

BLACK INK*"The essence of freedom is understanding."***BLACK INK**Office: Room 261, Suite B-Carolina Union
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Times are getting bad

In the past, the letter from the BSM Chairperson has traditionally been a welcome to the incoming freshman class. Being a person who prefers not to break precedence, I would now like to welcome the class of 1984 on behalf of the BSM. Now that the warm and cordial welcome has remained intact, I would like to change the focus of this



Mark Canady

Extremist organizations are on the rise. Nazis and Klansmen march in the streets and at the same time Civil Rights advocates are being gunned down in cold blood.

The rate of inflation is rising with staggering speed; the number of available jobs has become infinitesimal; draft registration has been instated and war in the near future does not seem to be inconceivable.

In essence, times are getting bad and they will continue to become worse.

It is in times similar to these that

we as a people of a unique, diversified and undying culture have traditionally risen to meet the challenge that faced us.

We have survived through slavery, wars, oppression and depression. We as a race have always met the needs for ourselves and posterity.

Now we find ourselves entering into the 1980s and there exists a different type of challenge. We have proven that we cannot be physically beaten down.

But the tasks that lie ahead of us will require more than the physical durability of our heritage. The next set of chains we wear will be on our minds; the next war waged will be against our intellect; the oppression we will experience will be of our imaginations.

If our efforts to overcome should fail, then depression would most assuredly deteriorate the very soul of our culture.

For us to withstand the new perils that will arise this decade we must prepare ourselves. That is our purpose at this university: to learn and let our minds grow.

Our ancestors never failed to rise and meet the challenges of their time. Let us not break from that precedence.

Mark H. Canady
BSM Chairperson, 1980-81

Welcome, freshmen. I would like to commend all of you on your admission to UNC.

Coming to school as a freshman is a great experience, and it's up to you to make it a pleasant one. First, put your priorities in perspective with your goals, and hopefully that will mean excellent academic achievement.

It is most advantageous for one to receive a well rounded education. This includes getting involved in some of the many organizations on campus, preferably BSM.

The BSM has something to offer everyone; for the journalism student there's *Black Ink*, for the drama student, *Ebony Readers/Onyx Theatre*, for dancers, *Opeyo dancers*, for singers, the *Gospel Choir* and for the political science student, *BSM government*.

The BSM has many plans this year that will be very beneficial to

freshmen. You may recall the letter freshmen received from the BSM chairperson, Mark Canady.

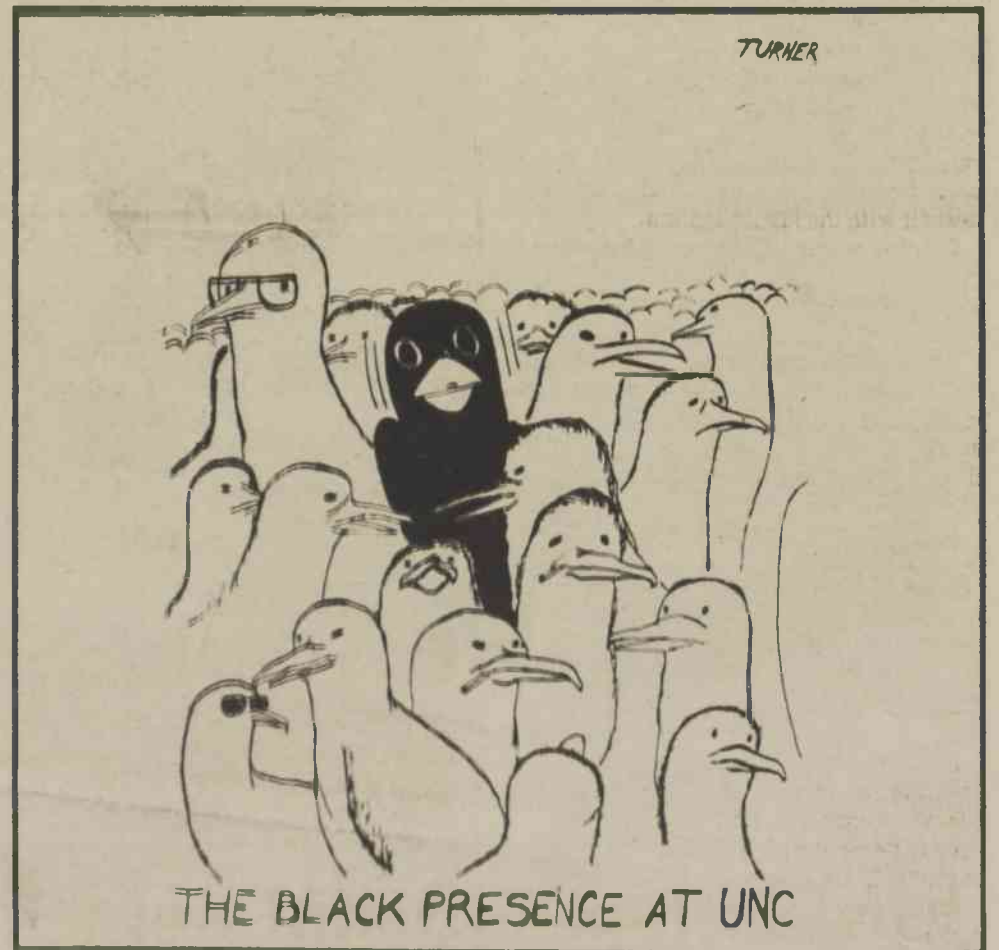
BSM will aid as a link of communication, and as a method of education and of updating you with the contemporary issues of today. **Jesse Cureton**. The BSM will also aid in planning social functions such as parties, seminars and cultural activities.

I hope that all of you are exemplary in your dealings and I wish you the best throughout your stay at Carolina.

My personal invitation welcomes you to visit me in suite B as Vice President of BSM, and suite C as Director of Campus Affairs, Monday through Friday.

Again, Congratulations!

Jesse Cureton,
BSM Vice Chairperson, 1980-81



THE BLACK PRESENCE AT UNC

Black Ink focuses in on campus students



Linda Brown

Welcome new and returning students.

I'm honored to have the pleasure of welcoming everyone and introducing some to *Black Ink* for the first time.

Black Ink is a news magazine built on what its community makes it. Everyone is welcomed to make contributions of articles, submit letters to the editor or become a regular staff

member. Articles have no specific length, but letters to the editor are limited to 250 words and must be accompanied by an address and phone number.

Black Ink's staff tries to focus in on the Black community. It, however, does not always know what every organization is planning. Therefore, anyone with information they feel should be in *Black Ink* should bring it to suite B of the Carolina Union (where the Black Student Movement office is located). Place your informa-

tion in the *Black Ink* folder there. This should be done as soon as possible; we have early deadlines.

Although, there are other papers on campus, you will soon discover the importance of *Black Ink*. The value of some activities in the Black community is more important to the majority of the Black community than others. And many activities in the Black community could go unnoticed without a paper designed specifically for its interest. Most importantly, our paper has the Black perspective.

Black Ink hopes to be able to tell you where the party's going to be and when to be there. We want to see that you know that Black culture exists on the UNC campus, and we want you to know who the people are in it. We also want you to know about events happening that may affect your lives and how you will be affected by them.

But most of all, we just want you to know you exist. Please help us do that.

Linda A. Brown,
Black Ink Editor