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Registration Changes Needed

Registration here at NCC is becoming increasingly unbearable—The administration must find it quite jovial because little has been done to overcome this problem. Many schools throughout the nation have found remedies for these problems—but here, little.

We must admit that the school is under staffed, and under paid, but this is solely an error of the administration.

But we are hard pressed to find an excuse for the personnel concerned when registration officials return leisurely 15-minutes late from lunch. We are at wits-ends to find a plausible excuse for the large amount of time the ladies spend conversing with each other rather than registering the student.

While we are handing out praise for the inefficient way in which registration was conducted, we do not want to overlook the blundering, floundering, security officers, whose egocentricities kept the students unnecessarily waiting in the hot sun while they playfully passed out slips of paper.

Although it is far from our intentions to criticize, we feel duty-bound to point out that the real chaos of the administrative procedure was not caused by inherent flaws in the procedure itself—but rather by the inefficiency and incompetence of those concerned with its execution. It is indeed necessary to say that we are well aware of the fact that the Registrar's Office and Business Office may be under staffed. We are also aware that registration is nerve-wracking, painstaking, and a frustrating experience. We also know that it is neither eagerly enjoyed, nor vastly liked, by either the workers or the students. But, since it is a necessary activity, it is our opinion that all concerned should measure up to their responsibilities and realize that there is more to life than returning from lunch 15 minutes late.

Housing Problem Apparent

Over the past few years, the housing of the vast number of students here at NCC has been a problem—but this problem has grown steadily worse. And realizing the need for living accommodations, the people of the community of Durham are attempting to solve this problem.

There are provisions been made by the State, Dr. Massie and the administration of the college to further alleviate this problem. They have begun work on the new men's dormitory, which is in the shape of a horse shoe. Land has been bought to begin construction on the new women's dormitory on George Street.

The staff and personnel of the school are working until the late hours of the night, attempting to find the most adequate of living facilities that are best suited for the student's health, welfare and social interest. In fact, some of the personnel have even gone as far as to take a number of students into their homes and accept them as part of their families.

In talking to some of the college's officials, we have found that some are still at wits-ends with the housing of the students and feel that there should be more done concerning the student's living accommodations. Also, it was added that the city of Durham should be commended on the way that it's community has rushed head-on into this situation and attempted to give the State, College and students a helping hand.

But in passing out praises, we do not want to overlook the main-stream behind this gigantic movement, the Deans of Women, Men, and Students; Dr. Massie; the faculty and staff, who should be given the highest commendations.

Courtesy, Respect Needed

NCC's officials are always asking the students to patronize the college facilities. In fact, at every assembly; on every bulletin board, one finds the same "tired material." patronize the college facilities. For what, when the actual intelligence of the students is insulted?

When we attempt to purchase a book from our "enormous" book store we are treated dirt. The courtesy that we receive is practically unbelievable—One is snarled upon, in fact almost spat upon, when trying to get service. Yet, you want us to patronize, for what? At the bookstore downtown, we are treated with kindness and respect—and if the material that we order is not in stock, they will attempt to get it for us—but here, they don't give a darn.

You ask to be accepted in society as a total citizen, but yet, you fail to practice what you speak. If you do not give respect and courtesy at home, what do you expect Charlie to do

Welcome, New Students

NCC's Campus Echo takes pride in welcoming to NCC the freshmen and new students. We hope that you will find here the educational, social, and factual learning that is necessary for this new "slant on life."

The Echo office is always open for comments and information so that if at any time you need assistance and guidance in any field, feel free to call on us. Again, we, the "Echo Staff" welcome you.

Book Review

KING'S 'WHY WE CAN'T WAIT' ELOQUENT WORK

By Gordon Moore

The pleas and explanation for Racial Equality are many, and have been echoed over the centuries and across many lands. Yet, no plea in its favor has been more eloquently presented than that by Dr. Martin Luther King in his latest book, **Why We Can't Wait**. This book displays a great deal of understanding and intuitiveness which could only have been voiced by one vitally concerned with the problem or race relations.

Although to many, much seems reiterated (for the "um-teenth" time) to many others—among them, the not so cognizant—the book is completely new.

Why We Can't Wait, is based in part upon King's **Letter From The Birmingham Jail**, which just happens to be included within the covers. You will of

course, recall that this letter was in reply to one letter from white clergymen, of the Lone Star State, who felt that King was seeking too much too soon.

This letter was from the typical white moderate whom King describes as being "more devoted to order, than to justice . . .

The moderate feels that the Negro should "wait" (which is a word synonymous with never), for "a more current season." He believes in our goal but can't quite agree with our method of direct action.

This gentleman fails to understand that "justice too long delayed is justice denied."

King summarizes this point well when he implies that to the Negro today, lukewarm reception from shallow-minded people of good will is more frustrating and bewildering, than absolute misunderstanding and outright rejection.

