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Black Leadership Combines Forces

For the first time in Durham, the so-called middle class black leadership has combined forces with the leadership from the black grassroots in the form of a functioning committee. The committee, the Black Solidarity Committee for Community Improvement, will strive to unify and solidify black people of Durham in their efforts to improve conditions for the total community.

The Selective Buying Campaign, which is to remain in effect through the Christmas holidays, has been chosen as one vehicle through which the unity of the community can be achieved. To this end a 15-page document containing the grievances of the black community was submitted to the Chamber of Commerce and the Durham Merchant Association. The black community is demanding the immediate satisfaction of their grievances. The protest for equal justice is centered around the following areas: education, housing—public and private, equal justice under the law, more representation on governing boards better employment opportunities, and the establishment of a human relations commission.

The following represents some of the specific demands of the overall larger areas mentioned above:

—On welfare

More money in the budget for insurance premiums. Better distribution of surplus money. Reviewing of the appeals procedure and employing more appeal officers and workers. Resolution by local board demanding State compliance with Federal Programs. Welfare recipients be permitted to use emergency rooms and out clinics of all hospitals.

—On employment

More blacks to be hired at all level of employment with emphasis on the Gas Company, General Telephone, Duke Power, and all automobile dealers.

Local government to participate in all available training programs. Encouraging new business with fair and non-discriminatory practices to come to Durham. Reinstatement of Watts employees without penalty.

—On education

Increased representation from the black community on city school boards. Elimination of all discrimination in employment of teachers and nonacademic help in school system. Publishing a report that accounts for the expenditures of Elementary and Secondary Education Act funds. Afro-American courses at all levels of the school system. Selection of texts which correctly depict the black man's role in the development of our society.

—On equal justice

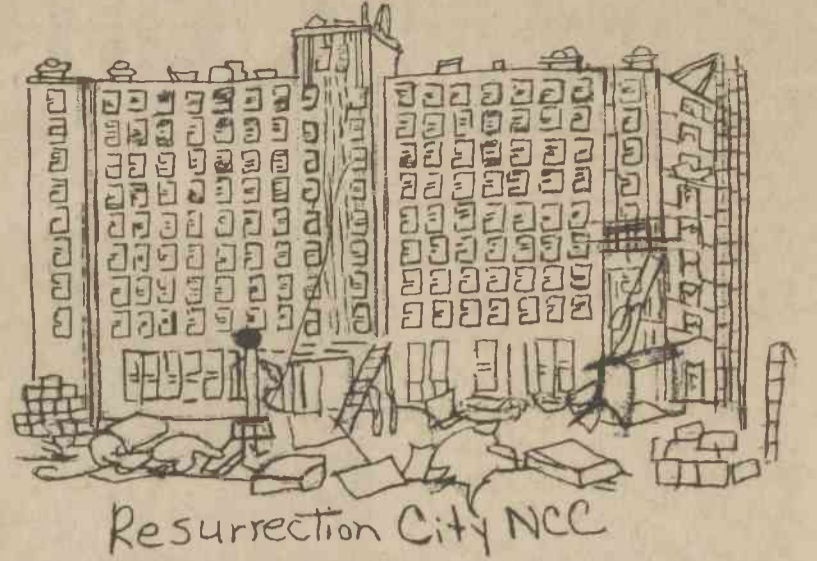
More black employees in the Court System., Appointment of black magistrates. All persons be treated with equal dignity before the law. Laws administered on a nondiscriminatory basis.

—On private housing

Stricter Housing Code Enforcement Plan. Open Occupancy Ordinance. Construction of single homes for low income people. Additional hearing on use of land for urban renewal.

—On public housing

More black representation and



SGA PRESIDENT LOOKS AT NCC

By ALFRED WHITESIDES

I would like to take this opportunity to speak as a regular student of North Carolina College and not as president of the Student Government. I would like to indicate what I, as a present student of the College, expect of the institution and some indication of where I think it is failing to meet these expectations, and what I think should be done to remedy this potential failure. I think it would be easiest to put my expectations into three main categories—social, administrative, and most importantly academic.

Socially we are far behind the times. I would like to refer to a section from the 1967-68 North Carolina College Catalog concerning social activities. "The social program is planned so that each individual may develop into a cultural person. An annual calendar of special events is given, including social affairs, sponsored by the institution, by faculty members and by student groups. "I agree with this section of the catalog 100%, but having it in writing is one thing, and practicing is another.

If we practice what we preach, socially, we would have very few problems or complaints. If the social program were actually designed to develop cultured persons, the open dormitory system could be instituted for upperclass women; women could be allowed to visit Chidley Hall, as well as having other social privileges that we do not have but should have. I guess many of you wonder how this would be possible. The answer is very simple, we would have something that I do not think North Carolina College has ever had, but something that must be developed in the very near future, and that is a school culture.

How can this culture be developed? Again I have to refer to page 39 of the 1967-68 catalog, the section on Social Activities, "Social affairs sponsored by the institution, by faculty members, and by student groups." In the past the social affairs sponsored by the college have been far below standards for an institution of higher learning. Last year's lyceum programs were a waste of time and money. As long as the offices of the Dean of Men and Dean of Women stay with tradition and have social functions such as the "Apple Polisher's Tea," "Eagle's Week-end," and "Co-ed Weekend," it is easy to see why we have social problems.

