



Roller Skating had come to Chapel Hill. At a roller skating disco held recently in the parking lot of Hinton James dorm almost 70 students, both beginning and experienced skater participated. Above, Ricky Cooper, a student from Kinston, displays an added touch to his routine, while Cory (last name not given), a visitor from Fort Bragg shows off his routine as another student looks on.

Afro-American Culture Series Schedule of activities for the fall

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The Afro-American Culture Series will begin in October and continue through next semester. Allen Johnson, a graduate student will be coordinator for the series. He will be assisted by Dr. Lee Greene, Assistant Chairman of the Afro-American Studies curriculum.

There will be an Open House on October 10. The BSM Gospel Choir and the Opeyo Dancers have been asked to participate.

A drama workshop is planned for November 8 and will be conducted by Margaret Brewington and Ruby Fuller, two graduate students in drama. Their concentration in the workshop will be preparation on dramatic performances. Brewington is employed by the state and does workshops all over North Carolina.

Johnson stated that the dramatic performances will be done in conjunction with the Ebony Readers, the BSM forensic group.

In November, there will be a panel discussion entitled "25 Years After Brown versus the Board of Education, Progression or Regression?" Guest speakers will Dean Hayden Renwick, Charles Daye of the Law School and Harold Wallace, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

There will be several aspects of Black life discussed such as religion, college admissions, sociological effects, and legal defects.

There will be an art exhibit during the first week of November featuring black photographers and black artists. They will depict authentic scenes from the black community. "We want it to be bigger and better than before," says coordinator Allen Johnson.

Other projects will be focused on the black athlete, black preachers and maybe black women, but the major functions will be held in the spring.

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Low percentage of Black males causes concern

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(Note: This is the first of a two-part series on male-female ratios at UNC and at area colleges.)

The Black male population at UNC may be comparable soon to "hen's teeth" or "bird's lips" or some other witty remark that means there aren't many.

Last year's Black freshman class of 297 contained only 95 males, roughly 32 percent. An unofficial tally of this year's freshman class reveals a total of 408 black freshmen with 143 or 35 percent male.

Statistically, that's a slight gain but not an encouraging one.

"I think it's a plot," junior Tyrone Avent said. "I went to a party at Pre-Orientation that was 95 percent female. They're trying to keep the women unhappy."

Avent's remarks are made half in jest, but a random Black Ink survey supports his view that women are unhappy.

"It would definitely help the social life around here if there were more men," Chery Lavelle, a freshman from Pilot Mountain said.

It's very bad socially, mentally, in every aspect of life for the Black woman, a female graduate student said, who asked not to be identified. "Socially, there are not that many guys to select from. At parties, for instance, the few men have the advantage. The female is more likely to be taken advantage of," she said.

She went on to say that she might be married now, had she gone to a school with more black men. "When I accumulate what I want, I want to have someone to share it with," she said.

Why is the supply of black men decreasing?

"Men have more alternatives than women," Debra Purvis, a sophomore from Robertsonville said.

Purvis said her high school was 60 percent Black and had 184 graduating seniors. Only three Black males went to college. "They all went in the army," she said. "They wanted to start making money right then. A lot of them were really smart but didn't want to wait four years," she said.

Black women, Katrina Smith, a freshman from Shelby said, are different. They see college as an outlet. "Black women come to get an education because they don't want to become dependent on men," Smith said.

Assistant Director of Admissions Collin Rustin agreed. "It's not that easy for guys to opt for four years in the books not knowing what it's going to get them," he said. "There's more family pressure to work. Many guys are going to graduate from high school and work."

Rustin added that a lack of positive Black role images, in the media and elsewhere, also affects enrollment. "I think the Black male ego has taken a battering from all points," he said.

BSM Chairperson William Bynum, the only black male in his high school class to

attend UNC, added: "Black males feel they can get more awards and recognition from sports achievement rather than academics."

Freshman Perry Green, from Jacksonville, said when he discovered the lopsided ratio of women to men in his class he felt the admissions office might be to blame. "I felt that they were not trying to recruit black males," he said.

Admissions official Rustin said there indeed, is not a specific effort to recruit Black males, just Blacks in general. "Our decision in our office is based on high school performances. When we set up meetings to talk to high school kids, more girls show up because they do better in high school. We have the same problem

with the National Achievement and Project Uplift (recruitment weekends)."

Rustin said more males may, however, be aspiring to come to UNC in the next Black freshman class.

In the meantime, for the males already here, UNC is beginning to resemble the University of North Carolina at Paradise. "The more (women) the merrier," said Fayetteville freshman James Ingram. Perry Green agreed: "I am pleased. There's no competition."

The women are not so thrilled. They note that the lack of men can cause awkward social situations. Women and men agree that parties, formals and semi-formal socials would be attended by more women — IF they could find dates.

Tutorial sessions scheduled

Tutorial sessions sponsored by the Minority Advisors Program are currently being offered four nights per week. The schedule for the sessions are as follows:

Mondays—Eringhaus Dormitory (4th floor study lounge) 7:30-9 p.m.

Tuesdays—Hinton-James Dormitory (Seminar Room) 7:30-9 p.m.

Wednesdays—Craig Dormitory (Executive Council Room) 7-8:30 p.m.

The Minority Advisors Program, directed by Deans Hayden B. Renwick and Joyce Clayton, offers these tutorial sessions to all students. Students interested in tutoring others in one or more subject areas (i.e. Humanities, Social & Natural Sciences, Foreign Languages etc.) are encouraged to drop by any of the four sessions or to call Dean Renwick's office at 966-2143. Students interested in receiving tutorial assistance should feel free to attend as many of the sessions as they consider necessary.