

Believe the Hype

By Jeremy Moore

What makes '03 the best class here, not just on the yard, but within every aspect of university life? I will start by giving three very simple reasons. 1.) We are not '02. 2.) We are definitely not '04. 3.) We are the role models for '05. Obviously we are the most unique and outspoken class that has ever walked on this campus. Our impact has already been felt and our legacy has



already been established. You might ask how? Well, let me expound just so there will be little room for disagreement. When you hear the buzz about why Harmonyx is so tight this year, or why UNC Gospel Choir has sounded better than they have in years, or why the NCBSA of the BSM has had the best programs thus far, '03 must be recognized. Or consider why UNC Dance Marathon is such a success and why Martin Luther King Jr. Youth

Leadership Day is so beneficial to at-risk youth and also why the Business School Symposium was a huge success. You must recognize '03.

Furthermore, why are the BSM Subgroups so tight? Clearly, Andrea is not the only dancer in Opeyo Hip Hop, Tia and Trina are not the only members of the Gospel Choir, Lindsay is not the entire staff of the Black Ink and Katrina is not the only member of Ebony Readers Onyx Theatre; but they must be recognized because they represent '03 well. I could go on and on about the incomparable amount of Christian leaders coming from this great class whom disciple and lead bible studies and stand adamant in their convictions as they venture out into all areas of campus life. I could discuss the leaders of student government, Greek councils, Campus Y committees, Student Television. Maybe we could discuss the great jobs of resident advisors with more than half being representatives of '03 or maybe we can talk about the rising amount of students (mainly black juniors) venturing out in math fields where there was little if any minority presence.

The fact of the matter is that we do not have to call out '03 to express the FACT that we represent on this campus. We do it so all the haters can't mistake us and so you can know wherever you go we are there, getting your leadership positions, taking your internships and your study abroad positions, serving where you want to serve and bring in the spotlight where you are one in the number of all in the dark. Regardless, '03 will continue to represent - maybe '04 will step up and try to compete, maybe '05 will wise up and take pointers from us; maybe all the haters of '02 will give in fighting against us and join us. However, until then, '03 will continue to impact this campus and establish our great legacy.

'Nuff Said

By Dustyn Baker

I am not writing to take any credit away from all of our UNDER-classmen here at the University; I am not anti-'03, '04 or even '05. I am simply for the class of 2002. To all those who throw insults to the superior seniors, don't forget who recruited and welcomed you here in your beginnings as a student. We have participated in a number of efforts to bring you here whether it be High School Honors Day or Pre-Orientation. Do you realize that a member of the class of 2002 has been involved



in each of those programs since you all have had the opportunity to participate? Never to worry, because that is why we are here, to guide and to set the standard.

We have set the standard throughout this campus. Our legacy will flow on with the rest of the history of this university. I could give you a number of points but I will focus on just a couple. First case in point is student government. For the first time in the history of the University three out of the

four executive officers are not only people of color, but also BSM members. The BSM helped to train us, mold us, and push us out into the rest of the campus to make our impact felt. I'm not sure if any of the UNDER-classmen will be able to follow us in our footsteps, but if you do, know that '02 laid the groundwork for you. Second case in point is our class gift. Never before has our University given back to those who truly built this place. Despite such history, the class of '02 decided to dedicate themselves to giving back through a monument to honor those slaves who were buried on campus. Again, I doubt anybody will be able to appropriately follow us, but if you do, know that '02 laid the groundwork for you. Do not worry about hounding us to thank us for what we have done, simple respect will suffice. Let us all be honest here - a day without the class of 2002 would leave you all empty and confused. We are everywhere, whether it is Shayla, Ashley, and Aidil in the MSRC or Kristi as the BSM head; our legacy is here and will continue.

Before I get back to my applications for professional school, I leave you with one last thought. You see next year at this time you UNDER-classmen will be busy writing papers, competing jobs and many of you will still be trying to catch the bus to South Campus. The class of '02 however will be off working on much more superior issues. We will be the investment bankers your parents call, we will be the nurses you depend on to remain healthy, we will be training to be the future lawyers and doctors you will definitely depend on, we will even be your TAs as many of us continue through graduate school. Regardless, it is clearly evident that we are the ones who recruited you here, laid the groundwork for future generations, and next year you and your families will be ever-more dependent on us and the services we will provide. So instead of explaining, complaining and excusing, suck it up and bow down to those who are superior.