

# BLACK IMAGE

by humphrey cummings

Next semester will mark the half way mark in the life of the Black Studies Committee of UNCC. (Assuming an undergraduate life of four years to prepare one to fend for himself) The Black Studies Committee was appointed by the chancellor and chaired by Dean Mathias of the College of Humanities and charged to study the need, resources, and feasibility of establishing a Black Studies Program at UNCC. The BSC was viewed with suspicion from its inception - the birth child of confusion, tension, and near-violent confrontation. Unlike most infants the BSC was destined to crawl along unguided and with little direction for quite some time. Then the Committee was given five goals, to summarize -- 1. individual aid to Black students as an incentive to success and ad a corrective instrument in removing "root and branch" de jure school segregation from the N. C. education process; 2. a major/minor interdisciplinary program in Black studies; 3. exploration and research in all spheres of Black culture; 4. a living exposition hall of the soul and body of Black awareness; and 5. a vehicle of self liberation for Blacks and the final destruction of "the white man's burden" for others -- to guide its life.

At the beginning this homeless child was up for grabs from two spheres, the establishment on one hand and the Black students on campus on the other. The Black students in deference allowed the Great White Father (Big Daddy to many) adopt the child. Certainly such a powerful daddy as this - personnel, resources, space, organizational structure, etc. - could provide this child with all the nutriment for a successful development. The Black students were assigned the role of godfathers.

As the child reached a discerning age, it soon concluded that it was no more than a stepchild to his father of many. All Big Daddy's other kids shunned this child.

One day the child openly quabbled. It was told of the many problems Big Daddy faced and how it should be assured that its share of the spoils were being protected and how Big Daddy sometimes had to hunt in round about manners so as to avoid detection and perhaps slaughter. The child felt a little safer but still unloved.

Now, as the child approaches the middling years it is surer than ever before that there's no feelings in Big Daddy's heart for it. Christmas is coming and Big Daddy has already sent his list to Santa's statewide headquarters in Raleigh. All the other kids are in for lots of building blocks to build buildings and the latest in new machine toys and all kinds of supplies and services and new dolls to play with and lots and lots of stuff. The BSC child is clothless, and hungry, and shelterless, but it saw no goodies on Big Daddy's list for it. The child is mindful of the little time he has left to reach maturity and be able to fend for itself and hold its head up among the people around it.

But, feeling very sad and alone, the child doesn't know what to do or where to go. It remembers, however, that it has some godfathers with the duty-bound obligation to care for it and raise it if for some reason its daddy can't or won't. Will the godfathers save this unfortunate child?

## Mental retardation careers

All future teachers, social workers, psychologists, nurses, speech therapists, and other interested parties listen up. Thursday, December 10, will be Careers Day in Mental Retardation at UNCC. It's free.

It'll start in the Parquet Room at 9:00 and last all day. There will be about 200 to 300 high school

students at the function. Any interested persons are welcome.

A film, "A World the Right Size" will be shown. There will be study sessions in such areas as special education, nursing, social work, vocational rehabilitation, psychology, and others in the rooms near the Parquet Room.

**PARK DRIVE IN!**

**THE HERLOCKER BURGER**

## Radio station request \$600 from SGA funds

by charlie peek

The foundations were laid for the SGA and Theta Psi to jointly open a book exchange on campus at the legislatures first meeting since the holidays. Two organizational constitutions were also passed, and the Student Broadcasting Association was allotted more money to help start their operations.

The provisions for the SGA-Theta Psi book exchange operations are 1) The Theta Psi Fraternity will supply all manual labor for said book exchange, 2) The Student Government will supply all equipment, materials, and overhead costs for it, 3) Profits from the book exchange will be divided between the SGA and the fraternity, with 60% going to the SGA and 40% going to Theta Psi. 4) The contract will be for a two-year term, 4) The contract will be reviewed each year by the Student Legislature. Negligence on the part of either party would be cause for voidage of the contract.

