

Blood, stop bullshitting

Welcome back, Black students! And here's a challenge to you — let's make our motto for 1972-73, "It's time to quit bullshitting!" Each of you has a poster to tack on your wall if you accept this challenge (see last page of this paper). And surely, it's about that time!

We all know how niggers love to bullshit — and maybe we think that's just the way it is — but, brothers and sisters, we're gonna bullshit and bullshit, 'til "the man" puts us all in concentration camps and cuts all our bullshitting out. You don't believe me? . . . Well, I hope you won't wait around to show me I'm lying!

This year is gonna be a hell of an important one — tis always so during the election year. Decisions are being made which will affect Black folk in every walk of life — soldiers (the war) public school students (bussing), college students (higher education bills), family life (housing plans), politicians (election results) — you name it, it's in the news this year. So you see, we niggers at UNC have got to be involved; that is, unless we don't give a damn about what happens to our families, our friends, and ourselves!

There's another very serious reason we need to quit bullshitting this year, brothers and sisters. Things look too good in Chapel Hill. We've got a Black mayor and a Black student body president. We've got a liberal campus with some of the most sympathetic white folk in America. I'm not saying this is bad (Right on for Mayor Lee, Richard Epps, and all our white friends); but I am saying that this is all the more reason that we should be "together" and about the business of Black liberation, because we can look all around us in black communities across the state and nation, and know that our struggle is not over.

It has begun to look like the Civil Rights movement is dead — the marching, singing, and rioting are no longer in vogue. THE STRUGGLE IS NOT OVER! So, let's not let our battle be over a Black Student Movement at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. You see, we are a part of the entire Black population of the United States of America — and Black folk, "it's time to quit bullshitting!"

The fight is not over,
'til every battle is won
And every door is opened
To every Black daughter and son.

Interludes in war
like the "calm before the storm,"
Can fool only the weak oppressed
but not those who are strong.

Black folk and all oppressed,
Must not fall into a trap
And now that things are looking up
Is when we must move, not rap!

We get high, party
And have fun, that's part of it
But NOW we must get down, and see
"It's time to quit bullshitting!"

"We must organize the Black Community's power to end . . . abuses, and to give the Negro Community a chance to have its needs expressed. A leadership which is truly "responsible" — not to the white press and power structure, but to the community — must be organized. Such leadership will recognize that its

power lies in the unified and collective strength of that community. This will make it difficult for the white leadership group to conduct its dialogue with individuals in terms of patronage and prestige, and will force them to talk to the community's representatives in terms of real power . . ."

— Stokely Carmichael



We of the Central Committee for the school year '72-'73 are pledged to uphold the unity of all Black students at UNC-Chapel Hill. At the same time, we are pledged to seek greater and more profound Black awareness on the part of Black students here at Carolina. Most important, we have to continue the greater Black community's quest for liberation.

To attain UNITY, AWARENESS AND LIBERATION, we of the Central Committee will not allow ourselves to be torn apart or rendered ineffective due to ideological splits, personalities and/or ambitions. The attainment of Black unity, Black awareness, and Black liberation are aims so sacred to our Black community that under no circumstances will our striving be impeded.

We owe that dogged persistence and determination to ourselves, the Black students who follow us, the Black students yet to come, and above all to the Black community which awaits us.

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Green Power

by Harvey Kennedy
Staff Writer

If organizations could function merely by pulling money out of the sky, then the development of programs for Black students on this campus would be limited only by the initiative and the imagination of ourselves. Unfortunately, even idealistic organizations like the BSM must sometimes succumb to the practical limitations of money.

The projected budget of the BSM for this fiscal year totals \$7,200. However, \$800 of the total must be raised by the black students on this campus. As in the past, the BSM will again rely on a policy of asking all members to pay a small amount for dues. Because of more blacks on campus, individual dues have

been lowered from \$5 to \$3 for each semester. This money will be evenly divided among the following categories: social functions, cultural functions, and general surplus.

The money in the general surplus will be used to purchase a sorely needed mimeograph machine for the BSM. The BSM was highly successful in raising the dues last year, and we are hoping for an even more successful year. Dues may be paid at the BSM office in the Union or to Bessie Macklin in 648 Morrison.

The BSM looks forward to a very successful year, but before we can develop effective programs which benefit all black students on this campus, we must first acquire a little green power. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Message from the chairman

by Warren Carson, Jr.
BSM Chairman

Now that all of you have been here for some period and have become settled or unsettled, I would like to present you with a challenge — to stop, think, and project your thoughts in the positive direction of action, channeled through participation in the Black Student Movement.

The Black Student Movement is your organization and does not belong exclusively to a small hierarchy of "officers elite." Rather, we defend and protect the collective interests of all Black students and Black people. However, our efforts would be much more fruitful with more positive input from our fellow Black students.

No doubt many of you have already witnessed some of the injustices that Carolina offers, and no doubt you will continue to be confronted with insulting situations. Hopefully, if you are continuously slapped in the face with things of that nature, it will spur some activity. I regret to think a crisis is necessary to make a Black student realize the importance of any Black organization.

In other words, we should never be content with anything until our goal of complete liberation is attained. We cannot afford to sit and wait for something to happen before we decide to act. We should be perceptive enough to see it coming; but perception really is not necessary when adverse conditions are as plain as day.

In essence, I am saying to you what I have said on many previous occasions — GET INVOLVED! Apathy and passivity are no means for accomplishment and progress; action is. Let us as a group endeavor to make ourselves seen, heard, and respected.

We should learn more about ourselves as Black people: where we come from, where we are, and where we are going. Furthermore, let us strive to "be in the know" about things affecting and concerning us on the local, national and international levels, and in the political, social, economic and cultural dimensions. Our intelligent observations are a good base from which to project and pursue. On the other hand, ignorance of our present condition will get us nothing but a lot of grief.

We of the Black Ink Staff in loving and solemn memory of our past and present-day Black Leaders, wish to pay homage to them through this column entitled — "Words of Wisdom From Those Who Have Endured."

"Political Power is the beginning of all permanent reform and the only hope for maintaining gains . . ."
— W.E.B. DuBois

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