

## Getting B.A.C. to Basics

The Black Awareness Council Joins the Fight for a Free- Standing BCC

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methods to help promote an Africentric consciousness- reading and discussion of books by Africentric Authors, listening to Africentric speakers and drawing from racially-motivated experiences. In addition, the group will sponsor various activities to further their cause. These activities include, forums (Knowledge Sessions), public speaking, publication of their newsletter, *The*

struggle for a free-standing Black Cultural Center, the Black Awareness Council's Platform also includes fighting for an African-American Studies Department staffed with African and African-American instructors; immediate improvement of the housekeepers' pay, working conditions and benefits, and an advisory board of minorities formed by the Chancellor to help guide his decisions effecting minorities.

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B.A.C.

has

pledged

to aid in

the re-

education

of African

Americans

and

accomplish

its goals

"By Any

Means

Necessary".

"Some

people

might

view our

organization

as

militant,

aggressive

and

demanding"

said Tim Smith,

"but

those are all

qualities of athletes.

"We wanted to break the

stereotype that has been projected

on us. We want to bring the black

athletes to the black students and

the black students to the black

athletes" he continued.

At the end of the second summer

session, the Black Awareness

Council boasted a perspective

membership of approximately one

hundred students.

*Nubian Voice*, protests, and rallies.

In sticking to their motto of

"putting active B.A.C into activity

and help[ing] the movement move,"

the group assisted the Sonja Haynes

Stone Task Force in their

sponsorship of two Speak Out

sessions during the 1992 second

summer session. These sessions

were designed to promote

enthusiasm and rally support for a

Free-standing BCC. "The race is

power when it comes together and

unites." said Malcolm Marshall.

In addition to aiding in the



Kelly Greene/Black Ink

B.A.C. founders focus in on their mission.

While most of us were resting and regrouping over the summer, a new organization, the Black Awareness Council, was laying its foundation and building its support.

B.A.C. was founded during the first summer session of this year by black student-athletes John Bradley,

Jimmy

Hitchcock,

Malcolm

Marshall, and

Timothy Smith.

As stated in the

organization's

proposal, it seeks

to "increase

awareness

among African

Americans about

issues on campus

and in the

community that

have a direct

effect on them

and their people."

"We felt that

other

organizations

were not

addressing the

issues at hand,"

said Tim Smith,

"Before you make anyone else

aware of black people, you must

make black people aware of

themselves."

Because the group believes in

self-awareness first, its membership

is limited to African Americans.

"Although we are focusing our

efforts on blacks, we don't intend to

alienate other groups that have been

oppressed, but we can't interpret

any other groups struggle for them.

We can only interpret our own."

said John Bradley.

B.A.C. will use three different

## Building Upon A Tradition of Excellence

Dean Rosalind Fuse-Hall  
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You have matriculated to the University at an exciting time! This year, the University will commence its bicentennial celebration; the Black Student Movement (BSM) celebrates its 25th anniversary and the Office for Student Counseling (OSC) celebrates its 20th Anniversary.

I direct the Office for Student Counseling which was created from a cooperative venture between the BSM and the College of Arts and Sciences. The office exists to serve all University students with particular focus on African American and Native American students. In 1973, UNC's African American students called for an office which would "counsel" them about academic and personal issues. Twenty years later, the office actualizes its motto: "Assisting you with your goals for academic excellence."

The Office's staff works to ensure your academic success. OSC sponsors the Minority Advisory Program in which Minority Advisors work with you throughout the year. Many of you heard from these students during the summer. The office offers Academic Skill Enhancement Sessions and tutorials to assist your academic endeavors at UNC. Yet, your success in these programs depends on YOU. You must prioritize academics among the many challenges you will face.

Remember, many African Americans have displayed their talents while attending UNC. Some may ask you why you celebrate the

bicentennial events. You should celebrate because George Moses Horton, an African American slave at UNC in 1917, was creating and reciting outstanding poetry which continues to be anthologized today. Celebrate the bicentennial because black brick masons laid the cornerstone of many buildings that created a UNC campus. Your celebration pays homage to the first African American graduates from UNC; Harvey Beech, who earned his Juris Doctorate from the UNC Law School in 1953. In 1951, Gwendolyn Harris was the first black female admitted to the University. In the 1960s William Darity became the first black to receive a Ph.D. from UNC. In the 1970s, Richard Epps became the first black to serve as student body president and Karen Stevens was a graduating senior when she became the first black American female to receive a Rhodes Scholarship. Dr. J. Lee Greene, who matriculated to UNC, received his Bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees from UNC and currently teaches in the English department, has met the challenges for more than two decades at UNC.

The 1990s are upon us and I challenge you to build upon this African American heritage of excellence at UNC. Many have gone before you, striving for excellence and accomplishing their goals. Set your goals and transcend the challenges. The Office for Student Counseling will assist you in your quest for knowledge. Welcome to UNC!

Sept. 11th 4-5:30 Political Science Dept., BCC and African/Afro-American Curriculum  
Sponsor Public Lecture/Discussion:

Professor: Jim Sidanius Psychology Professor at UCLA

Title: "The Social Dominance Theory of Racism, Confidence in Police, and the Rodney King Beating"

Where: Black Cultural Center