

WORDS OF WISDOM

Mistakes occur when a man is over-worked or over-confident.  
—William Feather.

Advertising is like running a furnace—you have to keep on shoveling coal.  
—Wm. Wrigley, Jr.

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## WORLD WIDE ATTENTION



MUNICH: Kenya's Julius Sang (R), unidentified Olympic officials and medalbearers (L) stand at stiff attention during the playing of the American national anthem at the awards ceremony here 9/7 following the Olympic 400-meter run for men. At center the American first and second placers, Vincent Matthews (hand on hip) and Wayne Collett (barefoot, holding shoes) stand at ease and chat.

## "Do Your Own Black Thing" In Speech Is Academic Trap

Bright young white teachers from good schools and financially secure homes often play down the importance of teaching reading and the other basic "tool" skills to the poor black kids in the ghetto. They see the effort as an endorsement of the establishment. So much of school time ought to be spent playing the bongo drums or rapping, or just listening to masterpieces from the underground press. But young white teachers from good schools and financially secure homes are not the only advocates of this "do your own black thing." Black teachers and black poets and black editors have joined the crusade to make little black boys and girls happy in their hang-ups with the classroom.

There is a professional recording that is currently making the rounds which argues the case for black dialect, for example, and this presentation follows the format advanced by the entire school of "do your own black thing." Black dialect should be accepted for what it is, a method of communication between human beings. Black dialect should not be regarded as an index to intelligence, or lack of intelligence. Black dialect deserves equal time with the other dialects that are spoken and enjoyed in America.

However, when the dialect of inner city school children is projected as the "language of their culture" and a determined effort is made to justify the "teaching" of the basic structure of distorted English in the formative years, this linguistic approach becomes another innovate nightmare that could retard the progress of generations of poor black school children. Sloppy pronunciations are

supposed to be catchy and incomplete sentences are colorful because they portray the vivid life styles that are so exciting in the ghetto. So a series of "yeah's" and "you dig's," overlaid with repeated "right's" can be used for hours on end as a fitting substitute for a simple working vocabulary in standard English. This is an academic trap which should be challenged by the parents of the children involved and discouraged by dedicated classroom teachers everywhere.

The advocates of "do your own black thing" may really want to help disadvantaged boys and girls develop a positive self-image and race pride, but this thrust for black dialect actually seems another way of saying that since black children cannot be educated to become literate Americans, a substitute method must be found and accepted—a method, incidentally, which takes black and white teachers off the hook for inferior pupil performance in reading and oral and written communication.

There isn't anything poetic about being poor, and there just isn't anything exciting or thrilling about the so-called "culture of poverty" to those people who are poor and tarped in the bleakness of their poverty. And they cannot change their status by pretending that it is exotic and breath-taking to be poor and ignorant and powerless. Perpetuating black dialect is not the answer. Learning to speak and read the mother tongue might be. And I regard the English language as the mother tongue since all of the little boys and girls that I used to teach around Lenox Avenue and 135th Street were

English speaking.

The situation is simply this: The black kids who are in school now will have to compete for jobs with people who have been educated in the accepted culture that prevails in this country. And it is a cruel hoax for teachers or poets or editors or "leaders" to make children feel that a romantic excursion in distorted grammar will help them with this overwhelming task.

## Law Student Interns Aid Court System

This summer, fifteen third year law students from NCCU, Duke, Wake Forest and UNC law schools participated in the Solicitor/Defender Internship Program. The Program was started in 1971 and involved twelve third year law students. This program, as originally conceived, ran for twelve weeks during the summer. The success of the program has made it possible to expand and increase the number of participants; six of whom will continue at their present locations on a part-time basis throughout the coming school year.

The objectives of the Solicitor/Defender Program are: 1. Providing immediate manpower assistance, through the work of law students to Solicitor/Defenders in North Caro-

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## NEW APPOINTEE

Dr. E. Lavonia Allison, chairman of the Durham County Democratic Executive Committee has been appointed to the new Democratic Party



DR. E. LAVONIA ALLISON

Commission on Delegate Selection. She served as an official delegate to National Democratic Convention.

Democratic National Committee Chairman Jean Westwood announced the new appointment.

The new Commission is the successor to the former McGovern-Fraser Commission. Its purpose will be to review the guidelines for delegate selection and propose methods for increasing participation in 1976.

Dr. Allison currently serves as Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, North Carolina Central University. She is the wife of F.V. Allison, Jr., and they are the parents of two children.

## Naval ROTC Unit Installed At North Carolina Central

NCCU new Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps formally swore in 12 freshman holders of NROTC Scholarships on Thursday, September 7 at 2:00 p.m.

