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The Critic goes on to say that "in a time of tight budgetary constraint, a free-standing Black Cultural Center should take a back seat." They attempt to justify this statement by telling us of the woes of teaching salaries, academic programs, and plummeting library rankings. This argument falls apart because, once again to the ignorant, I say, **"WE ARE NOT ASKING THE UNIVERSITY OR THE STUDENT BODY FOR ANY MONEY!!!"** We neither need nor appreciate the paternalistic assumption that blacks have to ask papa whitey for favors.

I won't go in-depth about the fallacious argument of segregation.

Ask yourself what causes segregation. For whites, the main reasons that they don't integrate with black culture is fear, ignorance, racism and the walls of segregation already existent in their heads. You can't argue the reverse because to survive in America, blacks have to be integrated with white culture (*important note: to integrate means to come together; this does not necessarily mean to assimilate, which means to absorb into). The BCC can be used as a device, mechanism and weapon to tear down the walls of segregation in the minds of whites, thereby promoting race relations. I'm not saying that a BCC will do it overnight, or even that it will do it by itself. I am saying, though, that it can be a

powerful tool for promoting racial harmony.

Africa Unite! Come together and fight or our enemy will divide and conquer us. We are a diverse people, but we have more in common than we do not have in common. I say the following to those of us not yet active in the movement: To the individual Greek who has your bootie on your back, remember your organization's mission and reaffirm your vows; get involved and serve your people. To the individual athlete who thinks that you are all that, realize that you are one of us too and that the enemy is just pimping you for their entertainment—that when they are tired of you, they will discard you like used toilet paper. Use your

talents to become a positive role model for young black people and show the enemy that you have strong convictions about your people and their freedom. To anybody else who has not activated yourself to become a simba (warrior), get the lead out of your ass, apathy out of your hearts, and equip yourself with knowledge so that you can also do battle. Believe it or not, if you're just here to get an "education" so that you can work for whitey, he's gonna' cheat you, beat you and utterly defeat you in the end. The system will definitely see to this because that is how it is set up. If you want to be rich, and white corporate America doesn't pimp you, then it has a mechanism that tells you to strike out on your own,

make your riches and keep it to yourself, so that the bottom line is that you leave your community behind to die. What it doesn't tell you is that if your community dies then you die as well!

This is a call to arms. This is a call for you to make a decision. This is a call for us to rise above our petty differences in order to survive. Indecision is a decision and if you are not for the cause then you are against it. The people need all of us to become soldiers. Brothers and Sisters, **WE ARE AT WAR!**

African Americans should not compromise on Black Cultural Center

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Jim Crow segregation. The ground between legal segregation, *de jure* and association segregation, *de facto*, has been debated and argued over by many lawyers before the Supreme Court. If a free-standing BCC becomes segregated it will most definitely be due to segregation by association, or maybe I should say, disassociation. The problem would not be that, "those niggers are excluding us from the BCC," but, "we don't want to mingle with those niggers." This is a reflection that will be evident to everyone, showing people an element of Carolina's campus—paranoid, ignorant, and flagrant bigots.

Mr. Moran and others, America is a pluralistic society. It is not, as popular literature would have us believe, a melting pot. Many different cultures and languages have come together to form the present predominant culture and language in America. Webster defines pluralism as "a state or condition or society in which members of diverse ethnic, racial, religious, or social groups maintain an autonomous participation in and development of their traditional culture of special interest within the confines of a common civilization." It implies integration while it also speaks of groups being autonomous, or separately distinct from other groups. It does not imply assimilation.

All too often, whites have taken the term integration to mean assimilation, but assimilation is not

what blacks fought for in the '60s. Blacks fought to have access to the best public facilities that this, their country, had to offer its citizens. They fought against the schizophrenic laws of this society which said on one hand that all are created equal and on the other hand that blacks could not be buried in the same cemetery

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I now turn my attention to the editorial that appeared in the DTH on Feb. 27 entitled, "BCC Supporters Must Compromise." The editorial staff supports an expansion of the union to give the BCC office more space. It has already been assessed that union additions are not feasible. What are you going to do now Hardin? An expansion would not fulfill the needs of the BCC. The editorial staff said, "the request for an expanded Student Union is reasonable...." I say that the request for something that we have already been promised 14

years ago is just as reasonable. We should not be asked to compromise. Compromise on what?! Do you think we are stupid? I don't think so! Do you realize, editors, that you are asking us to give up something that is already ours? We compromised and accepted the interim space in 1988. Four years have come and gone and it's now

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wrote the editorial board. Is that so? You sound mighty confident. I would venture to say that this is your opinion—not a fact. I say that a 23,000-square-foot building will house the BCC. There will be no compromise. Do you know how the word compromise scratches the ears of African Americans? We were compromised in the Constitution to be worth three-fifths of a man. I got your three-fifths right here. Booker T. Washington called for compromise and accommodation in his speech at the Atlanta Exposition. We are rising "Up From Washington." Reconstruction found its death in

the Compromise of 1877 by Rutherford B. Hayes. Abolitionists compromised and accepted the Emancipation Proclamation, which according to Henry Ward Beecher, did not free a single slave; the 13th Amendment did. The government has always compromised the African American's rights to appease the racist attitudes of those in power, F___ Compromise!!!! For the African American, compromise means justice denied. Freedom, equality and truth cannot be compromised.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THIS IS A CALL TO ARMS! Every person who wants a free-standing BCC must get involved now. We are at war! Will you let the administration promise you something for 14 years and then tell you that you will not get it? Will you let them tell you that your culture is not worth preserving, promoting and understanding? They have told us ever since we got off the slave ships that we are worthless and I fear that some of us are believing it. Will you let the University tell you that a place to play (the new Student Rec Center) is more important than paying tribute to your rich heritage? They laugh at your past—a past that includes genocide and enslavement. A free-standing BCC needs to be on your lips and hearts at all times. Equip yourselves with information about the BCC and the University's past record of dealing with it. Resist! Struggle! Fight! We need to adopt some of the slogans of the Black Manifesto. Several are: **ALL ROADS MUST LEAD TO REVOLUTION; FIGHT OUR**

ENEMIES RELENTLESSLY; UNITE WITH WHOMEVER YOU CAN UNITE; VICTORY TO THE PEOPLE; REVOLUTION BLACK POWER; and WE SHALL WIN WITHOUT A DOUBT.

Time will separate the field niggas from the house niggas and the timid from the courageous. Like Sister Souljah said, "If you have fear in your hearts, don't fret, just get out the way!" We must become Simbas - Warriors. We must fight for Uhuru - Freedom. We must become pugnacious, unyielding and determined. We will overcome no other way because power concedes nothing without demand and struggle. To my people and other minorities, look and listen around you. Listen to who are calling for a MultiCultural Center to the exclusion of a separate BCC. They are mainly white. This is an old tactic used by racists when they don't want to meet demands. They are trying to divide and conquer. We must not fight amongst ourselves but unite as one voice and as one force. I will leave you with the words of Henry Highland Garnet, "Brethren, arise, arise, arise!...Strike for your lives and liberties. Now is the day and the hour...Rather die free men than live to be slaves....Let your motto be resistance! resistance! RESISTANCE!"