

# Multicultural Education Benefits Eveyone

"If black students want a Black Cultural Center, they should go to a black school." "Black students are oversensitive about racism, people aren't always being racist." "Black students need a Black Cultural Center, let them raise the money. It's not for me, why should I help?" "Multicultural education is not needed, this is America. We need to learns about Americans"

We have all heard these and numerous other arguments against having a Black Cultural Center and attempting to move UNC towards a more multicultural community. Yes, African-American students do need a BCC. We do need classes that inform us about the accomplishments of our people and make us know that we have come from a long line of survivors and fighters.

But more than black students need multicultural education, UNC needs multicultural education. It should be embarrassing to the university to know that an English major can graduate from UNC and be very close to completely ignorant about African-American literature. Students in all majors need to know about the contributions of all Americans, not just white men.

Aside from adding academic validity to a UNC degree, a multicultural education could help educate the entire campus about people other than themselves. With all the racial tension and hatred that can be felt on this university on any given day, it is apparent that we need to learn how to live with other people. And even if one is not interested in learning to live and communicate with other people for the sake of peace, maybe he or she will for the sake of his or her future job. As the work force becomes more and more diversified, the ability to communicate with all people will be as important as your degree.

In this issue of Black Ink, Debbie Baker explores the movement toward a multicultural education and the implications this would have at UNC. Enjoy the Ink and have a good week. —Peace, Erika F. Campbell and Akinwole N'Gai Wright.

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*"The essence of freedom is understanding"*

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Some universities have also decided to incorporate a minority view into their curricula because too many are taught from a Eurocentric perspective. Multiculturalism has become a standard across the country as colleges attempt to address the needs of its increasingly diverse student population.

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