

Editorials

Admissions Policy will Hurt Black Institutions

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The recent decision by the UNC Board of Governors requiring common admissions standards for students applying to any of the universities in the 16 member system may prove to be the decisive blow in the face of predominantly Black institutions such as WSSU.

Although the decision by the Board was well-intended, it does not address the fundamental problem of the decreasing enrollment by Blacks at Black universities. What it does is simply strengthen the academic ratings of all schools in the UNC system.

If students are required to have the same grade point averages, S.A.T. scores and core curricula to go to WSSU as UNC-Chapel Hill or N.C. State, what will be the drawing card of this university. That is not to say that WSSU does not have students with the credentials to attend the more "elite" state-supported universities.

Yet it is obvious that the pool of black applicants with the requisite skills to gain admission to the UNC system is limited. As it stands now, a head-to-head battle for Black applicants by White universities and Black universities is eminent.

So where will that leave WSSU in the battle for prospective Black students?

This will be a major issue affecting the future of WSSU. How the university deals with this situation will determine whether the university remains a predominantly Black institution. Certainly efforts are being made by the university to keep its black heritage. However, in order to compete for qualified black students by 1988 (when the admissions policy goes into effect) this university has to develop incentives for attracting top-quality black students. This is not an issue that WSSU or any other Black university can merely sit back and watch take effect.

It is the responsibility of the administration, faculty and students alike to enhance the appeal of the university. Without a campaign designed to bolster the public image, academic atmosphere and physical attractiveness of this campus, WSSU as a predominantly Black institution may become a relic of the past.

By Sam Davis
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Letters :

Dear Chancellor Covington,

PRAISE THE LORD

Thank you for your kind remembrance of our beloved son, David and also of us.

We thank the Lord that David was blessed to have been a part of the family of WSSU. The resolution is beautiful; it really touched our hearts.

We want you, your faculty, staff and the whole student body to know that as you share our loss of the physical presence of David, we also want you to share our joy of knowing that David lives, because Jesus lives. David has only gone home to our heavenly Father.

We don't understand the circumstances of David's going home to the Master, but we know that God is in control, and we know not to lean to our own understanding; we walk by faith and not by sight.

David was a special child, and we loved and will always love him. His spirit lives on in our hearts and we always feel his presence.

The Lord has blessed us even in allowing David to come home to him, as he Blessed us in the 23 years he shared David with us. He gave us unspeakable joy.

We thank the Lord for his work which has sustained us. We are enclosing a copy of a song David wrote shortly after coming to know the Lord for himself. We have found the words to be very comforting.

Our prayer for the entire Family of WSSU is that everyone will come to know Jesus and to walk with him daily. We hope the students will study God's Word along with their other studies.

May God continue to Bless all of you. We will always feel a part of the Family of WSSU, as there is so much love there. We love you all.

Sincerely,
With Love in Jesus Name
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