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The NAACP has been active in the drive by strategizing its plan of attack. Members have concluded that, "... it would be in our best interest to position ourselves in heavily-traveled areas on campus, such as the lobbies of Morrison and Hinton James because the majority of the students who have not registered to vote are freshmen and these are the locations where most freshmen live."

Last year the NAACP registered approximately 60-70 people with

only three volunteers; they plan to increase those numbers five fold this year.

Voter registration through the Black Student Movement will continue through October 11. The last day for registration in the Pit is October 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a dorm-to-dorm drive from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on South Campus as a last minute



effort to make sure that everyone is registered.

Fortunately, the movement does not stop here on campus. Alpha Phi Alpha has decided to reach out to the off-campus community by registering voters in barbershops, beauty supplies stores and libraries.

"We want to educate people about voting and the importance of voting. We want to educate people on the candidates and platforms in general. This has become an annual event for Alpha Phi Alpha. We usually register around 500 voters," says Smith.

Black Student Movement president Tyra Moore believes the voter registration drive has a clear purpose. "As black students we need to realize that our voice can be heard. We need to encourage other black students and other minorities to come out and vote. People talk about change, and in the next breath they feel defeated and claim they do not have the power to affect change. It would be our fault if our voices were not heard. This year we are non-partisan. Voter education and knowledge on the issues will be stressed so voters can vote intelligently."

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