

# Perceptions

## Senior Perceptions

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Staff Writer

"This university has taught me a lot. It's been hard, but I'm not going to be like a lot of other black alumni and not do anything and never come back. I'm going to try to make a difference by helping the Black Business Students Alliance [BBSA] and BSM and become active in the predominately white alumni associations to make things better because I want to see a higher black presence."

*Rhonda Baker — Business — Will work with CCB in Wake County in their management training program.*

"Don't get too down about bad experiences because in the end they will make you a stronger person and put you one step ahead for dealing with them. They will help you deal with things that come later in life."

*Leon Staton — RTVMP/Speech Communication — Will go to Officers Candidate School and pursue graduate studies.*

"Nationwide there is a trend in closet racism, and it is evident on this campus with the incident with Dean Cell. However, the atmosphere is pleasing because blacks form a nucleus — they are tight. I've also noticed a diversity of all people here that I'll never see again."  
*Divann Cofield — chk. major*

"UNC has been a positive experience. I've learned things that I'm able to take away and use in my career, and the diversity of students has expanded my horizons. Without the student life and my involvement in extracurricular activities and the excellent academics, I wouldn't have been as prepared if I had gone to a university that didn't offer as much as Carolina."

*Darrin Poole — Economics — Will work with the Trust Co. Bank in Atlanta.*

"I think this school has given me good training ground as far as the School of Journalism. This school is an educational bargain, and you get a good education. However, a major disadvantage is that Carolina has a long way to go as far as meeting up to the reputation that precedes it. It's not the best environment for blacks socially and culturally, but you should take advantage of the educational opportunity. My advice to freshmen is to grin and bear it for the next three years. Don't leave and admit that we can't succeed. Get involved — if you can't lead, become active. Don't assimilate, but don't hide either."

*Anjetta McQueen — News-editorial Journalism — Will work for The Philadelphia Inquirer.*

## Freshmen Perceptions

by KIMBERLY JOHNSON  
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Many freshmen are lured to Carolina thinking life will be grand. The prospective student is told of many activities geared toward the black population. The BSM, Opeya Dancers, *Black Ink*, *Ebony Readers*, and others offer the black student an opportunity to participate in black awareness programs. As the year comes to an end, what have some freshmen thought of their year? Here are some of their thoughts.

"Before I got here I thought I wouldn't fit in because I felt Carolina had a bunch of stuck-up white people. Now it's better than I thought. It's a friendly campus. I fit in pretty well. My advice to upcoming freshmen is to expect to work hard. Don't be slack like you were in high school."

*Chanel Howard, Charlotte, N.C.*

"I had high expectations. I felt Carolina would be a good experience for me. But it hasn't lived up to my expectations because the incentives they offer aren't as grand as they seem. My advice to others coming here would be not to have high opinions because the higher the expectations, the bigger the let-down. Keep an open mind because there is some racism here. Expect to be let down some."

*Janet Gordon, Gastonia, N.C.*

"I had always been a fan of Carolina athletics, and I felt that I could get a good education and enjoy myself at the same time. For the most part it has been what I expected, but I resent all the racial disorder. I suggest that the black people (all minorities) stick together and stand up for what they believe in so they can further their education in the best way possible."

*Gary Lash, Winston-Salem, N.C.*

## Black publisher

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beginning reporters. She alluded to a past incident when she had to disregard a prospective reporter who identified Menachem Begin, past prime minister of Israel, as an Arab.

Edmonds also stressed the importance of reading and mastering the English language.

"You must read to be a good writer."

*The Carolina Times* has been published for over 60 years, and for Vivian A. Edmonds, who feels we in society must do something to help mankind move forward, this is her contribution.

## BSM Rally

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and in the future I have more optimistic views as to what minorities can do as far as making a difference on this campus."

Alston agreed with Blanks, saying that the rally was evidence of how black

students came together to fight for what they believe.

"We realize now that it first takes a look at the man in the mirror to make a change," said Blanks.



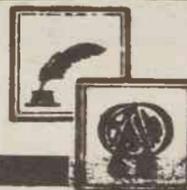
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