Much discussion erupted over the question of whether an organization such as Theta Psi had the right to enter business dealings with the Student Government. Representative Bill Gwen felt that perhaps this fraternity would monopolize the business with backing of the SGA. Stan Patterson, a member of the fraternity, said that there would be no time for the SGA to organize a book exchange by the coming semester. Patterson also emphasized that the fraternity could operate the exchange with or without the legislatures approval of the contract so it would be beneficial for the SGA to accept it. The contract was passed by a roll-call vote of 15-4.

Two new organizations on campus were chartered. The first

was the STUDENTS FOR POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY, which has as its purpose to encourage participation in public affairs by means of increasing information and providing opportunity for involvement. The second charter was granted to the SOCIETY OF PHYSICS STUDENTS. This club hopes to achieve the advancement and diffusion of knowledge of the science of physics and the encouragement of student interest in physics throughout the local and academic communities.

The Student Broadcasting Association asked the legislature for \$600 in order to buy a transmitter which would enable them to begin broadcasting in the dorms in the near future. Ed Wayson questioned whether this money could not come from the students' Contingency Fund. A move like this could put greater control of the fund back into student hands was the contention. Clare Tausch recommended that Vice Chancellor Bonnie Cone be asked about the possibility of getting the money from this fund. At any rate the SBA was allotted the money.

The legislature approved a resolution passed by the Junior Class on December 3, and now

under consideration by the Athletic Committee. This resolution reads: WHEREAS: we the elected officers of the Junior Class of UNCC, regard the existing number of student and student-date seats allotted for athletic events in the gymnasium as inadequate and oppressive to students, AND WHEREAS: we resent the placing of two rows of reserved seating in front of the student section since it not only interferes with student-cheerleader cheering but also abstracts student view, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that we demand at least fifty per cent of all seats at University athletic events held in the gym, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that we demand the immediate removal of the reserved seats in front of the side student section.

**Basketball:  
Dec. 12  
our gym**

## Won-A-Date

From UNCC dating capital of the world comes the Win-a-Date Contest sponsored by the Delta Delta Pledge Class from November 8 until November 22.

Pledges sold chances at 25¢ a piece and the contestants chose who they wanted to date. The beautiful hunks that the girls had to choose from were George Lloyd and Terry Sloan.

On the block to be won by boys were Debbie Butler and Julie Bruce. More chances were bought by the guys than girls.

The winners were Becky Glenn who won George Lloyd and Melanie Wilson who won an evening with Terry Sloan.

The lucky fellows were Sam Wall who won a date with Debbie Butler and Bill Troutman who won an evening with Julie Bruce.

## Letter

## SBA offers tours

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radio and TV at Clemson and UNCC.

Tom Swicegood, our Assistant Station Manager and Program Director, attended school in radio-TV announcing, writing, news, sports, programming and engineering. Tom holds a valid first-class radiotelephone license by the Federal Communications Commission. He is presently employed with a major local radio station.

George Thomas, Director of Technical Operations, has had three years experience in radio and TV in Columbia, S. C. He holds a valid first-class radiotelephone license, as well, and is an active amateur radio operator. George is a junior in electrical engineering. With these qualifications, several years of electrical engineering and business management can be added by the News and Public Relations Manager, Wayne Taylor and the Business Manager, Gary Williams.

Also for being stated that, "Anyone experienced in student participation will automatically recognize an attempt for the impossible," I must say that an impossibility cannot be a truism when there are relative facts to the contrary. Anyone interested in questioning these relative facts,

contact any one of the above Officers of the SBA and they will be glad to take you to the studio now being built in Room B-8 of the University Center and they will show you the equipment already obtained, and only upon the granted request for funds we have applied for from the

Publications Board and the Student Legislature will anything be lacking from its full completion at its temporary site which may be on around the first of the year.

Wayne Taylor  
News and Public Relations  
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