

Sister's Corner

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Columnist

Four years ago, I came to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from South Carolina. I was ignorant of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and the ways of college life. I had great expectations for this place they call Carolina. I had heard so much about the beautiful campus and the challenging academics. And I just assumed that the people would welcome me — a freshman from another state — with open arms.

But it didn't work out that way. I found out by the end of my first semester that I had to struggle to make friends and feel comfortable in an integrated world. I had to learn how to live with white people and what groups I wanted and needed to belong to.

I had to learn about various aspects of life at Carolina, but I knew one thing before I got here. I knew that I came here to do the best I could academically. I knew that I had to make it through the Southern Part of Heaven to make it through life.

It's now time for me to leave Carolina. During my four-year stay, I have grown and developed in various areas. No doubt others have, too. But there is a majority of black students who have not grown academically. Hayden B. Renwick, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said in a March 30 *Black Ink* article that out of approximately 1,300 black undergraduate students, only 100 have a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Two others interviewed for the article cited various possible reasons for this.

Joyce D. Clayton, assistant dean of General College, said that usually students who perform poorly during the first months of the semester are the ones most likely to skip classes and fail to seek help through support programs. She attributes this to pride.

Felecia Piggott, a junior minority adviser from Winston-Salem, said, "There are so many other things to distract them. They think it's better to be social, catch up on the latest soap operas or join organizations." She said that students are often too satisfied with just getting by.

Although some students work hard in organizations, their academic records are considered by other organizations and award committees. This keeps some blacks from becoming members or winning awards. For instance, the Order of the Valkyries

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It's Coming Up

Thursday, April 29 — Crimson & Creme Ball sponsored by the Theta Omicron Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. A semi-formal event to be held in the Carolina Inn Ballroom from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Featuring Covacus. Cost is \$4.00/single and \$7.00/couple.

Friday, April 30 — BSM Annual Awards Banquet at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall. Admission will be \$3.00 per person and \$5.00 per couple; \$2.00 for BSM members with membership cards.

Friday, April 30 — "Putney Swope," a film of a token black in a Madison Avenue advertising firm, at 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the Carolina Union.

Sunday, May 2 — The Black Interdenominational Student Association will hold a worship service in the new auditorium of the Carolina Union at 11:30 a.m. Two BSM subgroups, the Opeyo Dancers and the Ebony Readers will perform.

No revenue, no support

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When you hear Carolina sports programs mentioned, what comes to your mind first? Well, if you are like most students here, it is probably football or basketball. However, there are some students here, like Lisa Staton, Tony Johnson, Synthia Scott, and Doug Saunders who would say something else.

Synthia Scott, a Junior speech and communications major, is a member of the UNC women's soccer team, the current national champions.

Tony Johnson, a junior from Erwin, is a returning starter on the men's varsity soccer team. He was also the leading scorer.

Lisa Staton, a junior from Raleigh, was the state champion in the 220 yard dash in High School and holds seven records at UNC.

Doug Saunders is a senior industrial relations major and the only black on the UNC Wrestling team. When asked how he felt about student support, he said, "We probably practice harder in wrestling than any other sport, and get the least recognition."

"Our practices are hell. We ended up fifth in the nation and very few people know it," he said.

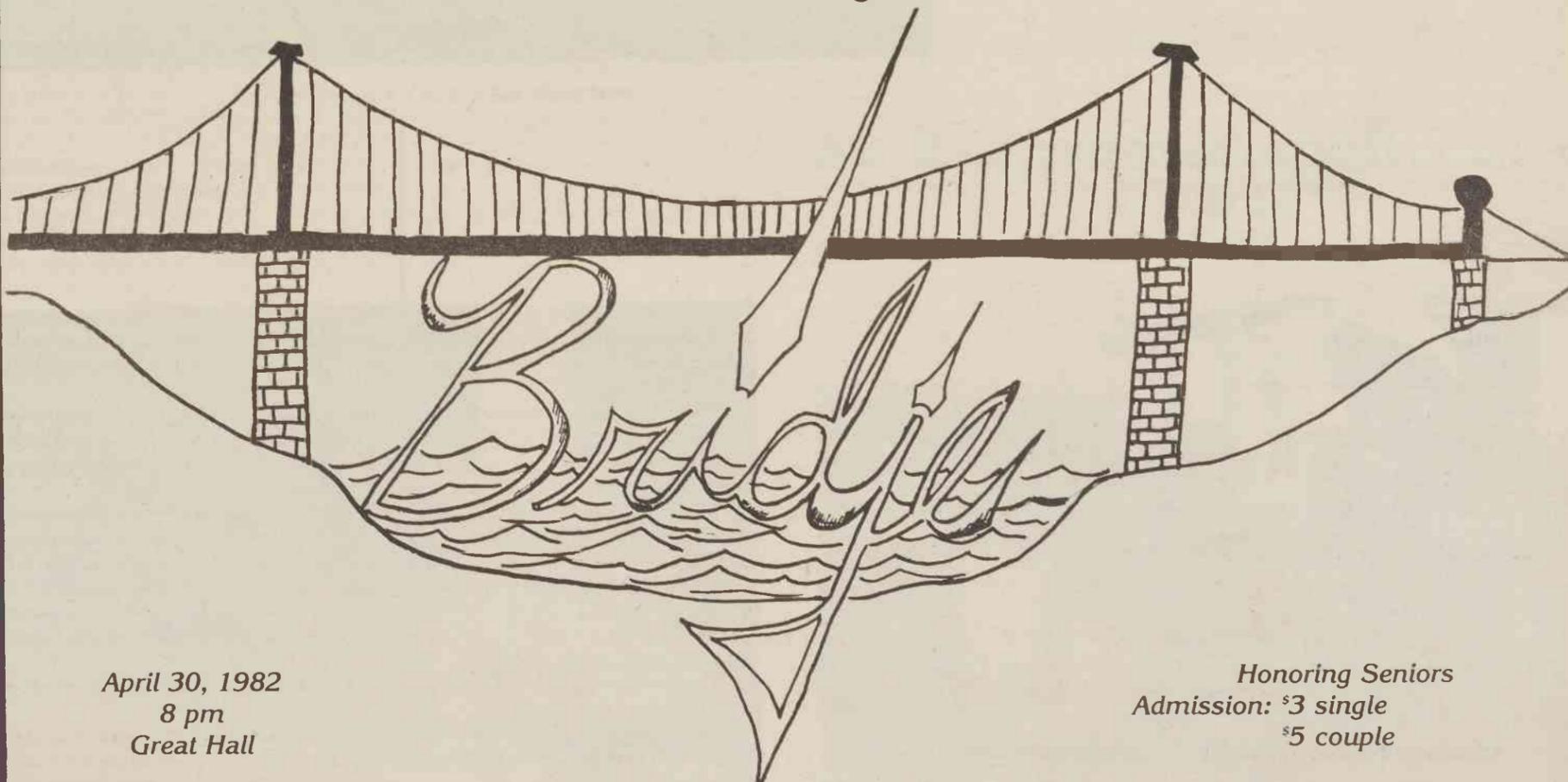
The nonrevenue sports and those which bring in small amounts of revenue, get little to no recognition on campus. The reason is

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Announcing the annual

Black Student Movement Banquet

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April 30, 1982
8 pm
Great Hall

Honoring Seniors
Admission: \$3 single
\$5 couple