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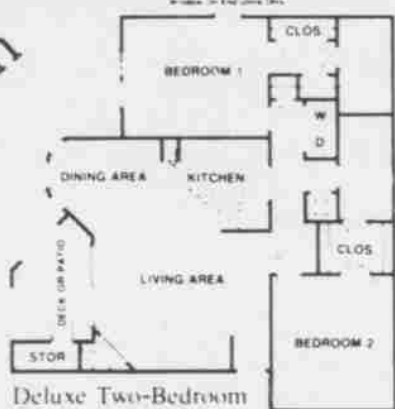
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For the Record

In Wednesday's article, "Date rape mock trial opens issue to public," Jeff Cannon, assistant dean of students was misquoted. He said sexual assault hearings were always closed unless the victim requested an open hearing, and that all cases were confidential. The DTH regrets the error.

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IN DEPTH

Strong leaders aid black community

Editor's note: This is the fifth in a five-part series examining the issues facing Black America in the 1990s.

By MARK GRIFFIN
 Staff Writer

While the black community battles crime, unemployment and poverty in American society and American media, the diversity of African-American leadership is a strength for creating change.

"Now there is a greater abundance of exceptional leadership than at any other time," said Steve Klein, a research associate with the Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Social Change.

Klein points to Jesse Jackson, two-time presidential candidate, Louis Farrakan, the outspoken black Muslim activist and leader of the Nation of Islam, and recently elected Virginia governor Doug Wilder, as examples of diverse leadership and views which exist within the black community. Klein said such diversity could not be accurately characterized as a split.

Carolyn Coleman, Southern voter education director for the state NAACP, agreed. "There are as many black leaders as there are cars, and that's not negative," she said. "We are not a monolithic community. No one person can articulate our goals, dreams and aspirations."

Harold Woodard, lecturer in African

Analysis

and Afro-American Studies and assistant to the dean in the Office of Student Counseling, said such differing opinions provided a healthy diversity.

"The black community does not need one leader more than the white community or any other," Woodard said.

"The black community has never been a monolithic community dating back to Washington and Dubois," said Jim Williams, director of public relations for the national NAACP, referring to Booker T. Washington, the late 19th and 20th century educator and founder of Tuskegee Institute, and W.E.B. Dubois, educator and co-founder of the NAACP.

Washington preferred vocational training for black youth, whereas Dubois believed in professional education for the most talented black children.

This diversity continued into the 1960s, said Rosalind Fuse-Hall, associate dean in the Office of Student Counseling, and was present during the civil rights era.

"During the civil rights movement there was not just King, but also Malcolm X, Angela Davis, the Black Panthers, and the SNCC (Student National Coordinating Committee)," she said. "It gives the black community a variety

of choice and a mechanism to analyze the different perspectives and ideas being offered. When you have one leader you nullify the voices of all the black community."

Williams agreed. "Diversity is a good thing. It creates an atmosphere where change is more possible."

Coleman said the black community and its leaders need to continue to invoke change. She said efforts to continue to push for reforms are not hampered by radicals, such as Louis Farrakan, who has recently gained publicity for ideologies which offend many whites.

"We have always needed the Farrakans who force the white power structure to negotiate more progressive reforms with the NAACP to bring about greater balance," Coleman said. However, she said, black leaders need to become more aggressive because of civil rights setbacks during the Reagan era.

"During the Reagan administration we lost gains that we had made," Coleman said. "Our economic plight became so desperate, we found ourselves trying to survive. We were not aggressive enough. We need to intensify our fight."

Williams said the losses during the Reagan administration cannot be attributed to the lack of one voice to speak for the black community. "The

losses are not due to the lacking of one leader, it's reflective of the mood in the country."

Klein said leaders should be in tune to increasing voter registration, participation, turnout and lobbying Congress for greater political inclusion. "We need to relieve the traditions of apathy and stop letting the wealthy or the apologists for the status quo run the country."

Williams said it is important for black leaders to be chosen by blacks. "There has always been this phenomena within American culture to deal with the minority community by identifying its leader. White media has a propensity for identifying blacks' leaders and not blacks themselves."

Coleman said, "We must have our own leaders, churches, and organizations, lest we forget who we are."

While diversity is fine, Coleman said the black leaders and community must remain supportive of each other.

"People who have made it career wise need to return to the ghettos to begin listing those who are there," Woodard said. "It's healthy for successful blacks to have a sense to share their time and resources."

Coleman said, "America being the melting pot—it would be great if there was one leader to speak to all. Recent presidents have not spoken for us. Our common goal needs to be equity and we all need to work toward this."

New South African violence may block unity

From Associated Press reports

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—A growing wave of violence is threatening South Africa's fragile stability, and there are fears it will undermine efforts to build a multi-racial democracy.

