

# Student Says Racial Discrimination Exists At UNCC



MISS LULA GASKIN  
...CMS teacher

## Las Amigas Honors

### Miss Lula B. Gaskin

A plaque commemorating 30 years service to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System was presented to Miss Lula B. Gaskin recently by the Mecklenburg Chapter of Las Amigas Incorporated.

The honoree was the first president of the club, said an announcement. She served in a number of offices including her present position of chairman of the Founders' Day committee.

Miss Gaskin is a member of Clinton Chapel AME Zion

Church. She is active in the Missionary and Day Care Boards.

She is a member of Pisgah Temple, 228 Elks of the World. Service with the Elks include nine years as Grand District Deputy.

Her sorority is Beta Eta. She served as treasurer locally and as youth advisor nationally.

She has traveled to a number of places including several States, Bermuda, Canada and Europe.

Flower arrangements and bulb planting were discussed at a recent meeting of the Druid Hill Garden Club.

The club met at the home of Mrs. Della Simmons, 1115 Druid Circle, Thursday, November 11.

Part of the meeting included an explanation of the correct way to prepare soil for bulb planting. Mrs. Hattie McCree

demonstrated how the bulb must be planted at a certain depth for success.

One of the flower arrangements made at the meeting was presented to Mrs. Rebecca Patterson, a new member of the club. This special arrangement was made by Mrs. Minnie Conner.

Members of the club also planned their annual Christmas party.

### Special To The Post

The budget for the Children of the Sun, the black gospel choir of UNCC, has been placed before Student Legislature for the third time. Each time, the budget has been rejected with no real valid explanations. This makes us, the members of the Children of the Sun, wonder if Racial Discrimination exists at UNCC.

The choir's original budget was approximately \$4,600. This covered the director's salary, choir robes, transportation expenses, supplies, publicity, concert performances, postage, historians, and gas. After a series of rejections by the legislature, the final budget amounted to approximately

\$2,800. This cut required the Children of the Sun to curtail much that was essential to its program; however, the latter budget was not approved.

These cuts did not come

without reason. The director's salary, which was \$1,000, was allegedly too much; our budget was allegedly not in by the May 1st deadline; there is already a functional choir on campus; the student legislature alleged that the Children of the Sun did nothing to raise funds until they thought that their budget was going to be refused. The Student Legislature's strongest argument was that they didn't have enough money. Yes, there are reasons, but we question the validity of these reasons.

Let's examine them one at a time. Although the legislature claims that the director's salary was too high, most choir directors are faculty members who command much larger funds. Our director is a very talented pianist who has had much experience as a choir director. Musicians of his quality are usually paid much more than we asked, which means that he is mak-

ing a sacrifice in working with our choir.

Our budget was allegedly not in by the May 1st deadline. Legislature says this, but the truth is that legislature has no record of when it, or any of the other budgets, were turned in. We think this says something about the efficiency of the legislature. And during the hearing on our budget, although we stated that the budget was submitted on time, legislature simply ignored these statements, which seemingly constituted bias on the part of the student legislature.

Legislature says that there is already a functional choir on campus. That's all fine and good, but we are a separate choir serving a need and function distinct from any other musical group on campus. We feel that we should be supported in our endeavors. We are a chartered body on campus, and no matter where we go to sing, we go as the

UNCC Children of the Sun. We are not working only for ourselves; we also represent UNCC. We are enhancing its popularity, including the one's who are cutting our budget.

Student Legislature alleged that the Children of the Sun did nothing to raise funds until it was apparent that the budget would fail but there were plans prepared even before the budget was submitted. Fund raising programs, such as the Miss Black Gospel

Choir Contest, dances, car washes, and other activities were planned and scheduled for this semester. So we have been trying to do for ourselves, but we do need help. Since we represent a dimension of UNCC and exist as a chartered body on campus, we should be helped by our legislature. Is it fair to be cruel to those who serve you? Besides, funding chartered bodies on campus is one of the functions of the legislature.

Lastly, the legislature says that they just don't have enough money. According to our sources, we had our budget in by the May 1st deadline. Legislature had plenty of money then. They looked at our

budget, without even considering where these expenses were going, and said that the sum was too much. We submitted an outline which went virtually unnoticed. The legislature didn't even look at the validity of our needs. They just looked at the sum total and said, "SORRY, NO DEAL." A third grader could do that. A third grader could make a decision with no regard to the substantial evidence. Student Legislature is supposed to be made up of college students. So why could they not act in a manner appropriate to college students.

As you can see, there is considerable weakness in their reasons for rejecting our

budget and since these given reasons don't hold up, we feel that there maybe a deeper hidden reason behind the budget refusal. There are only two black school funded organizations at UNCC. Every year, at least one of them has to go through the Student Legislature. Is this just coincidental or are there ulterior motives? We think there are; so much that we ask, "Does Racial Discrimination Exist at UNCC?"

WHY? Why do you persecute us? We who have stood by you? Why do you try to kill us? Through reasons that are not true. Aren't we all your children? Are double standards fair? We go to many cities carrying your name. But still you turn against us. Tell me what's your game? If you will not stand by us, Don't tell us your lies! Why be cruel to the ones who serve you?

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