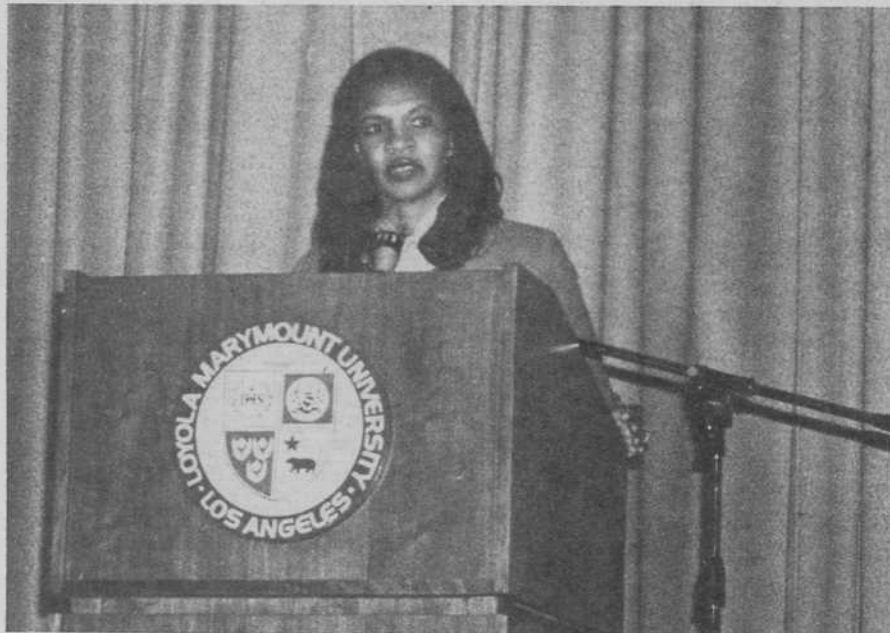


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Black Studies programs to find out why so many failed and to try to strengthen those that remained.

Nearly 600 representatives of 200 colleges and universities in the United States and Great Britain attended the convention. Notable scholars and educators long involved in Black Studies participated including Lerone Bennett Jr., historian and senior editor of *Ebony* magazine; Dr. John Hendrik Clarke of Hunter College, New York; Harold Cruse of the University of Michigan and author of *The Crisis of the Negro Intellectual*; and Elizabeth Koontz, assistant superintendent of Teacher Education in North Carolina and former director, Women's Services, U.S. Department of Labor.

The convention served as a rallying point from which advocates of Black Studies programs could regroup their efforts and establish Black Studies as a legitimate academic discipline.

Statement of Purpose

NCBS' coordinated program of professional and community development is pursued through a variety of activities including the following:

1. Construction and refinement of a body of knowledge, concepts and theories and formulas for testing related to the Black world experience with participation of faculty, students and community.
2. Provision of guidelines for curriculum content in Black Studies courses in elementary, secondary and post-secondary educational institutions, serving Black people throughout the world, emphasizing inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary approaches consistent with a historical perspective.