The 12 became members of the Naval Reserve, holding the rank of Midshipman Fourth Class, USNR. Commander Raymond A. Lambert, commanding officer of the NCCU unit, performed the swearing in ceremonies.

Attending the ceremony were 21 non-scholarship members of the unit. These "contract students" will not officially

ally join the Navy until they begin their junior year.

The new midshipmen include Clifton E. Bryant, Kansas City, Kan.; Donny T. Davenport, Clinton, S.C.; Roxey O. Ellis, St. Louis, Mo.; Richard S. Faurot, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Paul C. Fields, Duquesne, Pa.; William J. Harkins, Akron, Ohio; Cornell L. Johnson, McKeesport, Pa.; Worthy, Boston, Mass; and Reginald Rice, Macon, Ga.

The contract students include Floyd Donald Alston,

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NCCU NAVAL ROTC UNIT



**FAMOUS CUSTOMER** - Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. (right), pastor of Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, is served an ice cream cone by

Edward Turner, 9, as his father, George, keeps a close eye on his son's technique. George Turner, a successful Atlanta business executive,

recently opened a Dipper Dan Ice Cream Shoppe in Atlanta, becoming the first black to own one of the Swift & Company ice cream franchises.

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## Bond, Lewis Urge Student Involvement In Voter Drive

Georgia State Representative Julian Bond and John Lewis, Executive Director of the Voter Education Project (VEP) urged students from campuses of NCCU and Durham College to go out and "organize the unorganized and register the unregistered" for a greater involvement in the political processes of our times.

Winding up a three day tour of North Carolina, the students were urged to "reject the negative definitions" of politics as the art of compromise.

Bond also suggested that they adopt the new defini-

tion of politics—"the art of seeing who gets how much of what from whom. We are the who—who haven't gotten much of anything from

from you-know-who".

It was also pointed out that neither Bond nor Lewis were telling people who to vote for.

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## Roy Wilkins Labels Arab Olympic Attack Sickening

NEW YORK—Following the September 6th murder of 11 Israeli athletes by Arab terrorists at the Olympic games in Munich, West Germany, Roy Wilkins, Executive Director of the NAACP, called the guerrilla cation "sickening and enraging."

"It is almost an affront to decency itself to feel impelled to make a public condemnation of such an atrocity," he added.

The eight Palestinian Arab terrorists were members of a group known as "Black September." They had scaled the

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## Mayor Lee To Open Black Historical Art Exhibit Sunday

CHAPEL HILL—Walk into the Ackland Art Center on the University of North Carolina Campus here and you are confronted with a Slave Ship which partially blanks one wall of the main gallery.

It's awesome moment.

Three hundred years of black history pours across the vision in this total gallery-wide multi-media college including works by Larry Rivers, a white

American jazz musician turned artist, and six friends, all black, who interpret visually the black experience on these shores.

The Ackland has invited Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee to officially open the exhibit on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to join the Mayor and the opening reception.

The exhibit will remain at

the Ackland Art Center through October 29.

Titled "Some American History," the exhibition represents a single extraordinary commission by the Menil Foundation to artist Rivers. He was commissioned to bring up the subject of "Black" and to deal with it.

"More than being an artist," Rivers states, "I am a

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## Syphilis Experiments Attacked As Genocide

It is appalling that the Syphilis experiments started in the 1930's should ever have occurred. They were inhumane, immoral and racist in nature. It is shameful that the Public Health Service should conduct experiments with human beings who submitted only to have sufficient funds to exist and to provide for their fam-

lies.

In 1932 U. S. Public Health Service venereal disease section started a study on syphilis. 625 Black men from the county surrounding Tuskegee, Alabama were involved. They were poor and in most instances uneducated. Two hundred of the men did not have syphilis and 425 of them had latent (and therefore non-communicable) syphilis. There was little if any treatment for them. As a reward for participating in the study, they were offered free treatment for any other illnesses, free hot lunches and free burial after autopsies were performed.

At the time the test began there was no certain cure for syphilis. Penicillin's effectiveness against syphilis became known, it was not prescribed for use on those who were the subjects of the test.

This was a demonstration of utter brutality and non-compassion. Many of the subjects of the test died because of complications caused by syphilis. Thus the charge of genocide. The Congressional Black Caucus has called for reparations for the victims and their

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THE SLAVE SHIP is part of the exhibition, "Some American History," which opens Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Ack-

land Art Center, UNC-CH. Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee will officially open the show

at 2:00 p.m. The panoramic multi-media college is a major exhibition of national impor-

tance conceived by white artist Larry Rivers and six Black artists.