

Bobby Seale, chairman of the Black Panther Party, uses facial expressions while speaking in Memorial Hall. Seale was sponsored jointly by the BSM and the Carolina Union. A feature story of the speech will be in the next edition of Black Ink.

(photo by Russell Davis)

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Linda Norwood and her roommate, Jackie were waiting for the campus bus on the evening of January 18, on Franklin Street. Jackie could not find a dime, so Linda offered to pay for both of them. But as the bus pulled up Jackie, had located a dime, she got on in front of Linda, paid and took a seat.

When Linda got on she had two dimes in her hand. She says that she put one in and was about to put the other when Jackie told her that she had paid. Linda took a seat. The bus driver, Charles Jackson, asked her if she had paid her dime. He insisted that she did not.

Driving on down Franklin Street, Jackson said that he started explaining to a guy who got on at the next stop that he and the other drivers were having problems with students riding the bus free.

There is a disagreement as to who started the profane verbal assault. Linda says that the bus driver did. Jackson maintains that he was provoked into responding after Linda called him every white S.O.B. that she could think of.

Getting off in front of Chase Cafeteria, Linda offered to pay him the other dime in an expression that even she admits was not very nice. But, he refused it, ordering her off the bus.

The next evening, Linda and her roommate got on at the same stop. When she went to pay her dime, Jackson put his hand over the fare box and informed her that she had been barred from the bus, and had to go to talk with Lew Warren, Chairman of the Traffic Commission.

According to Jackson, Linda replied that she had not been notified of being barred, to which Jackson countered with 1 am notifying you now. Lew Warren in a recent interview, said that he did not tell the driver to bar her but not to let her ride until she talked to him (that makes sense).

Linda got on the bus, sat down and refused to get off. The driver took her, off the bus route to the Chapel Hill Police station. Jackson said that this was merely to get her name and address. No charges were filed.

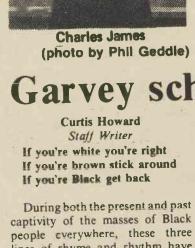
Linda approached the BSM Central Committee for advice in the matter. Ronald George, vice chairman sat in on a meeting with Lew Warren and Linda's parents. Linda's account of this meeting was that, first of all, Lew Warren kept them waiting for 45 minutes. He did not apologize for being late.

It seemed that he had predetermined the case. Jackson said that he had called Warren about the incident as soon as it happened. Linda, her parents and Warren rode the bus with Jackson to get his side of the story.

In the course of the meeting, there was some cursing but Linda's parents, in a talk with Dean Harold Wallace said that Warren did not curse them directly. Still he should have given her parents the respect that they deserve. Linda's parents saw none of the administration while they were up here. At one point her mother became so frustrated with the whole incident that she asked, "Do students run this university?"

Lew Warren turned over the case to Wallace, who is in the process of interrogating the three witnesses that the bus driver has that he says will attest to the fact that Linda did

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people everywhere, these three lines of rhyme and rhythm have been the only basis for reasoning that the Black man was inferior to the white man.

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According to Charles L. James, second in command of the Universal African Improvement Association (UAIA), "Black People have been led around by the nose long enough and have been BRAINWASHED!" James, one of



Lucy Shropshire (at the piano) conducts the BSM Gospel Choir during Black History Week, Feb. 10-15. (photo by Morell Pridgen)

## Davis attacks "New South"

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Angela Davis, Black activist, was the key speaker at a rally sponsored by The North Carolina Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium on February 19.

The North Carolina chapter is a component of a national organization started in 1973 to study racism and injustice in the United States. Presently interested in prisons, the North Carolina alliance has finished a statewide study of prisons.

In introducing Ms. Davis. Rev. Ben Chavis addressed the problems of the state. "We come here to organize our state," Chavis said in a defiant voice. "North Carolina belongs to the people," she told the modest audience of approximately 500. In concluding the introduction, Chavis pledged to "fight racism and oppression."

Applause echoed across the ceiling and empty seats as Ms. Davis approached the podium. Reflecting a controlled smile, she saluted with the fist and began her

speech.

"Sisters and Brothers, I am glad to speak to you tonight," cried Ms. Davis as members of the audience strained to catch a glimpse of the prominent speaker. She labeled North Carolina "a disaster area in terms of racism, repression and Black progress." "To make progress, we must first destroy the myth of the New South," echoed the feminine voice

across intense Black faces.

"If you ask Marie Hill about the new south she will tell you that North Carolina is the same racist state that put her on death row," Ms. Davis cried as the audience responded with potent applause. "The only thing new about North Carolina is that old racism becomes more bodacious," lashed out the ringing voice.

Despite her criticism of the "New South," Ms. Davis' speech showed some optimism. "We want to say that indeed, there is a New South on the agenda, we are the ones who built it and it will be the new south of the people," she said to thundering applause.

While pounding away at the "New South's" foundation, Ms. Davis used the North Carolina correctional system as her choice. She reminded the audience that North Carolina has an overabundance of prisons, 89 in total. She also lashed out at the "slave labor" used by the state in constructing and maintaining public highways.

Perhaps most damaging to the corrections system was the revealing of racial statistics of inmates. North Carolina has a Black population of 25%, yet seventy five percent of the state's prison inmates are Black.

Ms. Davis enlarged her scope to include discrepancies in justice throughout the country. She asked, "Why is it that Ben Chavis faces 200 years on ten charges while Spiro Agnew walks free with secret service protection?"

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## Garvey scholar urges pride Seven people alive that actually contrary, if

studied the teachings of Marcus
Garvey, leader of one of the
earliest; Black nationalist groups,
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"The solution to this ancient problem of ours is to respect those that look like you," James explained. "We have every right in the world to believe that Jesus Christ is a Black person. It would be bad for a sister or brother to get to heaven, recognize Jesus as Black, then have him walking or flying around with white wings!

"No longer should we wonder why our hair is kinky or our nostrils are wide," James continued. "We were created to exist in a tropical condition so that as the sun beat down upon us, the protein on top of our skulls would protect us. The nose was made wide so that we could breathe in the fresh air deeply."

James indicated that Blacks should appreciate themselves. "It's time to take pride in ourselves. Whitey is not going to do it for us," he explained. "His task is to quicken our self degradation by selling us vices such as straightening combs for purposes of mimicking himself. What's straight hair! Dogs have straight hair. Are we suggesting to ourselves that we are equal to dogs by going through this process to imitate the white man. All evidence seems to imply this. But on the

contrary, if a sister or brother would stop and think, we are the only mortals on this planet with kinky hair. This in itself proves us to be a unique and special people."

Besides being an exceptional people in features, James said that Black folk were created first when God created the world. "Out over the world, there was nothing but BLACKNESS," James explained. "As an afterthought God said let there be light. After this process was complete, we were placed on the AFRICAN continent.

"Because we were brought over in slave ships after being hussled by some jive white pimps and some brothers with constipated minds for a few bottles of liquor to a land already occupied by native Indians and called Americans, we are not Americans," James continued. "We are descendents of Africans; therefore, we are Africans. To believe this is to believe in ourselves. If you or your sister or brother was given birth in an airplane in normal flight (10,000 ft.), would you or they be a bird! Wake up my people!"

James indicated that because Blacks have been BRAINWASHED, education is the answer to our survival. "Feed your minds by cherishing the opportunity of education," he said. "Get it quick and now. Then use it for the advantage of the Black people!" He commented that "the BSM is the balancing of our education at UNC."