



'Psyche' time returns

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Out of all the fantastic feats that are pulled off all year, none can surpass those pulled off at exam time. The ways may not be obvious, but everyone can get himself "psyched up" for exams.

Most Black students, in reference to the taking of exams, have ways of "psyching themselves up" that run from the extremely funny to the dead serious. One co-ed says, "I think about that 'F' that I'll get if I don't study, and what comes after that 'F.' Then I study." Another sister says, "You just have to put the seriousness of exams in your mind. Then you place your courses in priority and plan to stay up all night."

The most important motivation seems to be the concern over that QPA, and the knowledge that it takes study to keep it up. One Brother states that all he has to do is to

remember that his future presence at the University depends on the outcome of his exams, and he'll get to it!

Many Brothers and Sisters talk about last minute cramming. For most of them, it is a matter of necessity. But others are like one Brother who says that he studies best under pressure, and that he does well after last-minute cramming. One Sister says, "If I study about eight hours before the exam, the material is all fresh in my mind. So, that's what I do." Other

students plan to pack up and go to the library.

But one bad Brother says, "You should be almost ready now. If you go to class and have taken some tests, a little review should be all that is needed." So whether you're gonna pack up and go to the library, stay up all night, or get to bed every night by ten, you can rest assured that everyone is going to do something. Everyone else may think you're crazy, but the way that you "psych yourself up" is your own. Good Luck!

Carolina continues the old tradition

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A lot of you will read this note and agree, then go back to your business and think about it no more. A lot of you will say I am prejudiced. But first, be sure you read, think about it and then pass judgement.

Carolina was built in the 1800's and has always stood for the fine "southern" tradition. This is 1973 and nothing has changed despite the fact that there are 800 Black students on Campus. When I speak of fine southern tradition, I mean such attitudes of whites as "Niggers should be seen and not heard." This I intend to point out to you in several small incidents that only tingle with a tiny bit of white racism. (Though some may say that I am a racist - well if it took a racist to see what I have seen, THEN there are a

heck of a lot of racists on campus as you will soon find out).

Note 1 The University is cutting down on its minority enrollment including Blacks! Why! Do they need more space? If so for whom? Well it certainly is not the minority member who pays taxes in the state of North Carolina just like whites.

Note 2 Why are the majority of Black students situated on South campus? Is it really because they like it there? Well who decides for them that they like there when they come in as Freshmen? Most of them do not even know anything about the dorms when they come. I have heard of many who have signed up for North campus and have ended up on South. No room? Just whom are they saving these spaces for!!!

Note 3 Have you ever wondered why your R.A. tends to let you know what's going on in the dorm last, or sometimes not at all. Have you ever noticed how your wants and needs receive little or attention. Have you noticed how only you seem to be overly tripped by the dorm regulations. Have you noticed how there seems to be a distinct lack of knowledge as to what you are about. How are they selected for their post? Who does the selecting?

Note 4 Ever wonder why white people get so offended and upset when you expose their subtle prejudices, but are quick to react when you do your thing with callous charges of Black racism. Something we can be sure they very about!

Brothers and sisters, think about this. And when you think about it, in the words of Don Lee: DON'T CRY, SCREAM.

From the Chairwoman of the Southern Hospitality Observance Committee.

Explanation

I don't hate your color
I only hate your actions
I hate you for giving me
All the terrible reasons to hate.
Valerie Tarver

Motto

I play it cool
And dig all jive
That's the reason
I stay alive.
My motto
As I live and learn
is:
Dig and Be Dug
In Return.

Langston Hughes

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On last issue

"In the excitement of living through that year I forgot what a short time a year is in a lifetime of trouble."

-Herbert Kohl

On Black Growth

So, bloods, another school year has passed. You must judge for yourself how much you've grown-intellectually, socially, and in Blackness.

Personally, I have struggled all year with these same concepts. I have begun to feel an inherent connection. That is, I have begun to feel that to participate in any intellectual or academic advancement, one must do so from a Black perspective. One must see the education we are exposed to here for just what it is-"the man's" experience. We must attempt to see how much of this education is beneficial to us.

Let's take a case in point. I discussed at length with a friend a paper he had done on one of Shakespeare's plays. We both thought the paper represented a realistic interpretation. The instructor said my friend had missed the whole point and gave him a low grade.

The thing is, our ability to relate to Shakespeare as whitey does becomes less and less as we grow in Black consciousness. We begin relating to everything from our historical Afrikan perspective-which is the only truly real premise from which we can relate to anything.

It becomes real that many of our instructors will not be able to relate to where we're coming from-they either intellectually appreciate our "creative opinion" or they mark us down for failing to see the point.

Consider too, social growth in blackness. We begin to be able to deal with whitey not in terms of his emotionless sophistication; we begin to demand that he react to our humanism either with appreciation or respect-or that he leave us alone.

I could go on and on discussing this Black growth concept-but I want you to get into it personally. If you disagree, that's hip too-'cause I believe that understanding of yourself, and only from a self-awareness can you grow in realizing your relationship to the world.

On Our New BSM Central Committee

I've heard there's some discontent among us on the recent BSM elections. In a way this distresses me very much; on the other hand it gives me some optimism that we'll be communicating next year.

Bloods, let's just look at a few simple points:

1. The structure of the BSM is set up such that the officers are elected to represent and carry out the desires of the masses of students.

2. The chairman or Central Committee cannot institute or carry out any program without the consent and participation of the masses of students.

3. The Black struggle must begin where the people are. The members of the Central Committee can have a revolutionary philosophy which could change the whole concept of life for the world, but it must be practical enough to deal with Carolina's niggers to be workable.

You see, BSM is all of us and at all times-not just the chairman or the Central Committee and not just at official BSM functions. Granted, if you do not communicate your feelings, the leadership will attempt to go on-but the leadership does not operate in a vacuum.

For the most part, Central Committee members are running partners, friends, or at least acquaintances with the students-thus we all know something about where others are coming from. Things we talk about at parties or while sitting around in the Union, no matter how counter-liberating, are just as much a part of us as things we discuss at BSM meetings.

The reality is then, that BSM is the total Black experience on this campus. The Central Committee and the BSM general body are all one in a reaction to an existence on UNC's campus.

So, be cool about personalities, bloods, and think about freeing our collective selves. If an individual BSM officer needs to be held accountable-let's deal with it, but remember, we all are BSM-because liberation of Black people means all Black people, no matter where their heads are now.

African Liberation Day

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