

The Office for Student Counseling To Be Renamed In Late October

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The Office for Student Counseling is changing its name to reflect a minority point of view and end confusion with the University Counseling Center.

Rosalind Fuse-Hall, associate dean for Office for Student Counseling, said the new name will represent minority groups more effectively than the present name. Potential names are not being released at this time.

"Potential names are not being discussed but hopefully it will be at the end of the semester that we'll know a name," Fuse-Hall said.

The OSC provides academic and personal support to all UNC students but its primary objective is to assist minority student with their goals towards academic excellence and graduation.

Arnie Epps, Chairman of the Committee to

Rename the Office for Student Counseling, said the main goal was to provide a name to describe exactly what the OSC does. "The name for the Office is misleading. The present name makes you think it's for problems but it's for academic counseling for Asian, Hispanic, Native American and African-American ethnic groups on campus."

The University Counseling Center and OSC are often mistaken with one another. "We are always getting confused with University Counseling and they're confused with us," Fuse-Hall said.

The process for renaming OSC started over the summer when the committee to rename the office was formed.

The committee allowed the student body to suggest potential names that would be compiled into a proposal which will be submitted to Fuse-Hall later this month. After Fuse-Hall's approval, the proposal advances to Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "After the proposal

is submitted to Dean Cell, it will be discussed by administrators and the Faculty Council," Epps said.

Fuse-Hall said that it was important for the minority student body to be involved in renamed OSC. "I think the student should name the office because they have ownership of this office. From my perspective, there are few things that students can claim as their own, but this office is theirs. It would be wrong to rename the Office without their input."

Epps said the name will not be effective until Fall 1991. An awareness campaign will be held in Spring 1991.

The academic support provided by OSC includes the Minority Student Advisory Program, Academic Monitoring System, Academic Skills Enhancement Workshops, Scholastic Advancement Sessions, and Academic Achievement Sessions. The OSC also advises two student organizations, the Carolina Indian Circle and Black Women United.

"Youth United"-- A New Horizon

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To many of us, the Campus Y is a place where idle people go to waste time, get something to drink from the Ram Shop, or devote budgeted volunteer time to one of the many Campus Y organizations to say that we did something to help the "less fortunate". But the Campus Y is more than that. It is a resource, an asset to students, and outlet, and a rewarding repayment back into the communities, schools, and households that helped us, primarily the black student, get here. Without such programs as Big Buddy, SARR and Human Rights committees some, no most, of us would not be at this university.

We should be compelled to give back to those very institutions, organizations, and communities that paved the way for us, and not get so consumed in our own lives that we forget where we have come from or how we got here in the first place. We should not have to be motivated by some profound statement or tragedy. It should be inevitable.

The Campus Y allows us to funnel that energy into a productive outlet.

A newly formed program at the Campus Y, Youth United, stems from the very existence of such a program, Big Buddy, that concentrates on the well-being of children, who are mostly black. But Youth United is different. It focuses on the needs and problems of adolescents, 11 to 15, and provides a resourceful outlet for teens to be heard and helped. This year it will work with teenagers who have experimented with drugs on varying levels. But it's primary goals, always, are to build diminished self-esteem, emphasize the importance of education, and encourage parental involvement in the lives of black and white youth.

Youth United will be working with students who are prematurely sexually active and don't understand the responsibility of their actions; physically or mentally abused students or in some instances pre-teens and teens who feel in one way or another that they don't fit into the mainstream of society and have low self-esteem. I'm sure that most of us have been there at least once ourselves.

The young males referred to our program this year showed a genuine concern that there should be more males involved than in previous years, but unfortunately there aren't. There are very few males in our program, not just black, that want to take time to help with these youth, many of which have come from broken homes without a solid male influence to help them to grow into responsible young men. Our young adult black males should look for more responsible roles in guiding those teenagers that follow in our paths.

Youth United is different. It's an organization that allows us to make a significant contribution to our youth and our community. It encourages the development of potential talents found in our teens. It includes the ideas and suggestions of the group, the parents, and the students to help make it as meaningful and worthwhile as possible. But most importantly, it gives us as black leaders of tomorrow the chance to give something back to our communities, families, schools, and youth that shows that we care and are grateful for all that has ultimately led us to the "right" direction to a brighter future.

CALENDAR

BSM meeting October 10 at 5:30 in Upendo Lounge. Bring Athletic Pass if you wish to sit in BSM Homecoming Block.

Network for Minority Issues meeting, October 10-- at 7:30 in 100 Hamilton.

Ebony Readers will be performing for STV's Midday with Chris Brown, on October 17 at 12:00 in Cabaret.

BSM Gospel Chior will be performing on October 15 at 12:30 in the pit for Homecoming Kick-off. Also performing October 19 at the Franklin Street Extravaganza at 8:30.

Homecoming Cross-Cultural Night will be held Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 in the Cabaret. Ebony Readers and Gospel Choir will be performing.

Students for the Advancement of Race Relations (SARR) meets every Tuesday at 6:00 in the Black Cultural Center.

Harry Allen, hip-hop activist and media assassin of Public Enemy will facilitate a series of discussions on hip-hop culture, its language and relationship to African and African-American. Discussions will be held on October 22 at 7:00 to 8:30 and November 5 at 6:00 to 7:30 in Union Film Auditorium. After both discussions there will be a more informal meeting with Allen from 9:30 to 11:00 at the Carolina Coffehouse on Franklin and Columbia. Sponsored by the BCC

Think *Black Ink*...

Black Ink will hold a staff meeting today in room 210 of the Carolina Union at 6:30. All interested UNC students and staff are welcome.

Today!!

