

L'Aluta Continua (The Struggle Continues...)

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The following are a synopsis of Chancellor Paul Hardin's statements, promises, and contradictions concerning the existence of a free-standing black cultural center.

"You cannot build a separate building."

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"... tell me what the drawback is for a center that is dedicated, funded and spacious plus having accessible all the amenities that exist in and around the Pit like the bookstore, snack bars, dining facilities, etc. Is that inherently inferior to a free-standing building, particularly if I can get it for you when I can't get the other and get it faster than the other."

(Meeting with the Black Faculty Staff Caucus and Chancellor Hardin)



"I don't think there was a flat out verbatim commitment to a free-standing facility. But, I'll confess [that] at one time I interpreted Bob Eupanks' comments in that way."

"I'm not very positive about new buildings. We don't have enough money to do the things we're already doing."

"I understand the need to stand up to the Chancellor, but aside from that, is there an intrinsic superiority in the set-apart four-wall structure?"

"Minorities need to be fully integrated into the community. I'm pulling for the underdog. Why should I get the Board of Trustees to give space to the most powerful (African Americans)? What about the least powerful?"

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"The BCC has proved that it's accessible and not separatist."
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"We cannot do it (build separate buildings) for every minority group. How do you address this? How about calling it a cross-cultural center?"

"I'd be gung-ho to get a multicultural center especially on North Campus."

"I have never advocated for a multicultural center."

"Fundamental fairness is a concern of mine."

"I have paid my dues and you ain't seen nothing yet"

(March 17, 1992: Hardin's Press Conference In Response to the Banner "Hardin's Plantation")

"My wife and I will contribute money to the bicentennial for the BCC."

Note: The BCC's share in the Bicentennial Fund has decreased from \$2.5 million in 1988-89 (the first year of Chancellor Hardin's administration) for a free-standing facility to \$500,000 in 1991-92 for

renovation and programming.

"I've done everything in my power to get the 'snack bar' moved for the BCC to get started."

Note: Chancellor Hardin came to the University in the summer of 1988. For the past four years prior to his arrival, planning for a free-standing BCC was well under way. It was during that same summer that the interim space, "the 'snack bar'" was given. Since that time, the process has been deadlocked in discussion upon discussion, and broken promises.

"I'm doing my best to teach white people, because everyone is not happy with the (current) BCC within the confines of the major Student Union activities."

In Conclusion

"I think I'm making a liberal stance. A John Stuart Mill stance and a Martin Luther King, Jr. stance, but I'm subject to error."

SBP John Moody: Friend or Foe?

Editor's Note: This article was submitted for the previous issue, but due to lack of space was unable to run.

In this issue, we will be covering the Executive Branch of Government exclusively. Sadly, most of the information we have to report is not positive. But, let's begin at the beginning. First and foremost, let us start with Mr. Moody himself. In discussing his pursuit of the Presidency, Moody stated to *The Daily Tar Heel* that he was confident in his ability to win due to the fact that he is a Greek. He said that he knew the other candidates had to play catch up. Now, take a good look at what is wrong with these statements. First of all, Moody's platform was that he was going to "break the mold". However, Moody followed the path of past Presidents and relied on his Greek connections to win the election. But, let's not take away from

Moody. He has broken the mold. First of all, this past summer the Legislative Branch of North Carolina decided once again to raise tuition. Moody broke the mold by not being visibly and vocally concerned about this important issue. He decided to break the mold from past Presidents by not lobbying against and protesting tuition increases on the students' behalf. Since he said he was concerned with the welfare of *all* students on campus, this would have been an opportune moment to display his concern.

We do appreciate the things that Moody's office has accomplished that were on his platform, such as the extension of the Union Station's hours. However, with the recent tuition increases, no one can afford the scrumptious delights of the many flavors of Dunkin' Donuts that are available.

This summer while the Black Student Movement, the Black Awareness Council, and the

Campus Y were addressing an issue that is at the height of many students' concern- the free-standing Black Cultural Center- our "Phantom President" was nowhere to be found. With the beginning of the new academic year, this issue has remained a controversial and high profile concern. However, Moody has yet to come out publicly with his stance since the elections. Probably due to the fact that he is swamped with more pressing concerns such as bringing U2 to campus to play in Kenan Stadium.

Like we promised last issue, we will let you know how to become more involved with student government. At this time, the Executive Branch has a sign-up sheet on their door for all interested in helping out this year. Please go by and sign up so the change can begin now.

Peace Y'all,
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