AN EXPLANATION OF OUR DEMANDS

Recently a list of the demands of the black students at East Caro-

lina University was presented to the faculty and administration. How-

ever, there have been indications that these demands were not clearly un-

derstood. Because of these indications, and because we wish to rid the

faculty and administration of any misconceptions they might have, we, the black students of East Carolina University, feel it necessary to submit

the following explanation of our demands.

Demand I.

Part A of the demand is the immediate short range goal which must be met by September, 1969. Part B is the long range goal, to be met by

September, 1970. We also demand that black students be on a committee

"from the inside", i.e., within the faculty and administration, to make

sure that actions are being made to fulfill this demand.

Demand II.

By black courses we mean Afro-American courses dealing with the black man in America. We do not mean classes composed entirely of black students.

Demand III.

Self-explanatory.

Demand IV.

A special black recruitment system should be set-up so that black students will be sent to high schools that are still all black. The present system fails to seek to recruit students in these schools. Black

students must also be on the committee in the present system and sent to integrated schools.

Demand V.

Self-explanatory.

Demand VI.

The administration must preculde tunes in general, and "Dixie" in

particular, that are played at any official university function, which

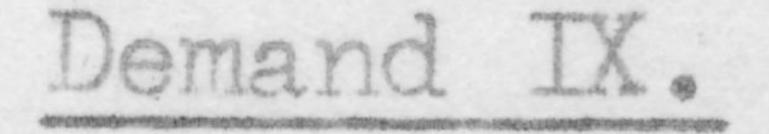
are offensive to any racial minority group.

Demand VII.

The main thing being called for in this demand is a major legal avenue by which the maintenance workers can air their grievances.

Demand VIII.

We must have at least one black speaker per quarter.



Self-explanatory.

Demand X.

Financing should occur primarily through the Department of External Affairs, if not by the Student Government Association.

In summary we say that these demands are not requests for special privileges for us just because we are black. We are only demanding what is due us as Americans and students of East Carolina University.

