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The Future of the BCC

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Plans have already begun on a new addition to UNC's campus.

The Black Cultural Center is projected to be implemented for use in the spring of next year.

The center would be active in exposing students of all races to the cultural dimensions of performing and visual arts. It will focus on music, dance, theatre, art, lectures, workshops and other learning experiences.

Vice Chancellor and Dean of Division of Student Affairs, Donald A. Boulton met with 8 members of the Black Cultural Center Planning Committee on April 22 and presented an interim report on the Black Cultural Center proposal presented to him by the committee on Feb. 7.

The interim report consisted of a summary of work already completed on the BCC planning and also sought input for the next phase of the project.

To prepare for the BCC, Boulton appealed to Professor Gillian Cell, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to join the Division of Student Affairs and the BCC Planning Committee with their efforts.

Boulton proposed in a March 25 letter to Cell that:

-a representative appointed from the College of Arts and Sciences help with the planning.

-the BCC Planning Committee work jointly with the College of Arts and Science and the Division of Student Affairs to establish broad educational and academic goals to provide a framework for development of specific program events.

-identify arts and humanities disciplines which may logically be accommodated within any framework.

-develop a statement which speaks to quality control, artistic integrity, program formats which may be appropriate to the cultural center, and whatever resources, both space and money, that are required in an educational setting for obtaining these goals.

The BCC will be located at the South end of the first floor of the Carolina Student Union. It will measure approximately 1,500 square feet. Funding for the construction and renovation is set at \$13,000.

In addition, the Division of Student Affairs will provide money for office and display equipment, part-time help and a three-year commitment for the salary of a director and secretary.

Boulton is excited about the project. He said, "I want to believe this (BCC) would become an effective tool in recruiting black faculty."

This summer, a task force is scheduled to finalize plans for construction and the selection of a director to head programming.



Opeyo Dancers in performance on April 19



BSM Gospel Choir

Financial Support Given to Cancer Victim

by Shirley Hunter
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Now, Victoria Fisher can receive the treatment she needs to remove cancer from her liver, thanks to help from the public and some concerned officers at Ft. Bragg military base.

This comes at the end of a long struggle with the government that began when she discovered the tumor.

It all started four years ago, when she underwent a mastectomy. She and her family thought the removal of the cancer was the end of a long ordeal, but it was not. A while after the operation she discovered the

cancer had spread to her liver, and another fight against the disease that frightens and scares, had to be waged.

But there was a problem this time. Military service benefits gained from her husband's service in the Army, paid for the first operation, but they would not fund the operation to remove the cancer from the liver.

It seemed the treatment, which involves large doses of radiation, comes under the heading of "experimental," according to the government, even though it had previously been performed on hundreds of people.

"It didn't come under their services," said Luchina Fisher, her

daughter. "Other insurance companies had recognized it as not experimental."

Despite pleas and letters to CHAMPUS, the military program in charge, of civilian medical services, nothing was done to aid the Fishers in funding a surgery and treatment that cost \$80,000-\$100,000.

Then, a next-door neighbor decided to help, said the younger Fisher, a sophomore broadcast journalism student at the University. She said her family had no other recourse—but to sit and wait-until this neighbor stepped in.

Before the neighbor's assistance, the family had written to many prominent citizens asking if they could help with the problem. Letters had been sent to Congressman Charlie Rose, Phil Donahue, Dan Rather and President Reagan. Only Rose and Donahue sent responses, but they offered no real help.

Reagan did not reply.

The Fishers were about to give up, then the neighbor had the idea to fundraise.

"I don't think my mom was going to do anything about it," Luchina said. "My neighbor had the idea to fund-