

Welcome, Black freshmen

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These past several weeks at Carolina have been rather eventful ones for you. Most of you have gotten your first taste of 24-hour freedom, UNC football cheers, white roommates, BSM meetings and 8:00 classes. You are now probably wondering how you are going to make it through the semester with these five ingredients as stimuli. Well, take it from one who has tried, it ain't easy. But, somehow if you really try, you can make it.

Have you ever heard that if you make it through your freshman year in college you won't have trouble making it through your senior year? Basically I think this is true, especially if you are going to a predominantly white university. This is the case because, besides the heavy academic load traditional to most freshmen and the novelty of the unlimited freedom, you have the added problem of trying to maintain your Blackness while being completely surrounded by whiteness.

The identity crisis is a common disease suffered by many Blacks in predominantly white institutions. That is, many Blacks come to white institutions like Carolina and forget their Blackness. They become so engrossed in white oriented happenings that they don't even think about or perhaps don't want to get involved in Black oriented happenings on and off-campus. I would even go so far as to say that eventually these people think themselves to be superior to other Blacks. The less said about these pseudo Blacks the better. I just hope all of you have come to UNC with the firm conviction that you are first and foremost Black. You must know

who and what you are or otherwise you are bound to suffer.

I urge, Black Freshmen, to get involved in the black happenings on campus. The Black Student Movement is the primary link to black happenings on- and off-campus. Perhaps you have already heard the yearly rumor made to you by some disenchanted Black that the BSM is a bullshit organization. This, I assure you, is not the case. The BSM is an accredited student organization funded by the student legislature. There is a yearly check on each organization and if it is not functioning properly, the organization will lose its funds. The student legislature recognized the efforts of the BSM to provide for Black students last year and increased the BSM budget substantially for this year.

As was the case last year, the BSM tries to offer you something in just about any area, academic, social, cultural, and political. Academically, the BSM provides tutorial programs to help explain and supplement your class assignments. There are two tutorial programs working under the auspices of the BSM, the Gilson Tutorial program and BSM-Y tutorial program. Socially, the BSM will sponsor a party every home game weekend and the social committee is in the process of arranging plans for some socially oriented happening every weekend.

Culturally, the BSM is sponsoring several major events this year, the Miss BSM pageant and a cultural fair. Herman Nixon's dance group, the Opeyo Dancers, will perform several times this year and the BSM choir will offer a number of concerts this year. Politically, the BSM will be involved in voter registration drives on and off-campus.

This, I assure you, is only part of what the BSM has planned for you this year. There is only one qualification, however. In order for any of these programs to be successful we need your assistance starting right now. Go to the BSM office and sign up in the different committees today. Please don't put it off. You can't expect to gain anything without first venturing to help.

After reading this article some of you may get the idea that I'm a Black racist. This is not true. I simply feel that if you are Black, your main interests should be centered around Blackness. You must have a natural desire to want to participate in Black happenings. No one should have to practically beg you to participate. If you are one of those people who needs to be begged to attend BSM meetings, begged to attend cultural events, begged to pay your \$3 semester dues, I advise you to sit down for a minute and start questioning your values.

I strongly feel that if you don't get involved into some Black oriented programs on campus, you are missing a great opportunity in meeting other interesting Black students. I urge your involvement because you may become one of those Black students who is always in the company of white students. It's not so much the fact that they are always with white students as it is their non-reaction when you and your group walk past these pseudo-Black students. I urge upon you again to try not to become one of these pseudo-Blacks. Try to get involved. However, if you are one of those Blacks who cannot become involved in committees for perfectly logical reasons, please try and maintain your Blackness on this predominantly white campus. That's all we ask.



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Black athletes manipulated

by Robert Evans
Staff Writer

As fair minded as I try to be, I no longer feel the need to ask myself why many of our top Black athletes choose to leave the South to pursue their careers. In an amazingly inconsistent move, Bill Dooley provided me with the answer.

Imagine yourself a quarterback in high school, who has attained All-American status. Add to that a desire to play collegiately in your own state, a sensational year as a freshman at the school you chose (in the South, of course), and you are in the exact situation as Charles Baggett, that is, until last week.

