

NEWS

Upendo remodeling to soon begin

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Students have been using Upendo Lounge for social, cultural, and academic activities since the beginning of the Black Student Movement. Despite student protest last semester, Upendo Lounge will be moved from its present first floor location to the second floor of Chase Cafeteria.

The new space allotted for Upendo is slightly larger than the old one. According to Dean Harold Wallace, Upendo presently occupies 18-1900 square feet whereas the new location is comprised of 2000 square feet. Upendo's new location will also include space for several offices, one of which may be for *Black*

Ink.

Although Upendo will be on the second floor, it will not lose its accessibility. A stairway and an elevator will lead directly to the lounge.

Offices for the Health Sciences Research Center, the Speech and Hearing Institute and the University Personnel Department will also be on the second floor. A game room, photo lab, TV room, reserve reading room, xerox copiers, a change machine, and a place to post notices will also be included.

Renovations will begin after commencement in May, and the new Upendo will be ready for meetings and other functions in October of this year.



Staff photo by Phil Geddie

BSM Chairperson Jackie Lucas: member of committee which submitted recommendations for new Upendo facilities.

Mini-yearbook in progress

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According to involved students, a Black "mini-yearbook" will be produced this semester. The mini-yearbook is to be a special 32-page edition of *Black Ink*. It is to be of a bound magazine format, with a cover of the same stock of paper as that used for the UNC football program booklet. Hopefully, say the students, the cover will be done in full color.

Allen Johnson, editor-in-chief of *Black Ink* stated that "the content of the yearbook will consist of photographs and words describing the highlights of the past year. We're

presently in the process of forming a committee, after which we will go to various organizations on campus to ask for moral and financial support."

Johnson added that the yearbook will be published at the end of the semester and will cost around two dollars.

Sheri Parks, who is also on the mini-yearbook committee, explained that "not very many Blacks are involved in the activities normally covered by the *Yack*, such as the CGC and other student government activities, neither do many Blacks purchase the *Yack* because they and their friends aren't in it."

By Bernadine Ward
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The 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on January 5, that the Black Student Movement (BSM) would continue receiving student fees.

However, the court struck down UNC's policy of guaranteeing minority positions on CGC (Campus Governing Council) and of guaranteeing minority students that at least half of their jury will be minority if they request it. Both practices will have to stop if UNC is to continue receiving federal funds.

Reaction to the court's decision was mixed. Some CGC members felt that the quota system should never have pertained to CGC and Honor (or Minority) Court.

However, Phillip Geddie, graduate student and BSM member, is one of many who feels that the decision could set a

precedent and topple the quota system, which he believes is fair and necessary. Geddie, along with several BSM officers, met with Chancellor Taylor and several lawyers, after the court's decision was publicized.

If quotas are ruled unconstitutional on CGC and Honor Court, some wonder if they will eventually be ruled unconstitutional as pertains to student admission and faculty hiring practices.

A great deal of the problem, claims Geddie, stems from "misconceptions that minority court exists to insure that Black students will automatically be acquitted." However, Geddie insists that "the purpose of minority court is to insure a fair trial."

Whether the University or the BSM will appeal the decision is not known at this time.

News in review

Carter's Cabinet

Newspapers around the country carried President-elect Jimmy Carter's campaign promise of "New faces, new ideas, and a new generation of leadership." However, Carter had trouble fulfilling this promise when three Blacks and one woman turned down his offer of Cabinet-level positions.

According to "Newsweek," Mayors Coleman Young of Detroit and Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, Vernon Jordan of the National Urban League and Jane Cahill Pfeiffer declined the offer.

Carter's eleven-member cabinet now consists of nine men and two women, one of whom is Black. Some blame Carter for the difficulty of finding women and Blacks to work with. He has been accused of not "pressing hard enough to get people he said he wanted," and for "offering only jobs traditionally slotted for Blacks, such as HUD."

As Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Patricia Harris is the first Black woman ever named to a Cabinet.

Harris, a lawyer, has had no previous experience in housing. *U. S. and News and World Report* capsuled the following as major policies she is expected to carry out:

-Making fair housing a top priority, manifested in campaigns against denying mortgage loans in certain neighborhoods and the encouragement of racial, age, and economic mix in communities.

-Reviving subsidized housing programs that President Ford cut back.

-Making low-interest loans available for rebuilding neighborhoods and preserving existing housing stock.

-Pushing mortgage loans for low and moderate-income home buyers.

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Union Board says criticism unfair—urges interaction

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Doris Hudson feels that, "The lack of Black representation on the Union Board comes not from Blacks being turned down, but from their not applying for positions."

Hudson, current Union Board President, made the comment in response to criticism that the Union does not provide enough programs that appeal to minorities. In addition, students are not generally familiar with the functions of the Union Board or with the criteria for being appointed.

The Union Activities Board is responsible for providing speakers, performing groups, films, art, panel discussions, and other programs for the university at large.

The board consists of eight committees and is headed by a president. The president, committee chairman, and committee members,

all apply for Union positions, and undergo an interview process. A new president will be chosen February 10, and committee chairpersons will be announced before spring break.

Hudson advised interested students that it would "be a good idea to talk to the current chairman, find out the good and bad points of the committee, and think about what you're getting into."

Other board members agreed with Hudson's sentiment. Michael Cannon, Recreation Committee chairman, stated that "All a chairperson can do is ask interested people to apply for a position."

Current Affairs Committee Chairperson, Sue Spragg added that, "The Union looks for dependable, organized people who can work independently and delegate authority. Good programming ideas are essential and it helps if you can pick up on how the Union runs."