

Cheerleading at UNC

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In order to be a black female Carolina cheerleader, some black girls feel you only have to be especially pretty, have extremely long hair, and know some fairly influential people. On the other hand, becoming a black male cheerleader for Carolina does not require such seemingly demanding stipulations; on guys there exists little pressure.

Black Carolina cheerleader Angela Wilder, a junior speech major, said it



Ken McNeely

was hard for the black female to make the highly competitive squad. "I think it takes a lot of determination." Wilder and another black Carolina cheerleader, Kenneth McNeely, a junior and political science major, feel determination is the most important asset.

McNeely said, "You need a positive attitude and good personality."

Lots of determination and talent is what one needs to become a Carolina cheerleader. David Belton, a former black Carolina cheerleader and currently a Carolina cheerleader judge, feels fair judging exists. He said "I think that there is fair judging, and the different types of judges give you different perspectives." Belton also feels he looks for and chooses the best one who can do the job.

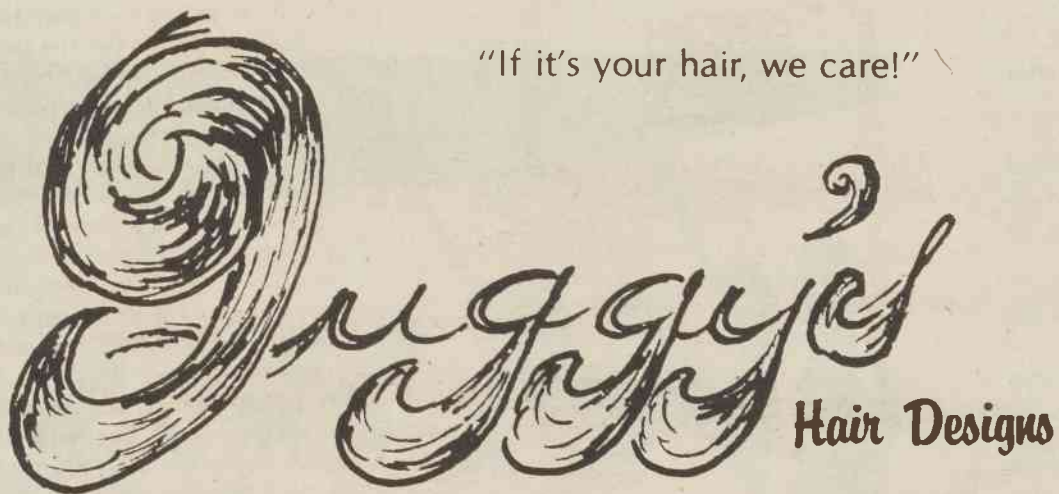
However, Wilder does express the need for more than one to three black judges. Some past judges included assistant band director Alan Reep and dean of student affairs Sharon Mitchell.

In February a clinic will be held to allow interested males and females to find out exactly what Carolina cheerleading involves. McNeely said he is sure that this clinic and much publicity will motivate more black talented people to try out for the squad. Belton hopes that by contacting various organizations such as fraternities and sororities, much apathy would be eliminated and possibly more that ten blacks would try out for the Carolina cheerleader squad.



Angela Wilder

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