

Reorganization may phase out Black Schools

Durham, N.C., - Representatives of Black campus and community organizations from across the state of North Carolina met on the campus of North Carolina Central University (NCCU) on Saturday, February 13, to map plans for Black people's response to the crisis in Black education. The day-long meeting was called by the Student Government Association (SGA) of NCCU and the Student Organization for Black Unity (SOBU).

NCCU SGA President Jerry Walker welcomed the 75 representatives and SOBU field worker Frank Williams gave an informative background report on recent developments in education in North Carolina.

It was reported that Governor Bob Scott's moves in the past year or so to consolidate his power over the board of higher education, and the more recent moves to consolidate the state-

supported universities in North Carolina are all part of a plan to eliminate Black universities. This point was made clear when it was revealed that presently there are at least five plans to be presented to this session of the N.C. General Assembly concerning the 'reorganization' of higher education in the state.

The first of these plans would call for the creation of "super Board of Trustees" who along with the governor, would conduct the affairs of the state universities, but it would have an executive committee which would be by the governor. Third plan would have the creation of two boards. One would be made up from the powerful university of North Carolina system, while the other would comprise the smaller regional schools. A fourth plan would have the present system continue, but would give the power of setting the budget of each school to the board of higher education, of which the governor is chairman.

The last plan which has surfaced so far calls for the division of the state into three sections: the western, central, and eastern regions. In this plan, the most powerful group would be the white UNC (University of North Carolina) system which makes up, for the most part the central region.

It was stated that all of the five plans call for:

- uniform admittance standards for Black and White schools,
 - uniform academic standards,
 - uniform tuition and fees, and uniform requirements for faculty and administrative personnel.
- By making the requirements for all of the schools the same; Scott and his cohorts seem to hope to be able to do away with all of the Black schools that cannot meet white standards set by the state.

Another point which made clear the attempts

by whites to do away with Black schools was that of the present budget for the higher education in the state. It was reported that out of the \$269,439, 675 which was allocated for this school year, only 12 per cent was for Black schools, the rest going to the white campuses.

After the main report, smaller seminars were held to further discuss the education crisis, to discuss the problems of drugs in the Black com-

munity and campus, to deal with the problems Black men face with the draft, and to discuss problems in the high schools. Following the seminars, reports were delivered to the reconvened body.

One of the most important outcomes of the meeting was the formation of the Committees on Higher Education. It was decided that this group after further organization and research would meet in early March to draw up alternative proposals for Black education in North Carolina.

It was also decided that during the week of Feb. 15-20, there would be campus-wide meetings at the various Black institutions to dramatize and further educate Black students, faculty and administrators to the need for a united front against the present attack of Black education.

In addition to SGA members, representatives at the meeting came from such organizations as the Durham Black Youth Forum, the Pan-African Early Education Center, the United Organization for Community Improvement, the Willie Grimes Community School of Greensboro, the Help House (anti drug group) and several high schools and Black Students Union on white campuses in the state.

the Coastal Federal Credit Union. He also served briefly as a counselor at Sandhills Community College at Southern Pines, N.C.

The Office of Development at Elizabeth City State University was established on January 1, 1969. As part of a national trend, this office became one of the four main divisions of the University's Administration, with a Director reporting directly to the President and responsible for coordinating the overall fund-raising, alumni affairs, and public relations activities of the institution. Thus, Mr. McNair will advise and assist the President in planning and executing programs to interpret the goals and needs of the University.

Mr. McNair is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., the American Personnel and Guidance Association, and the National Personnel and Guidance Association. He is married to the former Miss Alice West of Newton Grove, N.C., and is the father of four children: Natalyn Maryetta, Natasha Clayton, Natasha Geneene, and Nathaniel Clayton III.

A Black Poetry Show held at ECSU

During the activities of Black History Week observed at ECSU, a dramatic Black Poetry show was presented to the delight of hundreds of Black students.

The show was a dramatic presentation of Black poetry written by members of BLKART-SOUTH. The Black Mind Jockeys have been performing similar shows for two years throughout the South. The experiences brought out in their poetry are drawn from our collective lives, the essences of what we are, have been, done, felt, thought.

Students and faculty members at the University of Nebraska. In the speech, which was clearly aimed at improving his relations with youth, Mr. Nixon pledged to make better use of young Americans' "dedication and idealism" to solve the nation's problems.

To help accomplish this, the President said he would ask the 92nd Congress to approve the creation of a national volunteer service corps, which would bring together the Peace Corps, VISTA, and other volunteer programs scattered throughout the federal government.

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"When We Gonna Rise Up?" was the title given to the reading. The reading was divided into three sections. The first section was a short satirical look at our world today. It was sometimes funny and sometimes painful. The second section attempted to deal with our love and show the shallowness that sometimes passes for love. Being lovers, lovers as black people individuals making amorous conquests. This section dealt with the hurt of searching for a lover and the joy of finding a love supreme. The third and final section spoke of the necessity of liberation.

The program was thoroughly enjoyed by those who appreciate Black Poetry that "tell it like it is."

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Mr. N.C. McNair

ECSU names new director

President Marion D. Thorpe announces the appointment of Mr. Nathaniel C. McNair, Jr. as the new Director of Development at Elizabeth City State University. The appointment fills the vacancy which was created last month when Mr. Carroll M. Rodgers resigned, after a period of three years of service at his Alma Mater.

Mr. McNair, a native of Fayetteville, N.C., and a graduate of E. E. Smith Senior High School is an alumnus of Shaw University. Prior to entering and completing graduate studies in guidance and personnel services, at North Carolina State University, he attended the Shaw Divinity School. As a result of his training and studies in religion and education, he has fourteen years of ministerial experience, serving three pastorates in the state, nine years of teaching experience on the secondary level, and five years of counseling experience.

From August, 1967 until June, 1970, Mr. McNair was a member of the faculty at New Bern (N.C.) High School, a member of the Craven County Good Neighbor Council, a member of the Mayor's Committee on the Physically Handicapped, and a member of the Board of Directors of

Announcement

An announcement by President Nixon that he would propose combining several federal volunteer youth programs, in one agency surprised many officials of the affected programs.

Several officials said they had not known that the President planned to propose such a regrouping of programs like the Peace Corps and Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) at this time. They noted, however, that the idea of putting all volunteer programs into one agency had been discussed in the past by several groups, including the President's Council on Youth Opportunity and the President's Advisory Commission on Executive Organization.

Mr. Nixon announced the plan in a speech to