The violence, most of it among black factions, flared just as the government launched reforms aimed at ending white minority rule. It is frightening whites already nervous about government moves toward ending apartheid.

While the reforms announced in February have given radical black groups more freedom to stage protests, the violence results from many causes and frictions.

It reflects the deep divisions in South Africa over apartheid and poses a major threat to hopes for a peaceful future.

Hundreds of people have been killed in clashes in recent weeks, mostly be-

tween rival black political and ethnic factions. The violence is the worst since major anti-government protests in the mid-1980s.

It ranges from factional tribal battles in Natal Province and military coups in the black homelands, to clashes between rival black political groups and unrest in the black townships.

The causes range from ancient tribal rivalry to conflicting views on the country's future.

There also have been violent confrontations between whites and blacks.

In some areas, right-wing whites have formed armed and uniformed groups that have attacked and beaten blacks

involved in political activities. In one rural town, right-wingers have started to take the place of the local police.

Political analysts say the white-black clashes, relatively minor to this point, represent the most serious threat to peace. They fear a backlash by the powerful five-million-strong white minority against anti-apartheid efforts and black violence.

"The war in Natal, with its ghastly death toll, the killings in townships and the burning of properties and people, are raising fears of a situation that could get out of hand," The Citizen newspaper said in a March 29 editorial.

A "white backlash ... is grave cause

for concern ... in the end, we may descend into the kind of Beirut situation that would destroy this country," the newspaper said.

Unease among whites is matched by growing militancy among many young blacks in the townships. Radical blacks are reluctant to wait for negotiated or gradual reform and are flocking to militant groups that talk of seizing power.

"The high incidence of unrest points to a revolutionary climate, and that is dangerous at a time when restraint is necessary in order to negotiate," one analyst said, on condition of not being identified.

Campus Calendar

1991 Senior Calendar
 Class of 1991: Marshal applications are now available at the Union desk and are due by 5 p.m. Friday, April 6th. No experience needed! Pete and Chris will be holding office hours in the Pit every Thursday from 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Please come by and meet us.

FRIDAY
 3 p.m.: UNC Young Democrats will host Congressman David Price in 211 Union. He will speak about current happenings in Washington and what is on the agenda in Congress. All interested persons are invited to attend.
 3:30 p.m.: UNC Macroeconomics will present "Loanable Funds Versus Liquidity Preference," with Allan Cottrell of Wake Forest University, in Gardner. Call 966-2385 for more info.

Department of Statistics presents a seminar "Diagnostics for Robust Regression" with Simon Sheather of the Australian Graduate School of Management, University of New South Wales, in 324 Phillips. Coffee and tea will be served in 316 Phillips at 3 p.m.

4 p.m.: Carolina Symposium presents Congressman David Price who will address the topic of "Ethical Standards in Government" in 226 Union.

7 p.m.: Carolina Symposium presents Dr. Rebecca Chopp, professor of theology at Emory University, who will address issues of feminism and women's rights in Gerard Hall.

7:30 p.m.: CGLA will sponsor a gay film night featuring Lesbian Bar Culture Since the Forties and Parting Glances in 211 Union.

8 p.m.: UNC Pauper Players will present selections from Les Miserables tonight and tomorrow in Hill Hall Auditorium. All benefits go to the North Carolina AIDS Task Force. Tickets available at the Union box office or call 933-2968.

Midnight: Alpha Chi Omega announces that the Carolina Theatre will show Caddyshack and Fletch Lives for only \$3. All box office proceeds will go to the Tina Levy Fund.

SATURDAY
 10 a.m.: Wesley Foundation will have a car wash at the University United Methodist Church on Franklin St. until 2 p.m. Cost of \$4 will benefit the Wesley Singers.

10:30 a.m.: Walk for Humanity/Operation Smile of the Campus Y want everyone to participate

in raising money for the Ronald McDonald House and Operation Smile. Rain or shine, the walk will occur outside of the Campus Y.

11 a.m.: UNC Men's Lacrosse Club is having its 38th annual Invitational Tournament today and Sunday. George Mason, University of Maryland, Appalachian State, Wake Forest, Duke, Elon and Charlotte will be playing. UNC plays its first game on the turf against Elon. All games will be played on the turf and Finley practice fields.

2 p.m.: Carolina Fever: don't forget about the targeted lacrosse game against Maryland in Kenan Stadium. Come support the team during this important match. Go Heels!

9 p.m.: CGLA April Fools Party. Call CGLA at 962-4401 for the location.

SUNDAY
 11 a.m.: UNC Gaming Club will meet in 210 Union.

St. Anthony Hall/Delta Psi will hold its traditional Poetry Prose and Pancakes. Donations to benefit Reading is Fundamental. Come to read or just to listen.

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