

Hope over for blacks

The 11-year-old dispute between the Department of Education, formerly the Department of Health, Education and Welfare or HEW, and the University of North Carolina school system is over.

Also over is the hope of many Blacks that the federal government will take action to insure that UNC administrators do not drag their feet in recruiting and retaining minority students and in initiating good programs at black schools.

Black leaders are disappointed with the outcome of the dispute and rightly so. The consent decree is just vague enough for UNC administrators to more or less adopt a "business as before" attitude since the ball is again in their court.

Major issues — such as the desegregation of traditionally white campuses and equal distribution of funds to Black schools — were shuffled aside in UNC's quest for something else. It was a tool for which President Friday and the Board of Governors endured criticism and bore great financial expense because they knew it would be worth any price.

That tool is control.

Friday and the board gambled and

played a waiting game for 11 years. Their ace-in-the-hole came in the form of the Republican take-over in the last election.

UNC maintained that N.C. institutions of higher education should be operated in 'good faith' by educators on the scene rather than by government officials or judges from afar. The nation's new education secretary Terrel Bell extended that hand of 'good faith'.

But it is hard, if not impossible, to believe in the 'good faith' of Friday and the board. First of all, UNC has not yet complied with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This compliance may be achieved if the system fulfills the objectives of the consent decree.

Secondly, UNC had a chance to show its 'good faith', or at least its tokenism, when deciding where to establish the veterinarian school. Instead of going to North Carolina A&T State University as many felt it should, the school went to N.C. State.

UNC has shown such 'good faith' again and again. Just how much more of UNC's 'good faith' are Blacks supposed to take?



ANYONE WHO READS THE UNC-DHEW AGREEMENT IN MY HANDS WOULD AGREE IT IS JUST

Freshmen get advice

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As you freshmen get moved in and adjusted to the UNC campus, you may still be wondering what you've gotten yourselves into.

For many of you, your next four or five years will be filled with fun and excitement. For others, there will be only worry and frustration. Whether you're here to please your parents or to find the cure for cancer, you probably have a lot of questions floating through your heads right now.

The following are a few thoughts that may help you with some of your future decisions:

● Though you may want to stay in your present dorm room with your present roommate for your entire stay at UNC, it is highly unlikely. Here, we have something called, "the lottery," which somehow manages to guarantee that no two people stay in the exact same room for four years in a row — there are always exceptions though. Then, there is the chance that your roommate's parents won't think their son or daughter should be exposed to the black race just yet, and the parents will find a way to get one of you moved out — but this is rare also.

● If you have arrived here with the idea that, "life is fair," get rid of that notion. By listening closely to the grapevine, you'll hear about many cases in which you thought everyone was getting an equal chance. However, education is made easy for some students. In other cases, you may notice that there are people who love you a great deal when they need notes or money, but forget who you are when they're around a certain group of friends. And speaking of money: because most college students are very poor, the naive freshman is a common target for borrowing — so watch out.

● Sometimes people tend to think that, because UNC is such a large school with many students, professors and other administrators don't care about the individual student. Well, sure there are a few who could care less about whether you return the next year or not, but there are many more who will bend over backwards to work with you and to give you suggestions about grades and study habits. Also, never think because you are doing poorly in a class, that absolutely nothing can be done about it, — you can always drop it.

● Though some of you will not believe it, there is such a thing as prejudice, and it does exist on the UNC campus. Whether you live on North or South campus, you will be constantly reminded that you are in a minority. You will be faced with people who contend that the only reason you are on this campus is because you are black. There will be people who will say you are less of a person than they are. There will also be the people who will always compliment you on how hard you work and on all the experience you have in your major field, yet the minute you get an award or a job over them, they will say it is only because you are black.

It is probably hard for you incoming freshman to believe much of what one person tell you. Most of us have to learn from experiences, and no doubt you will certainly learn a lot while on this campus. You may learn a new study technique, how not to judge on first impressions or how to manage your money — there is just so much you will find you don't know.

It is hard for me to tell you all you need to know while you're here, because I know so little myself. But, if you need help, try to remember the word of an old wise man from a small town in mid-western North Carolina who once said, "If you don't know, . . . Ask somebody."

Tabloid has new policy

Black Ink, the official newspaper of the Black Student Movement has adopted a different news and editorial policy for the 1981-82 academic year.

Black Ink will concentrate more on in depth news this year instead of features, sports, and other stories. This publication will print news affecting blacks on campus and in the community.

This newspaper will publish spot news such as reported crimes involving students, lectures, meetings, BSM events and stories, investigative stories, and a monthly news item from black campuses across the state.

This publication will not catch or print every news story because of deadlines and space limitations, but it will present a fair and objective account of the news it chooses to print.

Black Ink has revamped its editorial policy and its pages in order to present a stronger viewpoint. The editors and staff reporters will submit more editorials and columns dealing with local, state, and national news affecting blacks.

Black Ink's feature section will include stories about students and residents from the local black community. The newspaper will add a historical news flash, a story that affected blacks and reprinted from old newspapers. The publication will continue to review albums, books, plays, and movies, and publicize the activities of BSM subgroups and conduct photography and poetry contests in the spring.

The sports section will also change. After the first issue, this publication will run photographs of prominent black athletes but it will not run stories about them.

They always receive their publicity from the area media - TV, radio,

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