

CAMPUS

Race relations week stresses diversity

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"United we stand, divided we fall" was a fitting motto for our nation's founding fathers.

Organizers of the fourth-annual Race Relations Week hope to prove that motto is just as relevant in the 1990s.

The goal of the week is to give people the chance to see the necessity and advantages of diversity, said Genie Walker, co-chairwoman of Students for the Advancement of Race Relations, the Campus Y committee that planned the week's theme and schedule.

"We've made the conscious effort to make the week's activities multicultural and to stress that it's not just a black-white issue," she said. "We really want people to keep an open mind throughout the week's varied activities and to make this a starting point on the path toward better relations and understanding between all cultures."

The week's main themes, "United We Stand ... Divided We Fall" and "Unity Through Diversity" carry through its many activities, all of which stress the need for the acceptance and appreciation of cultural diversity in the University environment.

Sister Soujah of the rap group Public Enemy will deliver the event's keynote address Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in Hill Hall Auditorium. A limited number of tickets are available for the speech and can be purchased at the Campus Y, the black cultural center or at the door. Tickets are \$2 with a valid student identification card and \$3 for the general public.

Esa Davis, SARR co-chairwoman, said Soujah's address should effectively rile those in attendance.

Race Relations Week Activities

MONDAY, MARCH 16
12:00 Noon
Let Your Voice Be Heard! Pit Kick-off rally.
1:00-3:00 PM
Film: *Tongues United* will be shown in the Student Union, room 205. Discussion to follow.
3:00-5:00 PM
Cultural Workshop Sponsored by the Carolina Association for Israeli Support (CAIS) in 205 Union.
5:00-6:30 PM
Interacial Dating Workshop in 206 Union.
6:00-7:00 PM
Film: *Days of Rage/Steal Freedom* in room 206 Union. Discussion to follow.
7:00-9:00 PM
Speaker Dr. Herbert Bodman will give a talk on Arab-Israeli relations in 205 Union.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
12:00-2:00 PM
"Bone Marrow Needed!" Information Session in the Pit
12:30-2:00 PM
Film: *Face to Face*, a film focusing on racial reconciliation, will be shown in the BCC.
3:00 PM
Diversity Workshop for Greek Organizations in 224 Union.
3:30-4:45 PM
Panel Discussion The CAA will sponsor a dis-

ussion dealing with women's issues such as future health care and ethnic diversity. Based on the book *Lines That Divide, Ties That Bind*. Room 211 Union.
6:00 PM
Dinner Discussion on sorority swap weekends. Location to be announced.
7:00 PM
COLORS (Campus Organizations Looking at Our Racial Sensitivity), comprised of students from various UNC groups and athletic teams, will hold a forum in an attempt to understand how race relations enters into the campus equation. Union auditorium.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
12 Noon
Poetry in the Pit dramatic readings highlighting poets dedicated to improving race relations.
3:00 PM
It's Not Just Black and White A discussion addressing the effects of discrimination on Asians, Hispanics and Native Americans in Union 206.
4:30 PM
Multicultural Education Forum Discussion on multiculturalism's influence on curricula. 212 Union.
6:00-8:00 PM
Open Discussion of an AFAM Requirement 205 Union.
8:00 PM
Keynote Speaker Sister Soujah, of the rap group Public Enemy will speak in Hill Hall. Limited num-

ber of tickets (\$2 with any college ID, \$3 general public). A reception will follow in the BCC.
THURSDAY, MARCH 19
9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Pit Forum Selected speakers will discuss the plight of UNC housekeepers.
A Minority Business Forum dealing with different aspects of the corporate world will be sponsored by the Black Business Student Alliance (BBSA). Keynote speaker and place TBA.
8:00 PM
Brainstorming and Discussion Session How multiculturalism can be incorporated at UNC. 208 Union.
8:00 PM
Native American Dances will be performed in Memorial Hall.
FRIDAY, MARCH 20
9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Cultural Diversity in the Arts. A variety of groups will display their talents in the Pit.
12:00-3:00 PM
Exhibit Presentation An African quilt exhibit entitled "World A Thought It" will be displayed at the Ackland Art Museum.
SUNDAY, MARCH 22
6:00-8:00 PM
Be on the Radio! WXYC will air a call-in program, "Northern Hemisphere Live."

"I definitely think her speech is going to be to the point. It won't be sugar-coated at all. She's going to shake things up, but I think that's just what UNC needs," Davis said.

Walker said Soujah's address should be well suited to the UNC campus.

"She has a very significant message," Walker said. "What she has to say will be tailored to the current situation on campus. We're all very excited that she has agreed to speak because she will reach a large number of students with her message."

The week gets started at noon today with a kick-off rally in the Pit.

The rally concerns housing and will involve the Black Student Movement, Residence Hall Association and student government. Students are urged to attend and voice their opinions.

"Another key event of the week is the

COLORS (Campus Organizations Looking at Our Racial Sensitivity) Forum. This discussion involves students from UNC organizations and athletic teams in an attempt to get a more personal understanding of race relations on campus, Walker said.

"Instead of looking at the deep philosophical issues involved, this forum is intended to allow students to come out with individual ideas and to emerge more personally empowered," she said.

Other activities include an Interacial Dating Workshop involving 12 campus couples who have agreed to discuss the issue from a more personal level, a Minority Business Forum and discussions concerning the proposed multicultural requirement.

Davis said student participation was important to make the week a success. "This week involves everyone," she

said. "People need to understand that it's not a negative week. A lot of times people tend to stay away from anything racial because they're scared of tension. That's not what this week is about at all, and it's the main thing we've tried to stress."

"This is intended to be a celebration of culture," she said. "Students should take this opportunity to get involved and take time to enjoy other cultures."

