Richardson: Blacks have a purpose here

Says BSM has right to protest

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"Blacks hold a vital purpose on campus. here is work to be done here and any lack student that wants to get involved hould come. The campus needs their elp." So spoke Student Body President silly Richardson in a recent interview with Black Ink. The candidness of this tatement and the earnest effort made hward greater Black participation in tudent Government seem strange coming om Suite C. It is rare that any white udent of such position cares or dares to beak so frankly about Black potential in udent government but Richardson wants be an exception.

'The Administration made a big istake in not consulting the BSM," ichardson answered when asked about ne changing of Upendo lounge into a nack bar. "Moving Servomation downtairs has its advantages, but not at this ost," he said. Richardson says that he els that the Upendo is necessary for lack students, and that if for any reason it done away with, the idea of the Upendo nould be continued. "If it is done away ith, the Blacks should help reinitiate itot whites." He explained that since ack and whites come from basically gregated communities, the drastic nange from living in a Black community joining the campus community is emendous. He said any effort by whites produce a new Upendo-like setting may resented by some Blacks and therefore a Black community should be responole for maintaining it.

Richardson went on to say that he felt e BSM was right in voicing their ssatisfaction with the Upendo situation that meeting with the Space Comtee is the best possible solution for now. He feels that the BSM's "annual" march on South Building would be a mistake and should only be used as a last resort.

"Working with South Building on a one to one basis is better," he said. He suggests that we concentrate on obtaining a space upstairs in Chase.

While campaigning for President, Richardson said that he felt students do not get a fair shake on campus and that he intended to do something about this. What has he done? A committee, the Housing Advisory Board, consisting of 4 students and 5 faculty or staff members has been formed. At present a Transportation and Parking Board is being set up to consist of 4 students and 4 faculty or staff members. Attendance at all staff-faculty meetings where students can attend is stressed. "Trying to initiate programs rather than reacting to the Administration's programs is important."

Since his election, Richardson has tried actively to recruitBlacks on his staff. "It is more than just appointments. I hope that attitudes have changed. I want to help Blacks develop their potential in student government to work with us, not just for us." Some of the Blacks recently appointed by Richardson are:

Marshal Reid-Atlantic Coast Conference Ticket Chairman

Vivian Rhone—Union Activities Board of Directors

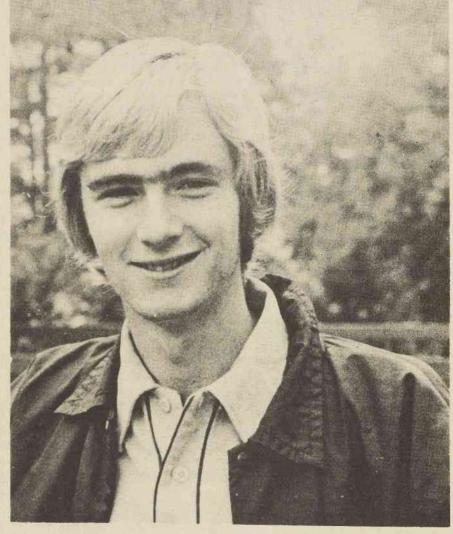
Gwen Bullock-Reorientation

Committee

Andromeda Monroe—Top Advisor, Supreme Court Social Justice Byron Horton—CGC

Mike Dixon—delegate for North Carolina Assoc. of Student Government Roland Staten—Conference Planning

Phyllis Pickett—Housing Advisory Board



Billy Richardson concerning Upendo situation: "Moving Servomation downstairs has its advantages, but not at this cost."

Gordon Cureton—Top consultant on CGC, Speaker pro tempore of CGC

Terry Stinson and Denzil Day— Environmental Awareness

Many blacks serve on the Human Rights Relationship Committee.

Richardson stressed that there were many people who are working hard and are doing a good job. He made a tremendous effort to remember everybody. "Everybody is important I would hate to leave anyone out," Richardson said.

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Conference on Black studies meets in Charlotte

A year ago the North Carolina Conrence of Black Studies (NCCBS) met to tablish a statewide organization to evelop guidelines for Black studies on the mior high, senior high, and college levels. his year at its second annual meeting eld in Charlotte on October 9, Dr. Sonja tone, director of Afro-American Studies t UNC-Chapel Hill will be a keynote peaker.

This year, like last year, the NCCBS will e organizing, structuring, strengthening, nd developing their influence throughout ie state. Their immediate goal is "to ssess the state of Black studies in North 'arolina and to find out just where Black tudies are offered and what kinds of roblems program coordinators and achers of Black studies are facing," said is. Stone, who is also the NCCBS conrence governor for the Piedmont area. Ms. Stone said once this goal has been chieved, NCCBS hopes to be in a position o make suggestions to school systems, niversities, and community groups as to ow to develop a strong Black studies' rogram throughout the state. Although, ne organization is new, NCCBS members pe that within one to two years, they will ave established a comprehensive arriculum guide for Black studies' achers of all the different divisions of udy, from arts to sciences.

A lot of credit for the development of CCBS is attributed to the Black students cause of their contributions on every vel of organization. "We wouldn't have a ack Student Movement were it not for a Black student. They are clearly the unders of the organization," said Ms.



Stone.

In addition to Ms. Stone Black students who are members of NCCBS are just as enthusiastic about the organization. Queenie Mackey, a senior journalism major who has been involved with NCCBS for the past year said, "The program is promoting uniformity in Black studies in North Carolina which gives Blacks a

better understanding and knowledge of their heritage."

The Black student's role in NCCBS can be to contribute skills, resources, ideas, and "to go in with an open mind and you figure out how to help NCCBS reach their goals whether through moral support, money contributions, or experiences," said Ms. Mackey. Ms. Mackey also said

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NCCBS helps in job placement and recruitment into universities.

NCCBS wants members from the Black student body without regard to majors. "The concerns of Black studies cut across everybody's major whether science or social science, what we're about is building a better Black community," said Ms. Stone.