

Letters To the Editor

Beyond a shadow of a doubt, a free standing BCC will promote respect and understanding among races. Whether or not a racist is conscious of his true fear, after four hundred years of maintaining a racist system, he has been programmed to carry forth the mission of his forefathers. Thus, any member of a free standing BCC transmits an imminent message to his child that his way of life will falter. Why does such a prevalent anxiety exist among the campus majority over a building that will promote advancement and teaching of black culture and ideas. Day to day, we see the necessity for this building. We see it in the rape incidents of the past two weeks. The campus majority's insensitive approach towards the descriptions of the men used in the attacks has furthered the hostility between blacks (especially black men) and whites on this campus. DESCRIPTION: 6' tall, black male with a flat top, and thin lips. That description fits about 90 percent of the black males on this campus! The fact that a white man appears noticeably uneasy when I approach her on the way to class, proves that the campus majority still harbors a certain fear and hostility towards blacks, especially black men.

I am indeed disgusted with you, Chancellor Hardin, in regards to the current situation. Disgusted that, in 1992, I still find my people on the far end of the stick more times than not, at a University that was established for higher learning. Yet it seems that the higher we reach, the lower many individuals among the campus majority aim to understand. Yes, I am quite perturbed at the fact that I have to live with a twenty four hour campus lock up when a black man attacks a white man. However, during this past summer, when a white man raped a black housekeeper, an employee of the university, the incident was dismissed with a "ho hum," and not a tear was locked, nor a tear dropped. So I challenge you to answer a question that stirs the minds of many people on this campus: are you or you not a racist? Now before I answer this all-important ques-

tion, take a moment to meditate on the three manifest symptoms of racism that I have discussed. Now, ask yourself the aforesaid question: are you or are you not a racist? Can you identify with any of the three symptoms? In the most remotely conscious realm of your mind, what does a free standing BCC symbolize to you? What are you running from? Are you running from your past? Because there is no place to hide from the cancer of racism. This cancer of racism imbrues our national character. Imbrue: to taint, to soil.

The struggle for a free standing BCC has been like a proverbial game of chess. For years, you and those before you have proven yourselves formidable strategists in keeping from this campus a building that will benefit it. But the game is over. CHECKMATE! Now, for you, the real challenge lies ahead. Can you live with the man in the mirror? Is your stance on the free standing BCC a plea for humanity or an admission of insanity? Only two choices remain. Do the right thing; give this campus a free-standing Black Cultural Center. Or I'll see you at the crossroads. The choice is yours.

Edward Hanes
Sophomore
English
Thomas Scott
Sophomore
Biology

SPIKE'S VISIT WAS LEGIT

It is quite obvious that Mr. Trey Ezzell needs to search for the facts before wasting ink on such drivel as his letter printed in The Daily Tar Heel (Spike Lee's visit another waste of student fees," Sept. 18, 1992). Also, it would be advisable to see where he formed such cold and ignorant views.

First of all, Mr. Ezzell, "your" student fees did not go to paying the expenses of Mr. Lee's much appreciated visit. The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity most generously footed the bill for Spike's

hotel expenses. I do not know where you get your information Mr. Ezzell, if you did in fact seek any facts, but perhaps you should devote some of that time you spend wallowing in ignorance to seeking the truth.

Secondly, I don't know what kind of sick humor you were trying to display by your remark about the plight of the Haitian refugees. Maybe if you were facing starvation or violent death in your homeland, you would not try to make such light issue of fellow human beings searching for a way to survive. Along those same lines, maybe if your culture and heritage had been smothered and hidden for hundreds of years, you would see the importance for a free-standing black cultural center.

Now, let me shatter the mental image you are undoubtedly forming of me while reading this letter. I am white but unlike you Mr. Ezzell, I have taken the time to listen instead of hear, love instead of hate, learn instead of being satisfied with ignorance, and unafraid to let go of values taught to me that are wrong and ethnocentric. I challenge you, Mr. Ezzell, to unlock your mind, use your eyes and open your heart to values and cultures that differ from the terribly shallow ones you now hold.

If you or anyone wants to stand in the way of our movement for a free-standing black cultural center, you better have more than shallow, misguided, untrue and racist arguments. If you do not, I ask you to get out of the way and stop wasting our time.

Grant T. Campbell
Senior
Health Policy & Administration

NCAA: ENFORCE TITLE IX

My purpose in writing is to obtain public support for holding the Congress and administration responsible for failing to enforce Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972 concerning women's participation in intercollegiate athletics.

On April 9, 1992, Chairwoman Cardiss Collins of the House Sub-

committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Competitiveness, opened hearings on: "Title IX: The effects on Women's Sports and Gender Equity." Copies of the witness list for this hearing and all documents cited herein are available at your newspaper office for public review or copying. In this hearing, Mr. Schultz, executive director of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), discussed the efforts of the NCAA to assist its membership in achieving gender equity in intercollegiate athletics.

In my opinion, because the NCAA sponsors twice as many male teams in its basketball and lacrosse Division I championship tournaments as female teams and no comparable female team to the large male football teams in these championship tournaments, it is extremely unlikely that the NCAA will be considered a serious factor in the promotion of gender equity among its membership.

In testimony at these hearings, Ms. Vargyas, senior counsel for education and employment, National Women's Law Center, states that the underlying cause for inequities in the treatment of women in competitive athletics is, "a failure of leadership in both the university community and government enforcement agencies to address the problem (see page 2). She reviewed the Brooklyn College case, which was resolved by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Department of Education, as an example of this failed government enforcement. In that case, several dates by which time the college had committed to take certain actions had elapsed without such action having been taken. However, OCR closed this case finding no violation based on assurances given by this institution under investigation. There was no enforcement of those violated assurances. To reinforce this assertion by Ms. Vargyas, I am enclosing the assurances made by Towson State University (TSU) and the first evaluation by OCR under these assurances of April 9, 1992. This evaluation shows that in at least two of five areas, TSU failed to meet its

assurances in recruitment and support services (see items 3 and 4). Moreover, OCR found that a new area, athletic financial aid, which was adequate in its 1989-90 academic year review had deteriorated dramatically in the 1990-91 academic year. No OCR enforcement action is discussed or threatened in this evaluation for TSU's failure to comply completely with its assurances to the OCR.

Although Ms. Vargyas suggested to this subcommittee that the assistant secretary for Civil Rights, the Honorable Michael L. Williams, be subpoenaed to appear before this subcommittee hearing, she was informed that he would appear at another meeting of this subcommittee. However, I was informed in Sept. of 1992, by a subcommittee staff member that due to insufficient time, no more hearings on this matter will be held by this subcommittee in the 102nd Congress.

If sufficient time is unavailable for enforcement of Title IX by either the administration or the 102nd Congress, then the public must demand an explanation from their senators and representatives to justify such an extreme delay in view of the enactment of Title IX 20 years ago. In order to assist the public in the effort, I am enclosing the Washington, D.C. addresses and the district telephone numbers of all these House subcommittees on commerce, consumer protection and competitiveness members. In addition to obtaining the positions of candidates for national office, the public is strongly urged to make it clear that any incumbents who thought that after 20 years Title IX should wait more before it is seriously enforced in competitive athletics, will wait more than 20 years to obtain their vote at elections.

If someone desires to discuss these matters further or to obtain additional information, including the addresses and telephone numbers, they may contact Frank Soda at telephone (410) 455-9687.

Frank Soda
Towson, Md.