

Professor's Speech Highlights BCC Conference

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Students from across the nation gathered for an intense meeting of the minds at the first Blacks in the Diaspora Student Academic Conference held Saturday at the Friday Center.

The Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center and the Office of the Provost co-sponsored the conference, which was the culmination of the BCC's yearlong lecture series.

Students were invited to submit papers on the general theme of "Blacks in the Diaspora." The national search yielded more than 20 submissions, from which the BCC chose 14 presenters. Participants included a Stanford doctoral student, UNC undergraduates and a post-baccalaureate researcher from the University of Maryland.

Attendees chose from 10 workshops throughout the day that included "The Modern Debate on Multiculturalism," "The Impact and Implications of Film and TV on the Development and Perpetuation of African-American Stereotypes" and "The Myth of Black Progress."

The BCC's biweekly series has featured 14 speakers including faculty, graduate students and undergraduates from UNC and universities nationwide, but the highlight of Saturday's conference was the keynote speech by Michael Eric Dyson, professor of communication studies and expert on intercultural and multicultural relations.

Dyson, who will also head the planning committee to create an institute of black research for the new black cultural center, spoke on race and the life of the mind.

Dyson linked the diaspora conference with the tradition of black scholarship. Examining past scholarship illuminates modern cultural criticism and points to areas where critique is needed, he said.

Dyson also praised the variety of the topics at the conference. He said recovering diversity of thought was a powerful criticism of both narrow Afrocentrists on the left and universalists on the right.

He said Afrocentrists who tried to impose narrow definitions of blackness were just as dangerous as universalists who refused to focus specifically on African-American experiences.

"The power of racism is the power to impose heterogeneity of thought and action," Dyson said.

"You should not have to give up who you are to be present at the table because that negates all that previous scholars have stood for."

He also discussed the misrepresentation of the multicultural movement. He said no apologies or separate standards were needed to justify the inclusion of stellar black authors such as Ralph Ellison and Zora Neale Hurston.

"Multiculturalism is not the assertion of inferior art in the face of some standard of excellence," Dyson said. "Merit is a socially determined, politically contingent good applied according to the demands of one's own era."

He encouraged the scholars to see intellectualism as a tool to effect change.

He said people who had the opportunity to attend college were obligated to represent those who did not have such opportunities.



Michael Eric Dyson talks to a student after speaking at the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center lecture series.

Students Travel the Globe To Escape Dull Summers

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The last few weeks of spring semester find many students pondering what to do with their summers. Most must find a way to make that much needed money to pay for their tuition, car or entertainment.

One of the most common ways college students make money is by working relatively humdrum jobs, like in a mall or a restaurant. But what some don't realize is that summer jobs are available that could prove to be more exciting than the average job, while still providing a good wage.

Some employers that recruit college students are cruise lines, environmental activist groups, the airline industry and the Alaskan fishing industry.

Progressive Media is one of several companies that provide student employment services for temporary or seasonal work. It produces a series of publications providing the necessary information to conduct a job search. "Students who want to pursue something different and unique instead of working at McDonald's come to us," said Kevin Lustgarten, vice president of Seattle-based Progressive Media.

Lustgarten said one of the biggest money-making opportunities was in the fishing industry in Alaska. Land employees work an average of 65 to 70 hours a week at a base wage plus overtime.

"Students go to Alaska because they make good money, meet people from all over the country, see Alaska and have a

good experience while in college," Lustgarten said.

Cruise ships offer a wide variety of jobs ranging from photographer to youth counselor to aerobics instructor.

Students should investigate the employers' individual policies, since the benefits and pay depend on the particular company and the job, Lustgarten said.

Airline jobs are geared more toward people interested in a career in the industry. Many entry-level positions are open for flight attendants, baggage handlers and members of the flight crew.

Free the Planet, an environmental protection organization, offers summer positions as student environmental activists in one of 65 grassroots offices throughout the country.

Amy Webster, a campaign director for Free the Planet, said the benefits of the job were the extensive internship-like experience and the opportunity to not only pick up a paycheck every two weeks but to do something meaningful.

