

About the Cover

The *Black Ink* is devoted to covering events directly impacting black student life at UNC. The cover photos depict the different scenes from our community.

Giving BLACK To the Community

Why are you here?

If you have never thought about why you are at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, then you are in trouble.

If you are at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill only to be a doctor, lawyer, politician, entrepreneur or even a journalist, then you are in trouble.

In other words, if you are not here to give BLACK to the community, then you are in trouble.

In case you haven't realized, Black America is in state of emergency.

Haven't we waited for our 40 acres and a mule long enough? If it ain't here by now, it ain't coming.

For more than 400 years we have been playing a waiting game—waiting to get off the boat; waiting to be unshackled; waiting to get our babies; waiting to be counted as more than three-fifths of a person; waiting to be freed; and waiting to be handed our 40 acres and a mule.

The time for waiting was yesterday, and the time for action is now.

Our young people are fatherless, left without role models and in danger of becoming extinct. Our socioeconomic status is lower than that of our white counterparts and continues to dwindle. And despite the fact that some of us are in college, we are not the ones doing the educating. The number of black college students nationwide is 9 percent, and the number of black professors is only 3 percent.

Black America must do away with its victimized attitude and replace it with empowerment. The more time spent talking about how victimized we were, the less time and energy spent on empowering ourselves to help correct the wrongs of white society and assessing our own worth; the more time and power we give the oppressors to continue oppressing.

Empowerment is not reading Malcolm X and running with it. But rather, learning how to access and use the societal and political structures, which have been bestowed upon us.

Empowerment is building the Black community. We must use our degrees and experiences to better the masses, not just ourselves or the MAN.

No, we cannot and must not forget the past. But we can no longer use it as an excuse.

However, we must start somewhere. (With the median grade point average of UNC undergraduates being a 2.853, it seems that we all have something to either strive for or surpass.) We can't change the system from the outside. We must change it from within. PEACE!

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