



Editorials

AWARENESS!!

An awareness of self, purpose, goal, objective, mind, environment - happenings, actuality and others is no longer a choice for Black sisters and brothers in North Carolina predominantly black institutions of high-

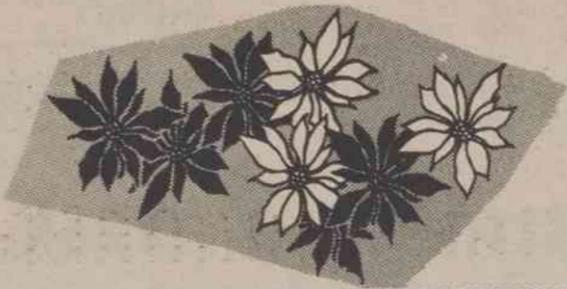
Unity Among Students

WHAT THIS CAMPUS REALLY NEEDS

Of all the things needed on a college campus, unity among students is one of the most essential needs. For instance, our college has had fine leadership in its Student Government Association for the past several years, but the leaders haven't been able to accomplish their goals because of the lack of support from the students. However, support for our football and basketball teams has been tremendous! Practically all the student body loves and cherishes both teams and follows them as far as they can. As a result of unity among the athletes, their goals are achieved with sparkling success. Nevertheless, we as students have seen what unity can produce but are hesitant to use it for our own benefit.

Fraternalities and Sororities should work together as a family and stop tearing each other down as if they are enemies. Freshmen and Sophomores are students just as Juniors and Seniors. Their contributions should not be neglected but accepted and worked into all student body issues. These things will produce something we "all" can be proud of. I suggest using unity to its fullest extent. It is truly one of our greatest needs.

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er learning. It is a necessity in order to survive the terrible crisis we are about to enter. The facilitation of solidarity must be essential to all North Carolina black educators who are concerned about saving the black schools.

We are made aware of incidents that are happening daily to our black sisters and brothers. Moreover the efforts of the white man to phase out the black schools in North Carolina are highly mobilized and systematized. But as aware, liberated Black people we will have to show 'whitey' that we too, can think and we can use critical and analytical thinking and regardless of how many theories say that Black people are inferior and mentally - unable to perform at normal and above-normal capacities, facts show that the impact of white discrimination upon the mental stability of the black people is at an all time high. It has been proven that it is not until the black man is preparing to throw off the shackles of disadvantages, inequality and discrimination that the whitey "racist" try to degrade his mental stability with some lopsided, off-the-wall theory that cannot stand up to scientific investigation.

Awareness is the key to the problem. We simply cannot idly stand by and be phased out. We must become aware of what is happening to us and stop dealing with trivial matters and get down to the pure "grit." We must be meticulous in all matters concerning and having effect upon our future. Let's get together Black People.

Traditional Stolen Christmas

Christmas at Elizabeth City State University is a sight to the eye and one to behold. The traditional Christmas tree lighting is the annual highlight at the University.

The true meaning of Christmas as seen by each individual can be a thing to remember forever. Christmas as seen through the eyes of the students at Elizabeth City State University is a state of mixed emotions and has much diversity.

Each year the students of Elizabeth City State University, the aware Black Vikings, make it a traditional habit to steal the beautiful color bulbs off the Christmas trees, especially the tree in front of the Infirmary. These bulbs are usually taken to the rooms of Vikings on campus to decorate their own rooms.

Often times we are not made aware of exactly what we are doing and what our true purpose on the university campus is. The beautification of our campus, occasion - wise

Minor Conflicts Refuse To Alter Wilmington Situation

SOBU NEWS SERVICE WILMINGTON, N.C. - For the past 9 months, the Black community here has been engaged in an intense struggle. Although very little publicity has been generated, due to the near total press white-out (both in and out of the state), it is well known that Black people have had to resort to armed self defense in the face of continued armed attacks by an alliance of racist law enforcement officials and a group of demonic, deranged crackers calling themselves the Rights Of White People organization (ROWP). According to ROWP there is only one solution to the race problem in this country - "exterminate the niggers."

Twice this year armed confrontations have taken place between the Black community and the white racist unholy alliance. Early in February, the Black community defended itself for 4 days and nights against attacks by the white vigilantes. At the beginning of October, whites again attacked in force and were again repelled. In both cases the vigilantes were aided by members of the police department.

The events of the past few days have indicated that some minor contradictions have arisen between the racist city and state officials and their alter ego on the right, ROWP. The city has temporarily banned use of public parks for gatherings, a move aimed directly at ROWP, who held all their meetings at Hugh McRae park.

Sometimes as many as 700 of their followers would gather to hear their leader, Leroy Gibson, tell about how he was going to "drive the niggers into the sea" which surrounds this port city. Several whites have been arrested (33) for defying the public ban. One had a dozen guns and rifles, plus a large quantity of dynamite in his possession when taken into custody.

Some weeks ago, raids by the US alcohol and firearms officials netted a quantity of homemade shotguns, some of which could fire up to eight

shells simultaneously. All three men arrested in the raid had been actively involved in ROWP activities.

Perhaps even the more sophisticated racists have come to realize that not only have ROWP activities failed, but they have actually proved a catalyst in uniting the Black community and raising the level of political consciousness among the people to an all time high.

The police have not stopped in their campaign to disarm the Black community. Just 2 weeks ago, 2 Black youths who were standing guard at their church were arrested and charged with 'going armed' to the terror of the people. The church, the First African Congregation of the Black Messiah, has been in the forefront of the struggle in Wilmington, and has been threatened with destruction on countless occasions.

Another state of emergency has now been declared, during which police are free to search all cars for weapons. Needless to say, the emergency has been enforced against Blacks only, while the crackers drive around with guns in plain sight. The city police, misleadingly depicted by the establishment press as being at odds with ROWP, nevertheless shows no inclination towards stopping night riding and sniper attacks in the Black community.

Despite all of this, there is a good deal of optimism. Good solid leadership has been characteristic of the Wilmington movement since its inception last December. This leadership not only exists within the self defense cadre, but also at the high school level and even extends to the junior high level. Although the pressure has been great, the Black community has yet to back down. They have faced the worst that the white boy has to offer with the strength inherent in a unified community.

"Our history needs to be written as the history of our society, not as the story of European adventures. African society must be treated as enjoying its own integrity; its history must be a mirror of that society, and the European contact must find its place in this history only as an African experience, even if as a crucial one." - Kwame Nkrumah

Development News

On behalf of the University family and the community, the Office of Development wishes each of you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Don't forget the Annual Fund and your annual contributions. Please keep in contact.

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