"Hundreds of very strong voices are going to rise up this summer and free the planet," Webster said.

Meg Solley, a senior from Falls Church, Va., explained the difference between having a common job and working for Free the Planet. "Working at McDonald's is basically a waste of time because it emphasizes our capitalistic society," Solley said. "Working for a job that has some positive impact on society helps us to survive the hypocrisy of today."

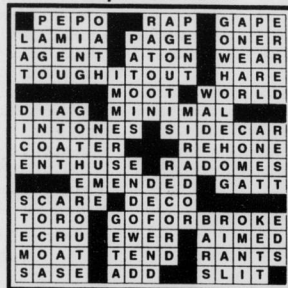
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Friday's Puzzle solved:



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"Our new standards will require that graduate students be proficient in word processing, database, spreadsheet and telecommunications."

Spangler said preventing school violence was another urgent concern. "We live, unfortunately, in a society so dangerous that violence is the No. 1 concern of parents in our country," he said.

CONGRESS

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ported candidates for student body president? Congress ruled that the groups were supporting student government, not student politics, so they could still be eligible for funding.

The issue carried over to Sunday's meeting, in which B-GLAD Co-chairmen Patrick Willard and Dawn Prince challenged some congress members who asserted that B-GLAD was politically partisan.

The 19 members present voted to appropriate \$1,795 to Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity. That was the figure the appeals committee had recommended, short of the \$3,815 originally requested but an increase from the Student Congress Finance Committee's recommendation.

Willard said he was happy about the decision even though it had taken a long time.

Campus Calendar

- Women's History Month
Charlotte Ray was the first black woman to earn a law degree and to be admitted to the bar. She received her degree in 1872 from Harvard Law School. Ray became the first woman to practice law in Washington, D.C.
- MONDAY
11 a.m. APO Blood Drive will be held in the Great Hall until 5 p.m.
12:30 p.m. Around the Circle: "Fraternal Ties That Bind Whites in Historically Black Greek-Lettered Organizations and Vice Versa," in the BCC.
3 p.m. Internship 100/Orientation to University Career Services workshop on using UCS re-

sources to assist you in your career and finding an internship will be held in 210 Hanes Hall.
5:10 p.m. Want to lobby our state legislators? Meet at the Campus Y parking lot for a trip to Raleigh to lobby the N.C. Senate on environmental, public health and student aid issues.
7 p.m. Carolina NORML will meet in 111 Murphy.
Golden Key National Honor Society will meet for free food and drinks in 569 Hamilton. All members are welcome.
6 p.m. UNC-ACCSA will meet for elections in 224 Venable. Representatives from Kaplan Testing Center will discuss taking the GRE.

HORACE WILLIAMS

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Chancellor Paul Hardin has publicly stated in the past that he also preferred to use part of the land for housing for University faculty, staff and students.

Hardin is scheduled to meet with developer Joe Hakan, president of the Public Private Partnership, on Thursday.

UNC is considering the land on the Horace Williams tract for additional student family housing to replace Odum Village, which will eventually be relocated as part of a University expansion project.

Jones said, "The growth in the south part of campus of health and research facilities would, in the long run, require Odum Village to be replaced."

RHA Week

- Today, RHA Awareness Day
3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Carnival in the Lower Quad
- Tuesday, Residence Hall Staff Appreciation Day
8 p.m. - 12 a.m., DJ party, Carmichael Ballroom
- 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., Retro Ball with DJ Jon Carter, Union Cabaret
- 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., SARR Diversity Workshop, Gerrard Hall
- Wednesday, Cultural Celebration
11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pit performances by Hispa, BSM, NAACP, ASA, Sangam
- 8 p.m. - 10 p.m., Hypnotist, 106 Carroll
- 8 p.m., Open Mike Night, Morrison recreation room
- 10 p.m. - 1 a.m., DJ Party, Pantana Bob's
- Thursday, Community Service
8 p.m., Casino Night at Carmichael Ballroom (proceeds go to charity)
- Saturday, Springfest
12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., McIver Beach
12 p.m. - 2 p.m., Barbecue

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