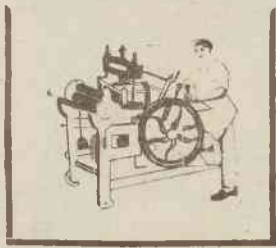


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Student leaders say

Black students need unity and communication

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Black student leaders from public and private state universities recently met and proposed starting a state-wide student organization that would include Black representatives from predominately Black and white universities.

The heads of the meeting, held earlier this month, were part of the Black Student Governments of the UNC system, which was organized last summer.

The meeting, held on Fayetteville State University's campus, was conducted by 27 representatives from Winston-Salem State University, Elizabeth State University, Fayetteville State and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Presently, only those students attending predominately Black UNC system institutions give Black input at Board of Governors meetings or UNC system student government meetings.

Roy Davenport, president of the Fayetteville State Student Government, said, "Each student government president at the predominately white UNC institutions has been urged to invite a Black student union representative to UNCSCA (UNC Student Government Association), but no school has done so. In fact, Blacks of one Black student union (UNC's Black Student Movement) did not even know that meeting was being held on their own campus."

The meeting was held March 20, the same night a cultural program featuring the BSM Gospel Choir, Opeyo Dancers and Ebony Readers was held. Both programs were held in the Carolina Union.

Former BSM vice-chairperson Jesse Cureton said student body president Scott Norberg did not tell BSM members of the UNCSCA meeting.

"I asked Scott, (after the meeting) and he said he didn't have any idea we would be interested," Cureton said.

"But he (Norberg) was aware I was highly disappointed we weren't told about it," he added.

But some Black student government leaders met with BSM officials that evening.

Davenport added at the April meeting that each student government leader should represent the interests of all of his constituents but that a lack of communication often inhibits the process.

Susan Shelton, director of social affairs at Winston-Salem State University, said, "We (WSSU) are committed toward a strong, united Black student organization in North Carolina because it is essential to our existence."

John T. Wolfe, director of humanities and fine arts at Fayetteville State University said Black student leaders ought to represent concerns, interests and needs of other Black students.

"We can't allow other people to say what we think, need or are. We must define ourselves," Wolfe said.

The leaders also discussed the Reagan administration's proposed federal budget cuts to student aid.

Letter-writing campaigns to express disapproval of the proposed cuts began at WSSU and Fayetteville State University before the meeting. Those representatives urged other university representatives to do the same.

Davenport asked for the leaders to pray silently during the meeting in memory of murdered and missing Black children in Atlanta since July 1979.

A native of Atlanta, Davenport encouraged students to wear green ribbons, the color of life, in memory of the children.

The death count was 21 at the time of the meeting. But the death count has risen to 23 dead and two missing in Atlanta.

The next BSGUNC meeting will be held April 25 at UNC-Charlotte in conjunction with the UNCSCA elections.

Students say publication supplies information

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Editor

A Black Student Movement subgroup, **Black Ink**, is seen as important by some Black students.

In a recent survey, students agreed that **Black Ink** informs readers about Black community issues and events.

Kathryn Pointer, a junior dental hygiene major, said **Black Ink** enlightens the Chapel Hill Community about Black events and issues pertaining to Blacks.

"The **Black Ink** informs the Black community about issues and upcoming events, i.e., political, economical, historical, and campus-wide," Pointer said. "In an overall sense, it does its job."

Walt Faison, a junior from Warsaw, N.C., said that the **Black Ink's** most significant aspect is its coverage of activities on campus.

"The most important feature of the **Black Ink** is that it informs Blacks about the activities on campus," Faison said. He noted that he was a "regular reader" of the newspaper.



Kathryn Pointer



Walt Faison



Darryl Hart



Ronald S. Dixon



Debra Cooper



Anthony McNeil

Sophomore industrial relations major Darryl Hart said that **Black Ink** covers the happenings on campus.

"The (**Black Ink**) tells what's happening, what has happened, whose coming, and whose going," Hart said. "It's a source where Blacks can present problems and come up with possible solutions."

Charlotte native Ronald S. Dixon cited that the **Black Ink** is "informative to the Black community." Dixon a freshman, however has reservations about the true purpose of the **Black Ink**.

"The sole purpose of the **Black Ink** should not be covering the slack of the Daily Tar Heel," Dixon said. "The purpose of the **Black Ink** should be to keep the Blacks aware of what's going on campus, in the community, and on the national scene."

Debra Cooper, a freshman psychology major said the **Black Ink** informs Blacks at UNC and in the community and deals with the issues which the **DTH** seems to leave out.

"The **Black Ink** gives us an insight on what's happening with Blacks on cam-

pus and in the community," Cooper said. "It addresses the issues which the **DTH** seems to leave out, like 'Discovery' and discusses the BSM's functions."

Sophomore chemistry major Anthony McNeil said that he has not read many **Black Ink** publications because he lives off-campus.

"For those who read it, it lets them know what Black-oriented activities will take place on campus." It also can be used for education and cultural purposes.