

Free-standing BCC would separate African Americans, says planning committee chairman

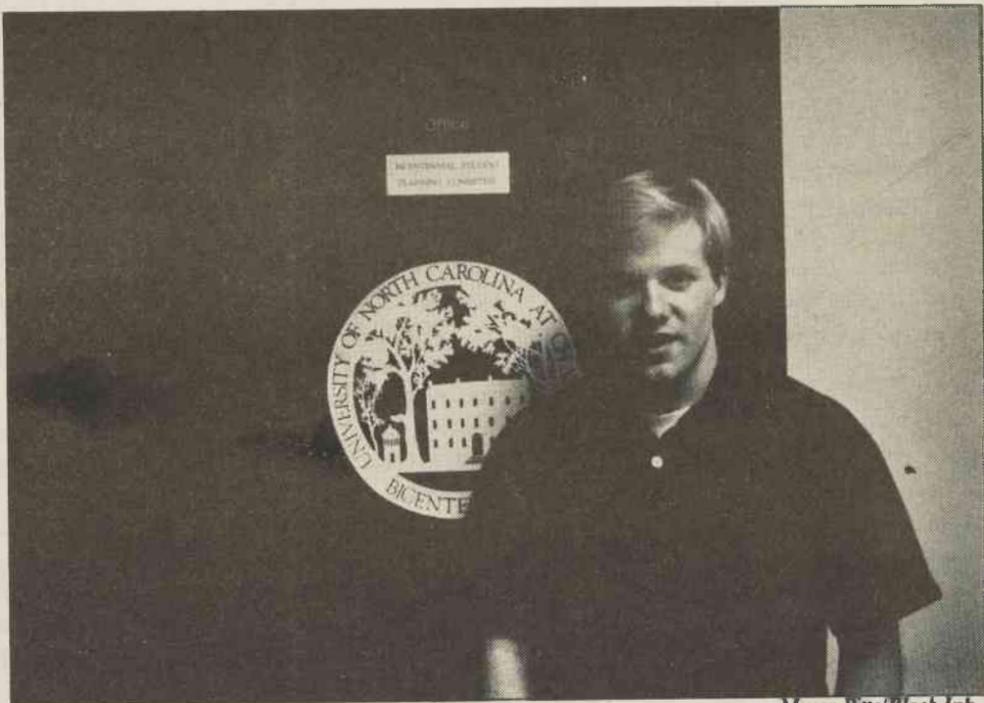
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realize that the Student Bicentennial Planning Committee is not, has not, and will not, fail to help fund the BCC for ulterior political reasons. The simple fact is, we are not involved with issues concerning the BCC...it just doesn't fall into our domain.

The reason that I say this, is that a free-standing BCC will necessarily

and will not, fail to help fund the BCC for ulterior political reasons. The simple fact is, we are not involved with issues concerning the BCC...it just doesn't fall into our domain.

INK: Do you think that there should be a free-standing Black Cultural Center? And if so, do you think the Bicentennial Campaign should help fund such a project?



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has now. I do not, however, believe that a free-standing BCC is a practical reality, for several reasons. First, my biggest concern is that a free-standing BCC would hamper the promotion of one of the BCC's primary goals: the continuing integration of African-American culture and community on campus.

be built somewhere away from the center of campus. Separated from the rest of campus. I fear that the BCC would be less visible than it is now in the Union, and that people not already associated with the BCC would have even less of a tendency to use it then they do now, since now they have to see the BCC when

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•Richard Epps, the first black student body president, returned to UNC to discuss the topic "On Being A Black Student at UNC-CH in the 1970s," Feb. 17 in the BCC.

Epps, the first SBP to sit on the University Board of Trustees, has recently been nominated to serve again.

•The Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center and the Black Student Movement presented Dr. Haki Madhubuti, a Third World Press professor of English at Chicago State University at 8 p.m. Feb. 17.

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they enter the Union. The second reason that I am wary of a free-standing BCC, is that I think it is going to be nearly impossible to get funding for one. Such a building can be demanded by students until the students are hoarse. Unfortunately, the University, especially in this time of budget problems, does not have enough money to pay its graduate TAs, non-the-less to build a \$3.2 million dollar building

Having said all this, I think that a BCC is very important. And there is no question that the current BCC does not have the room and resources to do the programming that it wants to. I am very much in

support of an enlarged facility. And, as I said earlier, the Bicentennial Campaign is already attempting to raise \$500,000 to build such new facilities.

I am sure that my answer is going to be unpopular to some. I am always happy to talk to people about it. Every time I get in a discussion about it I learn a little more. I hope that the discussion continues and that people begin really to listen to both sides of the issue, instead of just stating (their point) and listening with a deaf ear.

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