It is not however, the purpose of this article to discuss the Baggett incident (though we all sympathize with him), but rather to discuss the political manipulation of Black athletes that has pervaded this country and in particular the South. It is fairly obvious that there is still a quota system in this neck of the woods which up to this point, has manifested itself particularly in the ACC's 800 rule. The 800 rule was deleted this year.) Of course the standard reply to this was that ACC schools were interested in seeing their athletes graduate, and that anything less than 800 on the SAT casted doubt on a player's ability to perform academically. In answer to this, I can only point to the sizable number of football and basketball seniors that I have noticed struggling through summer school after playing their last game for good ole Carolina. It would appear that there is a credibility gap between the lofty principles set forth in ACC rules, and what actually takes place.

This one rule itself (not

including the obvious quota system: two Black freshmen basketball players every two years), has a profound effect on the number of Black athletes that are available to this school and others like it. Moreover, the ironic thing about it is the heart felt need of prideful Southerners to be winners. To illustrate this ambiguous statement I merely refer the reader to Monroe Eley, Reggie Royal and Otis Cole (remember Florida State?), Henry Bibby and God knows how many others, who have helped to spoil some of Carolina's greatest moments; yet, all of these men could have worn "North Carolina" across their chests.

Other reasons for this phenomenon are many and complex. However, at the risk of sticking my foot in my mouth, I will say that it appears to me that the whites who control athletics here, feel the need to reassure themselves that the Black athlete is not physically superior. That he is, is a ridiculous notion, but then the South is notoriously known for such notions. Nevertheless, I believe that there is going to be a larger proportion of Blacks excelling in sports for a long time to come, simply because of differences in physical environment.

I will conclude by answering a question posed several months ago by Larry Brown, coach of the Carolina Cougars. In response to Tom McMillen's not making the Olympic squad after the last cut, he wanted to know why we weren't at the stage in which an athlete was chosen by ability, and not some makeshift quota system. The answer is that politics, rules and quotas are the last sure ways to keep it light.

New lounge policy enacted

by Charles Duncan
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Much has been said about the parties held in James by the Black students and the numerous occurrences of violence. This year the University has done away with the guards that were used last semester to curtail the violence and replaced them with an interim policy. The specifics of this policy that are relevant to the Black students are:

1. Parties can no longer be held in the floor lounges unless it is a party held by and for the residents of that particular floor.

2. A group or person(s) must sign with the Residence Director for the use of the first floor lounge at least 48 hours before the party is to be held and not more than one week in advance.

3. A group or person(s) signing for the use of the lounge must assume financial responsibility for returning the lounge to the condition in which it was prior to the function and for any damage that occurs.

4. Any violation of these regulations will result in the termination of that individual's or group's privilege to have any function in university owned

residence halls for the duration of the semester.

One effect of this policy on Black social functions in James is that there will be no Black floor parties in the respective floor lounges because, under this new policy, only residents of a particular floor can have a party. There are no all Black floors, so any floor party will be mixed.

For those who are dissatisfied with this policy, steps are being taken towards the formulation of a new policy by a committee of Robert Kepner, Director of Residence Life, Fred Schoeder, Assistant Dean of Student Life, Richard Epps, Student Body President, Steve Saunders, Chairman of the Residence College Federation, John Meeker, Assistant Dean of Residence Life, and Elliot Stephenson, Assistant Dean of Minority Affairs.

Elliot Stephenson explained that the interim policy is being watched closely in hopes that it will help to determine what the new policy will be like. Elliot said that he was pleased with the way this policy was working out. If it continues to do so, then many of the provisions of the interim policy will be adapted into the permanent policy. No definite date has been given as to

when the committee will devise a permanent policy, but he feels that before second semester something permanent will be in effect. Once a new policy is devised by this committee, it will go before both the student government and the Residence College Federation for final approval.

This new policy has several good aspects about it. The lounge will be open to anyone who goes through the proper procedures. But the policy does nothing to curtail the violence that the administration and staff were so concerned about last semester. That situation could easily repeat itself under the new policy. The university seems to think that it can stop the violence, but the solution must come from us.

The Blackest Day

I am Black!
And I am beautiful!
My soul is deep and rich
like Black soil
And
Black muddy rivers!
And I am bad!
Yes, I am bad!

I am proud. I fight. I struggle. I bleed. And finally I die!
But when I die — How glorious!
For there are no wasted breaths of time in the existence of me!
I am terrifying!
Yes! I am terrifying!
When white men see me coming, they know that I will rise!
Because I am out to get you, World! To rearrange your values.
And when I'm through with you, World,
How different you will be.
You'll want it all Black!