I look forward to the day when the faculty members come down out of their "ivory towers" and face the students as men and women and not as machines that they spend an hour a day with three times a week

in order to be able to pick up their checks at the end of the month. By this I mean associate with the students in class as well as out. When you meet a student on campus, stop and talk to him as a person and do not always be too busy or in a hurry to talk to students. I am the first to admit that many do, but the majority of the faculty can only be found in the classroom. I cannot put all of the blame on the faculty and administration. I think the student groups should do a lot less dancing and going to movies, and have more social events from which they can get something worthwhile.

I think the faculty, administration, and students together can bring North Carolina College out of her social backwardness with very little planning and time. I know the budgets are small in many cases, but let us stop throwing money away on worthless social functions and have worthwhile ones. Until we develop a school culture we will be fighting a losing battle trying to progress socially at North Carolina College.

Administratively, I look forward to the day when the students have equal representation on all major committees of the college. I know it is said that we have equal representation, but how can we have equal representation on all the major committees when one of the most important committees, the Undergraduate Council, has no student representation. For this coming school year I have been asked to appoint three student observers to each of these committees. Since this college was founded in early 20th century, students have been observing the functions of the major committees of the college. How can we possibly be changing with the times when we are asking the students to still "observe" in 1968 over 40 years later? I can say though, that we have equal representation on the very important Student Welfare Committee and many other major committees. I think this shows that we are making a step in the right direction, but why not take the rest of the steps so that we will not be headed in the right direction, but be on the right side.

An outsider looking at the administrative red tape that we have here would probably wonder why this place did not explode like South Carolina State, Fayetteville State and many other colleges. It certainly would be much easier for the students to rebel and get what they want instead of going through the proper channels. Even though this is a state institution, there is no excuse for all the forms a student group must fill out to

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Welcome To Land Of The Eagles

NCC's Campus Echo takes pride in welcoming to NCC the freshmen and new students and the new faculty and new staff who will work with them. It is our sincere hope that for all of you, this year will be profitable and interesting. We invite you to join our Eagle family; to take an interest in our great school; and to apply your talents. We encourage you to go through your college career in a significant way and take advantage of the many opportunities available here. Above all we ask that you uphold our motto "Truth and Service" and remember that "the Eagle is no common barnyard fowl; the Eagle is a high flying bird."

WHAT IN BLAZES IS NCC?

NCC is a peculiar animal which often defies an acceptable academic definition. At times it is oppressing, depressing, and domineering. Yet at entirely the same instance it is a loving family, warm home, and close friends. NCC is anger and disgust at not whipping the hell out of A.&T. Yet it is a heart palpitating with pride during a homecoming parade.

NCC is the blight of a campus constantly disrupted by constructions. Yet it is a beautiful campus festooned with gently sloping hills and soft verdant greens. NCC is dull professors who beleaguer students with rote regulations of totally irrelevant facts. Yet it is bright stimulating instructors who constantly instill in their students that initial stimulus for a spark called knowledge which slowly but surely may mature into the flame of wisdom.

NCC is professors whose only claim to fame among their cohorts is the number of students they failed the previous semester. Yet oddly it is the unsung heroics of fine instructors whose sole objective is the assimilation of ideas and the eternal "why" to their proteges. North Carolina College is the rail and students who pursue a B.S. in "railogy." Yet it is conscientious students who study hard and plug for every quality point. N.C.C. is an apathetic student who cares nothing about himself and very little for his alma mater. Yet conversely, it is the staff members of all the campus organizations who give freely of themselves and their time with little hope of gratitude or gratuities.

North Carolina College is getting your brains blown in a rough course. It is breezing through a sop course. N.C.C. is an institute of higher "education." It is a seat of superb erudition. N.C.C. is an Eagle's nest of fledging idiots. It is an initial proving ground for hopeful black leadership. It is a winter of utter despair. It is a spring of reinvigorated hope.

N.C.C. is the epitome of the grand moronic mediocrity. It could be the blossoming fetus of black excellence. N.C.C. is small people with even narrower

minds. It is a dynamic president with plans for a future. N.C.C. is the many "thems". Yet in the final analysis, North Carolina College is you. It is all that you must desire it to be. It must be only what you are, be you dull, dead, or damned. For whatever you may wish it to be, it is what it is because it is you.

Political Outlook Viewed By Myatt

Men are resorting to violence these days because they are told they have no peaceful and legal remedies for their grievances. It is a common complaint heard all the way from Chicago to Vietnam, and from Moscow to Suez and Nigeria, but violence does not seem to be working either. The record of the past few years in fact proves this statement true.

Even in the United States it would be hard to prove that the protestors once they crossed the lines from peaceful dissent and civil protest to violent confrontation have helped their cause or removed or diminished their grievances.

Pressure in politics works up to a point. The peaceful demonstration of the American Negroes did produce some legal remedies in the fifties and in the first half of the sixties. Without them, who is to say that the indifference and legal inequality of the last one-hundred years would have been removed?

Vice President Humphrey and former Vice President Nixon almost seem irrelevant to the problem. Mr. Nixon is talking about the effect of the violence, the insecurity of the cities, while Mr. Humphrey is talking more about the cause of the violence, the economic and spiritual poverty of the lower class in the slums.

Neither of them, however, is generating much enthusiasm for neither has yet put forth a convincing program for dealing with the scope of violence. Nixon is offering us more cops and more war. Humphrey is offering us more Lyndon Johnson, and George Wallace is getting

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