

# ***Black Culture Seminar Opens***

Tuesday evening, February 13, marked the first session of the Simmons College Black Student Organization Seminar, Contemporary Afro-American Culture. The well-attended program was opened in the auditorium by Paula Sneed, president of the Black Student Organization, who outlined the objectives of the seminar as structured by the Organization. While the immediate goal of the seminar is to inform Simmons and the Boston community of black history and contemporary black trends, the Black Student Organization hopes to ultimately incorporate the presentation of black culture into the Simmons curriculum and black instructors on the faculty. Paula commented that the high registration in the seminar was an indication of the desire of the student body for such courses.

After introducing Faye Edwards and Cynthia Bagwell, co-chairmen of the seminar, Paula presented the evening's speaker, Mrs. Gwenna Cummings, Education Director For Operation Exodus Inc. Mrs. Cummings complimented the Simmons Black Student Organization for initiating a program such as the seminar. She indicated that the "omittance of the black person in historical sequence" is all too common a situation on the majority of college campuses. Mrs. Cummings then outlined the format of each program of the weeks to come, informing those present of the education and work of the planned speakers.

Before ending the program for the evening, Paula Sneed introduced the leaders of the twenty-four discussion groups. A coffee hour followed.