Walker said the many campus organizations involved should increase student enthusiasm toward the week.

"One or two can't be pinpointed because all of the groups have worked together so well in order to make the week successful," she said. "This enthusiastic support by campus groups has made the week more diverse and exciting."

Pratt

punishment because we only have one more meeting to this year's congress," he added. "He gets to keep his seat for next year's congress and start with a clean slate."

Pratt said he could not comment regarding this incident because of the pending charges. But he said the incident had affected him. "I have been harassed before the hearings and after the hearings."

Speaker Tim Moore said he did not think Pratt should be removed from congress for his actions.

"I totally don't think even if he is found guilty of those charges that he

should be kicked out of congress," he said. "There have been a lot of people on congress who have been unfriendly to people on congress who have not been kicked out of congress."

Shelburne said that although he disapproved of Pratt's behavior, it was ultimately up to the ethics committee to decide if Pratt should be reprimanded. He also said members of congress should not be held accountable for the actions of other members.

Rep. Ron Swift, Dist. 7, said he was not surprised by Eric's comments given his track record in congress this year. In addition, he said Pratt's comments prob-

ably could be attributed to the frustration he felt when his efforts to defund the CGLA's budget were thwarted.

"Eric's behavior is a good example of poor sportsmanship. He was angry because his coalition had fallen."

"Eric Pratt, along with a team of others, worked effortlessly during the year with the sole intention of defunding CGLA's budget. There was a lot of political arm-twisting, promises and threats made to achieve this agenda."

CGLA member John Johnson said the ethics committee should reprimand Pratt as an example to others who discriminate against an individual's choice

of sexual orientation.

"Personally, I would like to see Eric Pratt kicked off congress in order to show that such actions should not be tolerated."

Both Garrison and Johnson agreed that if congress failed to take action against Pratt, the CGLA could possibly seek some form of reprimand against the congressman, either in Honor Court or by other administrative means.

"By not reprimanding Pratt, it appears that congress is condoning his behavior even if they are not — at least that is how it will be perceived by the people."

Ocracoke Islanders still hope to secede from Hyde County

The Associated Press

OCRACOKE — Ocracoke Island residents, dissatisfied with Hyde County government, are continuing with their efforts to secede and join Dare County, the island's neighbor to the north.

About half the island's 713 residents told county commissioners of their secession hopes at a meeting last week.

Residents last month gave officials a petition signed by 592 people, nearly all the island's adult residents. The petition was started after a poll taken by a high school class found widespread discontent with county government.

The N.C. General Assembly would have to approve the island's transfer to Dare County.

The best way would be through a bill introduced by a local representative and supported by both county governments, The News & Observer of Raleigh reported Sunday.

Despite its small population, Ocracoke's tourist industry makes up about 26 percent of Hyde County's tax base. The island will pay about \$695,000 in tax revenue this year. Residents said at the meeting they were paying out too much in taxes to a county government that is hard for them to reach.

"We know what Ocracoke does for Hyde County," said islander Reginald O'Neal. "We'd all like to know what Hyde County does for Ocracoke."

Hyde County supports an island school for students between kindergarten and high school. The county also pays Dare County to pick up the island's trash.

Two Hyde deputies provide law enforcement on the island, and county taxes pay for a nurse and two emergency medical technicians.

Ocracoke's volunteer fire department also gets a \$5,000 annual allotment similar to the county's other departments.

But islanders now want more services for their money, including building and sanitation inspectors, an air ambulance to carry people to hospitals and extra law officers for emergencies.

Even if Hyde officials could grant the islanders' wishes, they can't change geography.

A trip from Ocracoke to Swan Quarter, the county seat, can take 13 hours and \$20 per round trip with scheduling.

Residents must drive to Hatteras Island and catch another ferry if they miss the ferry between Ocracoke and Swan Quarter.

Islanders say they have more in common with Dare County than with Hyde. Ocracoke is connected to Dare by a 40-minute ferry ride to Hatteras Island.

Most Ocracoke residents make a living from the tourism industry that attracted nearly 1 million visitors last year. Dare County also has a sizable tourism industry.

On the Hyde County mainland, forestry and vegetable farming are the main sources of income. Residents there are among the state's poorest.

One county official said Ocracoke residents were to blame for their situation because they want to live in a secluded spot yet have conveniences.

"We didn't tell them to go over there and live," said Emily Thomas, Hyde County's finance director.

Campus Calendar

MONDAY
3 p.m. JOB HUNT 101: Orientation. Basic information on how to use the UCPPS office for seniors and graduate students in 306 Hanes.
3:30 p.m. Christian Legal Society, Federalist Society, and John T. Olin Foundation present: "The Impact of Lee v. Weisman on Church-State Relations" in Classroom 3 of the Law School.
3:45 p.m. UCPPS will sponsor a resume-writing workshop for seniors and graduate students in 306 Hanes.
4:30 p.m. UCPPS will provide preparation for the Education Job Fair Panel in 010 Peabody.
6 p.m. BISA will have a Bible Study in Upendo Lounge.
7 p.m. Writing Center sponsors a beginners' workshop to acquaint the user with Microsoft Word on IBMs and MACs in the Greenlaw PC labs. Bring two 3.5-inch diskettes.
RAP will meet in 208 Union for a training session.
7:30 p.m. ILAS and Interfaith Task Force on Central America welcome Michael Canroy, professor of Economics at UT-Austin, to speak on "El Salvador: Reflections on the Negotiations, the Prospect for Peace" in 569 Hamilton.
Carolina Critic meets in Suite C of the Union. The Critic is actively recruiting for an advertising manager, a development director and additional writers.

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