

Editor's farewell

It's with great sadness that I write this editorial, if it can be called that. It's really a farewell to the Black Ink, the staff and all of the black students at the University.

I have worked with the Black Ink my entire four years at Carolina. During these years I have watched the paper mature, become relevant and respected. As editor this year, I have tried to make the newspaper not only interesting, but meaningful and informative.

The staff and I have tried to present the activities of the Black Student Movement both fairly and accurately. We have emphasized those POSITIVE things that the Daily Tar Heel has obviously overlooked.

Not only have we tried to keep the students informed about campus activities, we have also tried to present other information that affects (directly or indirectly) the life and well-being of all blacks. Take for example the accreditation problems of North Carolina Central University Law School, the role of blacks in communication and a general view of the activities of blacks in politics, business and entertainment in 1974.

Of course, the Black Ink staff has not been perfect. We have probably overlooked a lot of things. Sometimes the publications weren't even out on schedule.

But, we can honestly say we have strived for the best. If we haven't reached that point yet, we are most certainly going to keep on truckin', as the saying goes.

As editor, I think what has pleased me most about this year's Black Inks has been the increase in readership. People actually called us when we were behind schedule asking, "When are the Inks going to be published?" Can you believe that?

That means we're really moving up in the world. Well, if not the world, at least on campus.

Our circulation has only been 2,000 papers per issue. Many people, probably don't know the paper exists. We have tried to place the papers in strategic locations so that as many people as possible can at least see it, even if they don't choose to read it. Perhaps in the future, our circulation can be increased and many more people can be exposed to the type of information presented in the Black Ink.

I feel that the Black Ink has a beautiful future. Maybe one day, every student on campus will be asking about the Inks and really want to read them.

I have enjoyed my experiences with the Black Ink. It has been a lot of hard work,—long hours and even tears sometimes. But I have LOVED it.

The new editor, I'm sure, will continue to try to present you with the best. Support her. Believe in the Black Ink. Read it like you do any other newspaper. The Black Ink's are here for you, to help, to inform and bridge that gap which will probably always exist in a society that is predominantly white.

So, with an abundance of love, I say goodbye. I'm not ending my struggle, though. I'm just ending it here at UNC.

Blods, keep on pushing. Keep on believing. I love you.

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Valkyries induct five Black coeds

Evelyn Dove
Staff Writer

The Order of the Valkyries is the most noted women's honorary society on campus. Highly secretive in nature, the Valkyries induct the selected women during the pre-dawn hours without first notifying them of the honor. The surprise element works to perpetuate a sense of appreciativeness, pride, and unity among the inductees.

To be considered for induction, one must have exhibited visible and relevant evidences of service to the university campus and community; qualities of leadership ability, intensified by innovativeness, originality, open-mindedness, and progressiveness. One must also possess strong, illustrious character and exceptional scholarship. Candidates are nominated by students, faculty, administrators, and members of the Order of the Valkyries.

The Valkyries tapped 20 new members, Apr. 3, and among them, five were Black juniors and seniors.

The two seniors, Lisa O. Gaines and Rosa E. Thompson, have both been active in campus activities.

Lisa, who has served on various committees with the YM-YWCA, has also been a Resident Advisor for three years. She was a Toronto Exchange student, has worked with foreign students, and has studied in Denmark for one semester. A member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Lisa hails from Winston-Salem.

Rosa Thompson is a Minority Student Advisor with the Department of Arts and Sciences. She has worked with the Upward Bound Program, has tutored high school students, and is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Rosa is from Mebane.

Three junior women were also inducted.

Janine (Cookie) Bell, Carolina's first Black majorette (during her freshman year), has worked

diligently with the Black Student Movement and has served as chairperson of the Cultural Committee. Cookie has worked with Upward Bound and is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She is from Greensboro.

Ethelyn Burton has worked with the Black Student Movement in the capacities of Central Committee member, Gospel Choir member, drama group member, and Cultural Committee member. She is a Minority Student Advisor with the Department of Arts and Sciences, and a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Ethelyn is from Asheville.

Patricia Timmons has served as vice-president of Joyner dorm, student member of the Affirmative Action Committee, secretary of the student body, treasurer of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and as a Minority Student Advisor. Pat is from Fayetteville.

BBA will give award

Vanessa Gallman
Staff Writer

The Black Business Association (BBA), an organization of Black business students at UNC, will recognize an outstanding senior business student this month.

Receiving the Ralph Howard Gray Award will be a student "that shows leadership, character and the attributes necessary to succeed in the business world," Calvin Blanton, president of the BBA, said.

The award is a memorandum to Ralph Gray, a business student killed in an auto accident last year.

Usually occurring during the Black Arts Festival, the date of this year's presentation has not been set.

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BSM presents demands

Emma E. Pullen
Associate Editor

In January, former Black Student Movement (BSM) chairman, Algenon Marbley, presented a list of recommendations concerning the conditions of Black life on campus to the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Minorities and the Disadvantaged.

Among the BSM recommendations were: increasing the efforts to recruit more Black students in order to provide for those that will be displaced by the proposed state program to make 30 per cent of the student body at Black institutions white, and establishing a permanent Black Orientation Commission.

Other proposals include a tutorial program for minority and disadvantaged students; BSM approval of all prospective Black administrators and department personnel; departmental encouragement to sponsor more Black speakers; conversion of the current Afro-American Curriculum into a department and changing Upendo Lounge into a permanent Black establishment.

The Committee included these recommendations in their report to be presented to the Faculty Council, which will then make the final recommendations to the Chancellor.

Because of a crowded agenda, the Faculty Council did not get to the Committee's report at their last meeting, according to Committee Chairman Dr. Hortense McClinton. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18.

"I don't know what point of view the faculty will take," McClinton said in a recent telephone interview. "Last year we (the Committee) got into the problem of defending our report. Some of the faculty felt that it did not reflect any improvement that had been made."

"I hope we don't get into that this time," she continued. "I plan to make a statement before the report is presented, saying that we are not denying the progress that has been made, but we were looking for things where we might move to in the future."

McClinton says she does not expect any hassle because this year the committee tried to confine its recommendation to more futuristic plans.

"We tried to hold them to what really could be accomplished," she explained. "We are saying to the University, that we know that you have moved quite a way toward improving the situation, but in relation to what?"

Other recommendations of the committee's include: a study to be made by each graduate department to investigate the attrition rate of minority students; graduate departments should pay special attention to UNC Black undergraduates for recruitment; in addition to a Black orientation counselor, the University should also employ a minority financial aid counselor and a minority guidance counselor; establish a University Fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance to disadvantaged students; and provide more University sponsored, minority oriented extra-curricular activities.