

# Gwendolyn Brooks to Speak At Memorial Hall

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Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks, known for her gripping chronicles about Chicago life, will perform at 8 p.m. March 30 at Memorial Hall on the UNC campus. Admission is free.

Brooks, 76, won the Pulitzer in 1950. She was the first black woman to do so. Though her poetry centers around life in Chicago, it's universality enables it to reach out far beyond the city limits.

The plights of the homeless, the sick, the abused and the exploited come alive within the words of Brooks' poems. She often shows how those who seem to have nothing still have their courage and their hope. Her poetry's not about stagnation, but about action and change.

In addition to writing and performing poetry, Brooks leads seminars and writes books, one of which will include the second

part of her autobiography and several new works and is entitled "Black II."

Her volume of poetry entitled "Children Coming Home" is filled with poems about elementary school children who are on their way home "not always to cocoa and cookies but to crack



Pulitzer-Prize winner Brooks

cocaine."

Brooks has been the poet laureate of Illinois since 1969. She is the recipient of over 70 honorary doctorates, and she has been given numerous honors and

awards. These include Library of Congress' Consultant-in-Poetry in 1985 and induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1988. In 1989, she received the Senior Fellowship, which is the National Endowment for the Arts' highest literary award.

In 1993, the Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center was opened at Chicago State University. PBS and WTTW-Channel 11 Chicago prepared a biographical documentary about her life and work for their "Great Performance" series. The National Endowment for the Humanities has named Brooks its 1994 Jefferson Lecturer.

"She has been on the road a long time now, fighting lions and tigers and the dragons of success and racism," said Lerone Bennett Jr. on Brook's 70th birthday. "She tells us that the darkness is light enough and the Black light we reflect is almost the only light left."

**Applications for the 1994  
Outstanding Black Faculty Award  
Are Now Available in the Sonja  
Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center.  
The Award is Sponsored by the Black  
Alumni Reunion Committee.  
Applications Must Be Returned By  
April 22.**

**For further information, contact Trevaughn  
Brown at 962-3574.**

## Black Ink Briefs

Past and Future issues affecting UNC's Black  
Community

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•A "We Are All Housekeepers Rally," will take place at Noon April 6 in the Pit. Support the cause.

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•A Housekeepers' Movement Educational Forum, entitled, "From King to the Housekeepers: How Far Have We Come?" will take place at 5 p.m. April 7 in 210 Union.

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•A Developing Research Skills for undergraduate and graduate success program will be facilitated by Asst. Dean Darryl Lester of the Office for Student Counseling from 5 to 6 p.m. April 14 in 208/209 Union.

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•The Office for Student Counseling will have its annual 3.0 ceremony at 4 p.m. April 16 in Great Hall.

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•The Freshman Meeting will take place at 4 p.m. April 20 in the Union Auditorium. All freshmen are encouraged to attend.

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•Sophomores are invited to attend, "Self-Empowerment through Self-Knowledge: Yearly Review and Bringing closure," sponsored by the Office for Student Counseling and facilitated by Asst. Dean Darryl Lester from 5 to 6 p.m. 208/209 Union.

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•sautl mpya, the African-American literary magazine, will release its Fall issue this month.

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•Black Parents' Alliance Weekend will take place April 16. If you have any ideas for a program or would like to facilitate one, contact Latarsha Chambers at 914-6731.

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•Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will sponsor its annual Greak Freak Invitational Stepshow competition at 7:30 p.m. April 16 in Carmichael Auditorium. Tickets are on sale now from an Alpha Phi Alpha member.

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•The Freshmen Class Committee meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the SHSBCC.

PAST EVENTS:  
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•Dean Harold Woodard was named interim dean in the Office for Student Counseling. He has temporarily taken over former Dean Rosalind Fuse-Hall's duties. Be sure to stop by and say hello.

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Black Ink Briefs is compiled by Jacqueline Charles. To have your organization listed call 2-4336 or drop an announcement by 108 Union.