Luncheon Discussion
Haynes Lists Black Progress
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At the luncheon discussion sponsored by the United Campus Ministry last Thursday Dean Don Jones, SGA Treasurer Larry Altmayer, and SGA President Charles Haynes concluded the reports to the university on progress to date in the twelve areas of responsibility set forth in President Atwood’s letter of May 29.

Dean Jones introduced Mr. Marvin Arrington, a graduate of the Emory Law School and new member of the Student Personnel Staff, who is to serve as a Black Administrator in the area of admissions. Mr. Arrington is a candidate for Alderman, City of Atlanta.

Mr. Altmayer gave a breakdown of funds allocated by the SGA to the Black Students’ Alliance: “The amount is $2625...and most of it...went to rent, furnish, and take care of expenses for a Black House, for travel expenses to attend a couple of conferences; it went for office supplies, any educational material that the BSA could use, and...for an Afro-American Festival to be held in the Spring.”

SGA President Haynes enumerated several reasons for the lack of meaningful interrelation of Black and White students: “Obviously there wasn't much opportunity for social interrelation...the social structure here at Emory is designed to exclude Black people.”

“People say, ‘Why should there be? Won’t it just be a natural thing, and everybody will just sort of assimilate in together?’ But it isn’t going to be that way, because if it is that way then it means that the Blacks are going to have to start behaving like the Whites.

“I think that those Black students who come to Emory University don’t have to put aside everything...that they have experienced and live and feel just in order to make it with other students.”

Mr. Haynes stressed the necessity to educate other people to the awareness of institutionalized racism around them. Of the Black House program he commented, “First of all it is detrimental to a Black student who comes to Emory university to say that he is here in order to sensitize White people. He’s here to get an education, as much as possible, and I think that it
would be a stupid thing on the part of Student Government to require that Black students be our chess pieces so that we can reach the White people.”

“That’s why a black house is so absolutely necessary...Black people have to have a place where their social life is free, where they don’t have to feel that they are educating people…”

Mr. James Brown of the BSA challenged the community to present a documented example of Black racism. “I don’t see how you can call a reaction to racism, ‘racism’...I’m willing to fight Black racism too, if people can show me Black racism.”

“This is supposed to have been a Christian nation...As long as you adhere to what your religion dictates then everyone can get along together.....It comes down to examining yourself and saying, ‘Can I really, in all truth to myself, say that what I’m doing is right?’”