under the rock except a few brothers and sisters who had clustered in the background. But nobody noticed them at first because everybody was working so hard to free the people. The rock was moving a little, but the people just weren't strong enough to move it.

Just then one of the sisters with a shovel in her hand said, "Wait a minute. If those brothers over there would help, we could get this rock off of our people." As she said that, all eyes turned to the brothers and sisters who were standing over on the other side of the field under a shade tree. There they were: some were singing, some were dancing, some ewere writing poetry, some were smoking some strange looking, wrinkled up cigarettes.

"What are you doing, brother?" said one man.

"We're doing our own thing, man. We're doing a Black thing. We're building unity, man."

Another sister spoke up and said, "All of that is good, brothers, but we have to move this rock now. Why don't you grab a shovel and help us?"

The "brother" with the drum said,

very drowsily, "Man, that's the whie man's way of moving rocks. We can create our own way of doing it. The way white people move rocks is different from the way we'll have to move them. But I don't have any time for you all now, this smoke is too good."

Then the brothers around the rock began to talk. One said, "Well, those brothers will come around." Another said, "They already know what the problem is, why don't they help us?"

Sister Sweet spoke up and said, "Them niggers are scared. All that talk about finding another way is BS. They are copping out. If we can get them to help us we can succeed, but they're afraid."

As the brothers and sisters were talking, the plantation owner appeared on the scene and started talking to the brother who was playing his drum the loudest (in a sense, he was the leader of the drum playlers).

He said, "You fellows certainly are doing a fine job. At first, I thought you were a dangerous bunch but now I can see that you are pretty nice fellows. I don't mind if you cuss a little bit, just as long as you don't help those others. Here. Take this five dollar bill and buy yourself some more of those funky little cigarettes."

When the owner left, some of the other brothers threw down their drums and said, "We always did have doubts about this stuff, but now we can see that you are working for the enemy."

They went over and started pushing and pulling on the rock and with all of them working together they moved the rock away. Everyone was happy and jumping up and down with tears in their eyes. The brother who was still playing drums stopped and came running over to congradulate everyone. He had 25 different

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# Calendar of Black Events

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BSM dues are being collected daily in the BSM office. If you have not paid, please make arrangements to do so.

Black Intramurals are being held again this year. For details, contact Jimmy McRae, Minister of Information.

There will be a semi-formal sponsored by the Cultural Committee of the BSM. Plans are not complete.

On November 8, Muhammed Ali will speak at Barber-Scotia College, sponsored jointly by Barber-Scotia and Johnson C. Smith.

Miss BSM will be elected at a special BSM meeting to be held on Tuesday, Oct. 12. Interested persons please give your name to Ron Wesson.

Black students are needed to work on the Black Ink Staff, particularly in reporting and lay-out. Come by room 252C or contact any member of the staff for further information.

Carolina Talent Search is an organization headed by black students whose sole purpose is to bring more black students to UNC. During the beginning of each year we entertain 100 to 200 possible black freshmen. Annually Carolina Talent Search Weekend lets these students examine all aspects of Carolina, classes, partying, etc. They meet students and administrative heads. They reside in the dorms with students. This year Carolina Talent Search will be extended to bring a greater number black students from more varied areas.

## BLACKS IN S. L.

by Warren Carson

"Time changes things," so the saying goes. This year has brought about many changes campuswise, including the appointment of three Blacks to fill vacancies on the Student Legislature. With this year's policy of involvement in mind, BSM Chair, Ron Wesson, felt that it might be worthwhile if some Black students did seek these vacancies. These appointments, Ellanor Graves, Warren Carson, and Harvey Kennedy, were made through cooperation of BSM and Student Government officials.

Some are probably wondering how Blacks can benefit from involvement in the Student Legislature. After holding seats for three weeks, we have come to the conclusion that it can be very beneficial. First of all, we are there to represent Black people; to introduce legislature concerning our wants and desires, and to oppose that which we feel will not be to our advantage. Secondly, we can serve as messengers to fellow Black students to let them know what is going on especially when it concerns us. Finally, and probably most important,

we will be there when the student treasury allocations are being debated. Since there has been conflict in the past between the BSM and the Student Government on this issue, we feel that we will be able to assure the receipt of the allocation that is rightfully ours, especially since we are an integtal part of this campus.

At this time we are soliciting your support. In accord with the By law of the Student Government, all seats filled by appointment are to be vacated around the end of October, to be filled during the student elections. As we are definitely running for these seats, we cannot hope to regain them unless we have full backing from the total Black Campus population. In essence, this is to urge each Black student to exercise his or her voting privilige in their respective district.

We will be campaigning soon. Any questions as to voting procedures should be referred to any of the three Black legislators, or to Ron Wesson, BSM Chairman.

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