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## **“Black Issues in Higher Education” Founder to Celebrate ‘Creative Genius’**

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Frank L. Matthews, co-founder and publisher of “Black Issues in Higher Education,” will help North Carolina State University’s African-American Cultural Center kick off its 2004 fall series of programs, which is themed “Changing the Landscape of Society: African-American Creative Genius.”

Matthews will deliver a public lecture on Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Campus Cinema in Witherspoon Student Center, which is located at the corner of Dan Allen Drive and Cates Avenue on the NC State campus. The event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow Matthews’ speech. Matthews will also be available for interviews on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 11 a.m. in room 126 of the NC State African-American Cultural Center, located in the Witherspoon Student Center.

“Throughout this academic year, change agents whose work influences our lives will visit our campus to engage our students, staff, faculty, and community guests in conversations about their work and their lives,” said Janet Howard, interim director of the African-American Cultural Center. “We know and recognize some of the great pioneers of the past, and we want to talk with scholars whose accomplishments are making a difference now.”

In addition to “Black Issues in Higher Education,” Matthews also publishes “Community College Week,” a national, semi-monthly publication that covers community, junior and technical college education issues. He is also co-founder of Cox, Matthews and Associates, a Fairfax, Va., communications company.

Matthews is also a faculty member at George Mason University, where he teaches in the School of Law and School of Management. In July 1988, Matthews was named senior scholar in the Center for Policy Studies in Education at George Mason. He has also served as past president of the American Business Law Association for the Mid-Atlantic Region and the National Association of College and University Attorneys. Matthews also serves or has served on the boards of the Citizens Bank of Virginia, Resources for the Future, Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, the Clemson University Honors College, and Blacks in Philanthropy, as well as other organizations.

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Matthews received his bachelor's degree in political science from Clemson University in 1971. He later earned a master's in business administration and a law degree from the University of South Carolina in 1976.

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