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Little Reaction To Klan Verdict

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Reaction to the acquittal of six Ku Klux Klan members accused of slaying five members of the Communist Worker's Party at a "Death to the Klan" rally, was one of sporadic amazement on the UNCC campus.

"My reaction was one of shock, but it did not surprise me because of the historical precedent of decisions in favor of the Klan," said Mike Kemp of the Black Student Union.

The BSU has made no official stand as a group on the verdict of an all-white jury handed down in Greensboro Monday night. Kemp said the topic would be discussed at a meeting today.

"It will be an item on our agenda," said Kemp, who has been joining planners for a meeting in Greensboro to discuss the rising force of the Ku Klux Klan and other right-wing extremists.

"We (the BSU) have been trying to link ourselves with a coalition of groups to take a stand against this type of violence. You either unite or be steamrolled under by these groups. We as black people will have to extend our influence."

Kemp said the black community was not as vocal as could have been

because of the political beliefs of the victims.

"Blacks are very patriotic," he said. "We have been socialized against communism. If five blacks were killed, you would have heard more outcry against the killings."

"I don't care what anyone says about the Communist Worker's Party. Five people are dead. If I can't sympathize with their ideology, I can sympathize with their widows who are left without justice. If we cannot go to our criminal justice system when wrong has occurred, where can we go?"

Murray Richmond of Evangelicals for Social Action, a national coalition of liberals in the Christian community, said that blacks and other minorities need to expand their support beyond issues directly affecting them.

"The black community is becoming as alienated as the white community in regard to many things," Richmond said. "By emphasizing special issues, I think they are hurting themselves. All groups should realize that the Greensboro decision is giving a blank card to the possibility of more violence."



Photo By Rick Monroe
Sonya Lee, an 18 year-old freshman from Charlotte, was crowned Miss 49er last in the tenth annual pageant. Lee, sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha, presented an original monologue entitled, "I Need To Belong," as her talent.

Legislature Attacks Late Grade Reports

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A resolution decrying late grade reports, sent after the deadline for dropping a course, was passed by the Student Legislature Tuesday.

Senior class president Laurah Van Poole introduced the motion, as a mandate of student opinion to be given to the Faculty Council. The resolution states that the university has not accomplished its goal of raising grades, because some class members do not know their grade status in time to drop the course.

Opposition came, not as much to the actual proposal itself, but to the scheduled deadline for dropping a class.

"I have nothing against the bill we are considering now," said Mike Derby, commuter representative. "But this resolution will not solve the

been moved back to an unrealistic date."

Student Body President Ron Olsen was among those responding to the idea that pressure should be applied to changing the schedule.

"We're dealing with the scheduled drop period. It is what it is right now," he said. "The job for us is to get unsatisfactory grade reports out earlier."

The legislators approved the resolution and a cover letter to be sent to the Faculty Council.

In other action, the Legislature approved Steve Sherman to fill a vacant commuter representative seat.

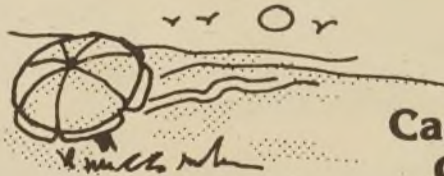
The appointment of Ed Hausle as Chief Student Legal Defense Counsel was also authorized by the legislators. Hausle also serves as commuter representative.

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