For the book, Dr. King outlines in detail the events, forces, and the pressures that led Americans to move across the country in sit-ins, prayer marches and freedom demonstrations. Through these, he exemplifies his Christian belief in moral courage. He says that there is something in the American ethos "that responds to the strength of moral force." And with this belief he tells how he is able to change rising hatred into constructive energy—which seems to be the backbone of his nonviolent movement.

The exigency of this movement is dramatized well. And from start to present, this writer can recall no better story of the struggle which is now occurring or a better prediction of the one that will inevitably ensue.

And for those of you who still feel that we **must wait** for a better time—let me remind you in the words of Dr. King, "that such an attitude stems from a tragic misconception of time, from the strongest irrational notion that there is something in the very flow of time that will inevitably cure all ills." While in all actuality, time itself is neutral and can be used constructively or destructively.

Thus sayeth King, the slow ebbing of the Negro's faith in litigation as the primary method of attaining freedom is all a result of the failure of our nation's leaders to implement the law—This implementation we seek—This denial we choose to correct—This exploitation, we will change.

Cobb Assumes SG Leadership

By Robert M. Selden

North Carolina College's Student Government Association is under the present reign of Mr. Hilton Cobb, Senior Political Science Major, of Washington, D. C. Cobb, servant and emancipator for the students, will attempt to live up to the faith placed in him by the students of this institution.

He has already gotten started in his new position. He no longer works in the cafeteria but has become a changed man. His attitude toward the school, student, and faculty has changed totally.

At present, Cobb feels that every student's rights, wants, and advantages should be of the greatest concern. He speaks of having a Homecoming Parade this fall and he has already filed for permission from the city manager. There has not yet been any reply from the city manager's office.

As far as dealings with the administration of the school, there have been none officially; however, Mr. Cobb is pleased with the cooperation of everyone—"From President Massie on down. . . ." Things might get just a little rougher when he submits his request for a salary for himself and the S G Vice-President. This may be in order; however it has been done before, and if Mr. Cobb can serve his student body well enough to justify this move, perhaps this idea of salaries may be extended, even further than intended. These other areas take into consideration the editors of the Echo and Eagle and the secretaries of the Student Government Association and Echo.

Dean Challenges

Thorpe Calls Students To Excel

By Dean M. D. Thorpe

Greetings! So here we are again, a bit older, more sophisticated and ready to make this a truly successful year as Eagles. The absence of last year's seniors arouses a feeling of sadness, but the promise of this year's freshman class makes us realize that we must use the best of the past to insure the future of the new.

Those of us in Student Personnel Services extend a most cordial welcome to each of you. We know that the North Carolina College student represents nothing but the best. Also, we know that all of us must work harder to make that "best" bet-

ter. In fact, we insist upon it.

Upperclassmen will be pushed in all respects of good student life by most of the 1020 plus freshmen students who were admitted. Freshmen will be pulled by the 1300 plus upperclassmen (two to one ratio, female over male) who have already and realistically attained the rank of "sophist" or above. None of us will mind the pushing and pulling as long as it follows the college's path to college goals, which all of us have helped to establish. Is this what you intend to do? If so, go ahead and push. Go ahead and pull—see if we care.

Letters to Editor

Campus, Other Problems Viewed

To The Editor:

I pose one question. At the beginning of each semester, who is supposed to alleviate the anxiety of those poor displaced young females whose fate their parents entrusted to this school's administration?

Can't an administration, which sees reason to admit an ever increasing number of new students, thereby accepting responsibility for them, guarantee suitable accommodations?

There have been numerous stories circulating on campus of young ladies in dire circumstances and desperate need of relief.

With other items of varying degree, which invariably find their way before the administration, certainly this situation warrants concern.

Gordon Moore

Dear Editor:

Compulsory forum attendance at North Carolina College is doing more harm than good.

Students are required to attend the forum meetings every week whether they are interesting or not. Because the majority of these meetings are neither informative nor interesting, students sit in their seats and either talk to their neighbor, or study the lessons for their next class.

Others who choose to skip assembly and study in the library or dormitory accumulate overcuts at the end of the semester.

If the forum is to serve any useful purpose at all, plans should be made now to make it more interesting and beneficial to the student.

Dear Editor:

. . . The sooner the American Negro starts to solve his own problems, the sooner he will be fully integrated into the American society of which he is an inextricable part.

Recent events have made significant advances for the Negro, but at the same time, on the Community level, these events, in many cases have created confusion. The ideas set forth herein, are not considered a complete solution; they only constitute a step in the proper direction.

Education of the Negro, in both Negro and white schools, has failed and neglected to train and prepare the Negro for Local Leadership among his people. Recent polls show that Negroes are ready to move politically, ready to break out of their traditional inaction and to influence elections.

At the present time, the strength of organization and development among Negroes, lies, for the most part in ignoring the matured intellectual Negro, and in seeking leadership and organizational material among the Youth, the illiterate and the untrained.

The answer to many problems which the Negro faces is (see Campus page 8)