

### "Student As Nigger" Discussed

# SSOC Conference Fails

The regional National Students Association Conference held in Durham Friday-Sunday, Nov. 8-10 set as its purpose "to bring together the organizations from area campuses in an exchange of strategy and ideas centered around the idea of 'Student as Nigger.'"

None of the nine UNC delegates were able to bring back specific conclusions or ideas from this NSA-Southern Student Organizing Committee joint effort.

Eldridge Cleaver, Black Panther leader, cancelled his plans to speak during the first conference organizational meeting Friday night and was replaced by Mike Katz, UNC

professor of law. Thirty-five of an expected 200 delegates attended the meeting.

George Vlasits opened the meeting after a delay of one and one-half hours, commenting that students, as any other minority group in society, are repressed and treated as second class citizens. He stated that students cannot expect to make changes and still be guaranteed their rights, because this change does not involve any kind of meaningful change by these rights.

Katz, after explaining that more than ten speakers had been invited to address the conference and had all declined, refuted Vlasits' statements by explaining that

students are a privileged class and that society is taught to accept and tolerate greater irresponsibilities from this group than from any other. Katz noted that only students can "do their own thing," and like acts would not be tolerated in other areas of society, i.e., corporations, the armed forces, etc.

Katz told the students that first they must claim some responsibility and demonstrate to the administration that the student is entitled to freedoms not allowed outside the university.

The students' job, according to Katz, is to convince him and the rest of the faculty and administration that they are right by logical, specific arguments.

Katz suggested that what the SSOC organization needs is some good, hard thought, not "running and yelling and screaming 'pigs' at the police."

The address turned into a discussion on the grading system and feasible ways of abolishing it. Katz explained his position on the matter by saying simply, "If you don't

like grades, don't go to school. Both are arbitrary decisions."

The following Saturday morning panel discussion on "Student as Nigger" was delayed by the arrest of George Vlasits on the charge of assault and battery of a police officer Tuesday night. Mike Tigar, member of the National Lawyer's Guild, began the discussion by explaining that the university is the place where students must fight from within.

The students then talked with the panel on the feasibility of a student coalition of SSOC and NSA chapters on the regional campuses represented at the conference. It was pointed out that no college or university wishes to have "outsiders" aid them in deciding internal questions.

The delegates divided into groups on campus organizing, curriculum improvement, and admissions policies at various institutions. No concrete decisions resulted.

Sunday the delegates attended more tactical and issue-organizing workshops. None of the groups reached specific conclusions.

# NSA Spokesman Hits Classrooms

"The traditional classroom is built on distrust, exams, taking role, and lecturing," said Allan Potter in explaining his concept of the educational system.

Potter, representative of the National Student Association (NSA), explained his concept to NSA and SSOC members participating in a workshop on educational reform at the state wide conference this weekend.

According to Potter, the Experimental College is a step toward classes which function as a 2-way exchange of information rather than the one-way method of lecturing.

"The weakness of the Experimental College classes," noted Potter and he was supported by Buck Goldstein, chairman of UNC committee of education reform, "is a lack of qualified leaders."

Potter claims that sensitivity training could possibly end this problem by teaching student leaders in groups to facilitate discussions.

"One idea I have," said Potter, "is to establish regional communities or eight or 10 students who would establish

new learning abilities. Students from surrounding campuses could take retreats at this permanent community to learn from the group experiences how to conduct structureless classes.

Potter claims that the University of Houston has a facility now which serves this training function. "Even fraternities and sororities use the sensitivity training instead of pledge training," Potter added.

"A change in the educational system is inevitable. Even high school and elementary students are presently dissatisfied with their instruction."

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## Intramurals

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every way" in the water conservation effort. Dr. Jones cited the intramural managers in particular for their efforts.

The students' conservation, the boost received from tapping Durham's water supply, and the rainfall were the reasons cited for Chapel Hill's comeback.

The water restrictions should not have to be imposed again, said Sitterson, "if we can all continue on a voluntary basis the splendid community-wide cooperation which has been so evident up to now."

## G.I. Protests

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Mann, and UAWMF state coordinator Adolph Reed.

The UAWMF will hold its first mass meeting Thursday night at 8 in 111 Murphey. The group will listen to speakers from Duke and North Carolina College and will discuss plans for anti-war demonstrations and the activities planned for Fort Bragg.

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend the meeting.

Anyone wishing additional information prior to Thursday's meeting should call Charles Mann at 942-6849.

## -Exchange-

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larger universities have several such exchange programs. The University of Toronto has three exchange programs, with UNC being one of them.

"We feel that one of the biggest advantages to having another exchange program is that it will broaden our scope as well as giving more students an insight into our school and thus increase our prestige," said Dicks.

Anybody who is interested in participating in the program, but who cannot attend the meeting, should contact Rodger Dicks at 929-1466 or leave a message at the Y Building.

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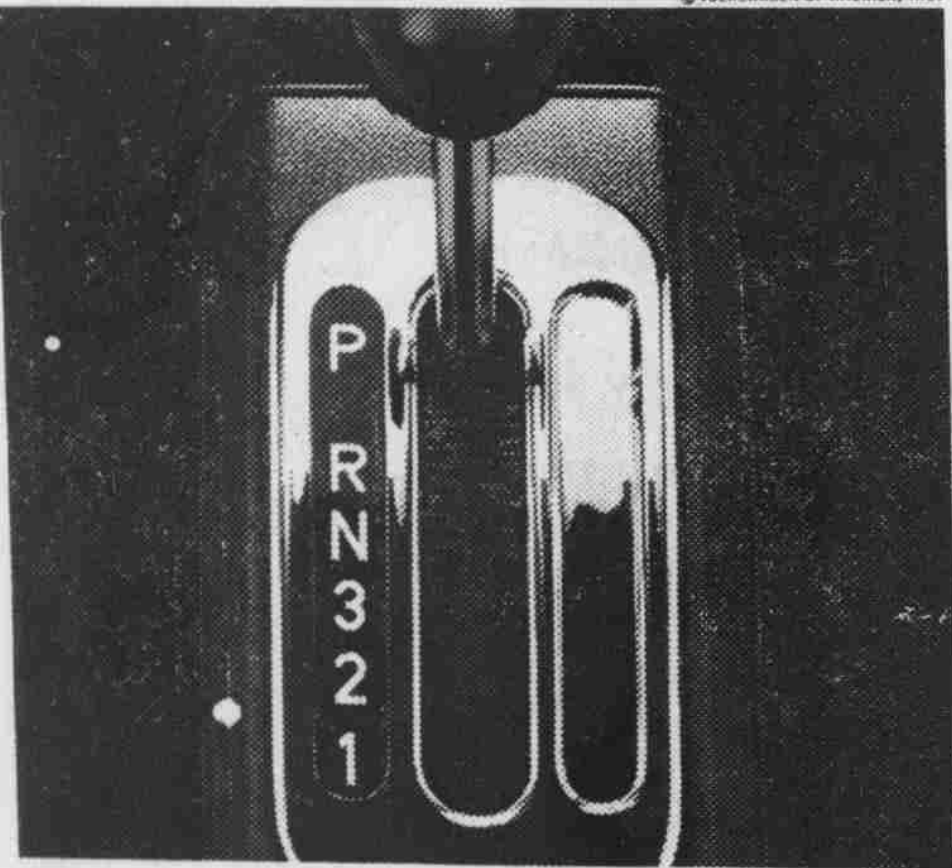
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