

BSM seeks reversal of Space Committee decision

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The Space Committee's Sept. 16 decision to move Servomation cafeteria from second floor to first floor Chase has been met with negative reaction from the Black Student Movement (BSM).

If the cafeteria is moved to first floor it will include space presently serving as Upendo Lounge. The lounge has been used for several years by the BSM for academic, social, and cultural programs.

There has been no guarantee that space will be provided for Upendo on second floor Chase or anywhere else.

Moving the cafeteria to the first floor would make 5,400 additional square feet of space on the second floor. The Space Committee, which determines space for University groups, must decide how this

extra space will be used.

Opening a South Campus union on second floor is one possibility. Parties and other social events would be held in this union. A reserve reading room, library, photography darkroom, and meeting rooms would also be available.

The Institute of Speech and Hearing Sciences and the Health Sciences Research Center will also be given space upstairs.

The Daily Tar Heel (DTH) quoted Claiborne Jones as saying "The South Campus population has grown to the point where it (the Carolina Union) is not centrally located for the 3600 students who live in Teague, Parker, Avery, Morrison, Ehringhaus, Craig, and Hinton James."

The BSM has met with Dean Boulton and Chancellor Ferebee Taylor in separate meetings and has held a press conference

with the DTH. The organization has maintained that it would try to get a review and reversal of the Space Committee's decision.

BSM Chairperson, Jackie Lucas stated at the press conference that the BSM was neither consulted nor informed before the committee made its decision.

Although he has the authority to reverse the committee's decision, Taylor noted he "had not done so in the past and would not do so now." He added that he would support the Space Committee's decision.

Taylor encouraged the BSM to work with the Space Committee and agreed to set up a meeting between the two groups. This meeting was scheduled for Oct. 12.

BSM officers and members met Oct. 6 and unanimously agreed to support a review and reversal of the decision.

Referring to the Oct. 6 meeting, Lucas

responded, "The goals of the meeting were definitely accomplished in that the General Body made a decision and fortunately decided to back the Central Committee's decision to fight for a reversal to keep Upendo where it is."

An advisory committee of governors from James, Ehringhaus, Craig, and Morrison dorms, and representatives from the BSM and the administration was proposed by Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton to help determine how second floor space allocated to Student Affairs will be used.

The committee would make suggestions regarding the allocation of Student Affairs space in Chase, and should have held its first meeting with Dean Boulton by the time of this publication.

Such space may or not include Upendo Lounge.

News Briefs...

Few economic gains by Blacks

The U.S. Census Bureau, in its annual study of family incomes, shows few economic gains by Black Americans.

Not only is the median income for Blacks (when adjusted for inflation) lower than six years ago, reports Newsweek, but the

number of Blacks below the poverty line increased by one per cent.

Moreover, says the report, the percentage of Black families headed by females has risen by almost seven per cent as compared to five years ago.

Wonder unveils new album

Donned in a stylish Cowboy outfit and framed by the plush surroundings of a rented New England farm, Stevie Wonder finally unveiled his long-awaited new album, "Songs in the Key of Life."

The LP, a 21-song, three-record set ended a two-year drought for Wonder, who

had not released an album since "Fulfillingness First Finale" in 1974.

Said Wonder to 76 members of the press, as the album was played, "I hope you enjoy this, but it really doesn't matter. I gave it my all and all is the best I can do."

NAACP sued by merchants

The NAACP, along with more than 125 individuals is faced with a \$1.2 million suit, stemming from boycotts in the late '60s.

The law suit was filed by 12 white merchants in Port Gibson, Mississippi, who claim to have lost \$1.2 million as a result of the boycotts. Hinds County Chancery Court Judge George Haynes ruled that the NAACP was involved in an illegal boycott against the merchants.

An appeal bond of \$1.6 million was paid off with the help of the AFL-CIO.

The boycotts stemmed from the feeling that Blacks, who constitute a majority of the population in Fayette, Mississippi,

were not adequately represented.

By mid-October of 1965, a Fayette, Mississippi branch of the NAACP was formed. Blacks organized a boycott which was lifted by June of 1966. Of the 16 stores that were boycotted, 11 hired Black salespersons, eight of the nine service stations took out their third toilet designated for Blacks and integrated their regular toilets; more Blacks were allowed to vote.

Charles Evers, formerly a Mississippi field secretary for the 67-year-old civil rights organization, is one of many being sued. Evers is present mayor of Fayette.

Editor opposes A and T arena

Although a new basketball facility, currently under construction at North Carolina A and T State University, will seat over three times as many spectators when completed, Maxine McNeill, Associate News Editor of the A and T Register, questions the priority given the arena.

"If the administration had the interest of

the largest number of students in mind," she writes in a September 14 editorial, "it would first alleviate the overcrowded situation in the dormitories before focusing attention to the athlete's needs."

"Faculty members and administrators, I'm sure, would not live in the crowded conditions some of the girls on campus live in from day to day."

Frats, sororities should stop dances

"It is time for Black sororities and fraternities to stop dancing, pool their monies, and buy what they're dancing in!" writes Lillian P. Benbow, former president and an executive board member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

In a column published in the October edition of Ebony, Benbow contends, "The eight Black sororities and fraternities

alone represent more than 500,000 professionally trained men and women endowed with tremendous skills and resources. Each organization has a history of laudatory achievements in public service. It is high time these groups take a collective vow of abstinence from the giving of the annual dance and use the money and the energy in the interest of the more serious needs of Black people."



Staff photo by Phil Geddie

Not a stick up: While NCNB teller Susan Baldwin appears spellbound by photographer, associate Sabrina McDaniel doesn't seem to care one way or another.

Columnist chides Howard Lee

The lack of Black support in the Howard Lee campaign for Lt. Governor was not due to apathy, but "sophistication" on the part of Black voters, contends a local columnist.

Mark Pinsky, a columnist for the WDBS "Guide," wrote, in the publication's October edition that "all this weeping and wailing and somber pontificating over the failure of Howard Lee's campaign is beginning to get downright irritating."

"Rather than apathy among Black voters," he continued, "I prefer to think that it was their sophistication that kept them home from the polls on September 14."

Pinsky further cited what he considered

Lee's lack of involvement in the struggles of North Carolina Blacks.

"Since his arrival on the scene," Pinsky wrote, "he (Lee) has maintained a conspicuous silence on the struggles of Black workers to organize into unions, especially at Duke and UNC, as well as on the show trials of various Black activists around the state."

Pinsky contended that Lee purposefully down-played the issue of race in his campaign, noting, "if one had not seen a picture of the candidate, met him in person or watched him on television, one wouldn't have known that Howard Lee was Black."

"At times," Pinsky added, "his repeated de-emphasis of his race was almost embarrassing."

Ink to move to new office

Plans are currently underway by the Black Ink staff to move its editorial operations into second floor office space in the Wesley Foundation on 214 Pittsboro Street says Editor-in-chief Allen Johnson.

"As a growing newspaper, we need an office of our own," said Johnson. "The University, however, instead of ourselves, should foot the bill."

The Ink previously has been sharing office with the Black Student Movement (BSM) Central Committee in Suite B, the

Carolina Union.

Three years ago, Black Ink was allocated an individual office in Suite B before the space was allotted, in 1974, to the Student Consumer Action Union.

"When you begin to drastically expand operations, as we have this year, physical expansion is also necessary. We particularly need a central office for our advertising staff," Johnson said.

The move is expected to be made in late October, Johnson indicated.