

Name change aids student body unity

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As the students of Washington and Lee get settled, the changes around campus have become more and more obvious. There is one change that has occurred that may not be noticed as rapidly as the fact that we are now coeducational. The Student association for Black Unity has changed its name. Before revealing the name, I would like to say this is a move that should be heartily applauded. The name SABU really discouraged people from participating in activities that the house sponsored. The decision to rename SABU proved to be quite serendipitous; students of all races expressed a sincere interest in helping the brothers of SABU. There were many reasons for the change, the main one being the words "black unity." Those two words made it seem as if the blacks in the W&L family were uniting against someone or something. In speaking with Derrick Freeman, president of SABU, I found that not only does this organization want to attract blacks, but all

minorities, including women.

In the past SABU has invited black speakers to speak with black students. It is now the policy of SABU to invite any speaker who has a valid topic of interest for all students. This is a very smart move, because in order to achieve racial harmony in the W&L community, we must all come together, not just to organize groups to promote one thing.

One of my reasons for attending W&L is that there is a family atmosphere among the students. Regardless of what fraternal organization you're in, the bond that exists between alumni, faculty and students is always there and is used to correct any existing "wrongs." The change by SABU demonstrates this feeling.

Now that this change has come about, maybe the Student Activities Board will work closer, not only with the Minority Student Association, but with all organizations on campus. To campus. To the newly formed gov- the newly formed government and members of MSA: Hats off!