

State Yields Cultural Center

Current Cultural Center is far from ideal, officials say



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Portraits of N.C. State's African-American Cultural Center.

landmarks on campus reflect the white culture and do nothing to promote or uplift African-American culture.

Moses added that she knew others would then ask the question, "What about the Native Americans and what about the Asians?" She responds: "Let them get their own structure too, but right now I'm talking about my struggle and my people, she said. "Multiculturalism is no excuse for not dealing with

racism."

The center's stated purpose is to provide African Americans with a place to go to learn about their culture and educate others.

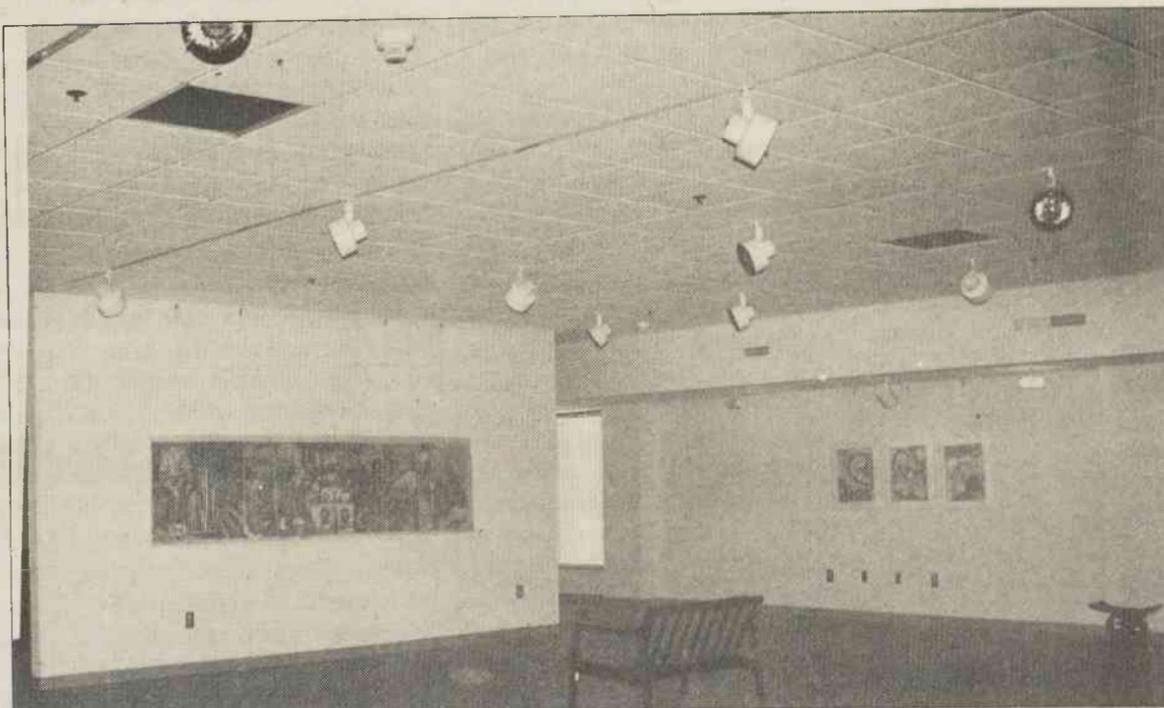
Many times students use the center for studying, congregating, meetings, and panel discussions. Milton Burgess, a freshman chemistry major, likes to attend the support group for black males.

"I also attended a panel discussion recently on male-female

relationships," he said. "We had a large turnout."

Angela McNeill, a math education major said, "I came here because I needed something to link me to all the various organizations I could join."

Moses concluded: "You have a long struggle ahead of you, just don't give up."



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The center's art gallery is plagued by bad lighting, and its walls are not ideal for displaying artwork, Moses said.

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what kind of idiots do they think we are," said Moses. "Reconstruction is a must."

Before the new center was completed, students were given a temporary center in the basement known popularly as the "ghetto." This space was inadequate for most programs and events, so it became an attraction for parties.

"American culture has not respected my race and it still doesn't," said Moses. "I believe that if you use the centers correctly then they will do more to bring people together and cement relations."

When talking with N.C. State students about whether the cultural center promotes segregation, Washington tells them, "You're already segregated." Washington then points out that all of the major

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Both Moses and Washington ...el that this was their university's ...ay of cutting costs. "When you ...e things like this, you wonder

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There is a BSM General Body Meeting at 5:30p.m. in Upendo Lounge (Chase Hall) April 1. Afterward, there will be a reception.