

UNC has plenty to hide

A place where a dormitory that houses many Black students is called a jungle in a major campus publication.

A place where only a small portion of a Kenan stadium crowd applaud a Black homecoming queen.

A place where a white fraternity holds a mock lynching of a Black man by members of the Ku Klux Klan as late as 1979.

Where is this? It is the campus of one of the South's leading universities, known nationwide for amplification of Southern culture and top-notch academia.

It is the campus of a school that has an excellent reputation in medicine, law and the arts.

It is the campus of a school that has more to hide behind Carolina blue doors than its administration wishes to discuss, like the score with HEW or increased enrollment of minority students or the whys as to the initial denial of tenure for one Sonja Stone.

It is the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Most likely the above issues are confusing to those just arriving at Carolina. The only parts of this campus you are familiar with are your dormitory, orientation, and class schedules.

Perhaps you don't care about anything besides financial aid, your newly-purchased "Tarheel" T-shirt, or the location of this weekend's party. For many of you, all that is visible in this so-called "Southern Part of Heaven" is good times.

However, before you become too enraptured by these Carolina blue skies, here is sufficient warning that they will be overshadowed by a dark cloud that hovers overhead. It serves as a reminder that you are Black and the rains that fall will dampen any chances of racial equality at this university.

Despite documents that promise you will not be treated according to race, sex, creed, religion, or national origin, you are a Black student and, in most cases, that one fact alone will make an enormous difference while you are here.

The same difference that has UNC entangled in a near decade battle with HEW because of its

refusal to meet the guidelines set by HEW.

The same difference that allows local Klansman Harold Covington to attack Blacks through outrageous illustrations and racial jabs in the campus newspaper.

The same difference that demands us to take a back seat to our white counterparts because we are a minority at this Southern school.

In other words, the Carolina Blue picture painted by this school is a white wash. LITERALLY.

1980 promises to be different. The Black Student Movement has a strong arena of officers. And it is an election year, which includes false promises, false prophets, kissing babies, and kissing.

1980 is a year when HEW will make crucial decisions as to the eligibility of UNC to receive federal funds. That is why so many Black freshmen were admitted to the university this year. That is why Sonja Stone received tenure after months of meaningless deliberation by UNC officials. That is why The Associated Press ran an article on the Black Pre-Orientation program at UNC, after 11 years of its existence.

It is fairly obvious then that UNC and the entire nation is engaging in housecleaning. For this reason there is no better time than now for Blacks to make a big move.

If the AP will cover a story about a matter as an orientation program, imagine the headlines we would make were we to incite a riot in front of South Building.

The power is in the hands of Blacks now and for once we can pull some strings. How masterfully this power is executed depends on a competent and determined organization. On this campus that organization should be the BSM.

That is why as freshmen you are strongly encouraged to join the BSM. The upperclassmen that have failed to join have shown their ignorance of the needs of Blacks.

Let's hope this apathy is not contagious because the sooner you accept the fact that you are Black and therefore different, the better off all Blacks on this campus will be.



Stone thanks students

TO THE EDITOR:

I shall be eternally grateful to the Black Student Movement for the courage and confidence which you demonstrated during our struggle for tenure.

For the past several decades, Black Students have been in the vanguard of social change throughout the American educational system. Were it not for the Black students who pioneered in the 1950's and those who protested in the 1960's and 1970's there would be no BSM, no Black Studies and virtually no Black presence at UNC-CH.

Still, a lack of numbers and representation at the decision-making levels demand that we work increasingly for equitable inclusion at all levels of the system. Our successful tenure appeal is further testimony that through aggressive and persistent struggle, justice will prevail.

I look forward to a joyful reunion and a soulful rededication to our mission when I return.

Sonja H. Stone

TO THE EDITOR:

For most students, the Carolina Union is a welcomed haven during those all-too-short breaks between classes. The Union is a good place to go to catch a quick snack, to exchange a few words with a friend and to get away from the sun after a long walk across campus. If you are lucky to have even more time on your hands, you may even venture downstairs to try your hand at a game of pool or catch the latest gossip on your favorite soap opera. So, it is easy to occupy some time at the Union, never go to the top floor, and consequently, remain unaware of many opportunities that the Carolina Union has to offer.

Upstairs in Room 220, the Carolina Union Activities Board, with its ten subcommittees, is involved in the programming and publicity of events that more Black students should become directly or indirectly involved in. Whether it's through state taxes or through student fees, all students have an investment in the activities sponsored by the Union. Consequently, students should play a more active role in insuring that desired events are made a part of Union programming. Black student participation can be either direct, by joining any of the Union activity committees, or indirect, by simply bringing any suggestions to any committee member or chairperson. Here is a sketch of five of the activity committees, with each chairperson listed in parentheses:

Carolina Forum (Peter Mallinson) The committee's function is to present major speakers who will appeal to all sectors on campus. Andrew Young and Coretta Scott King were among last year's lecturers, and input regarding other Black leaders for this year's programming is welcomed.

Film (David Pierce) The major function of this

committee is to program the films shown as "free flicks", "Super Friday" specials, or Saturday matinees.

Human Relations (Larry Ellis) Programming by this committee includes areas such as race relations, human sexuality and mental health. Also, Ellis, presently the only Black chairperson serving on the Union Activities Board, welcomes any suggestions for future workshops or seminars.

Performing Arts (Nick Manos) Last year, this committee was involved in the programming or publicity of such artists and productions as the Alvin Ailey Dancers, "Eubie," "Ain't Misbehavin'" plus other events in music, dance and theatre. This year a major emphasis is being placed on staging student productions, and student input is vital in making this a representative effort.

Social (Marcy Dean) This committee is responsible for a variety of events such as indoor and outdoor concerts, dances, parties, recreational activities and programs in the Pit.

As only this half of the Union committees reveals, there are a lot of things to participate in and to enjoy in the Carolina Union. Union President Jennifer Weiss is very interested in programming events that will be representative of the various cultures and interests on this campus.

As Black students working with the Union, we too can learn from the many multi-cultural activities and at the same time help insure that there is an expanded role for Black artists, Black intellectuals and other Black leaders in Union programming.

— Teresa Artis,

BSM-Union Liaison

TO THE EDITOR

Abortion is a heated issue which directly affects underprivileged minorities in North Carolina, many of whom are Black. A few upper and middle class pro-abortionists, among them Governor Hunt, are trying to induce poor women on welfare to abort their babies rather than carry them to term. They care nothing about poor people or their children. They hope to save tax dollars and get rid of poverty by killing off the poor! Poor people themselves overwhelmingly reject abortion: according to a 1979 UNC poll, only 17 percent of them favor state-funded abortions. Black leaders such as the Reverend Jesse Jackson have condemned abortion, rightly perceiving it as an attack on the most basic human right — the right to live.

We of Carolina Students for Life hope to gain the cooperation of the Black Student Movement in our pro-life efforts. We support agencies like Birthchoice here in Chapel Hill which provide pregnant women with alternatives to aborting their babies, such as motherhood or adoption. Anyone interested in joining our organization can call me at 929-2059 after 8:00 p.m.

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