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Mohammed Jalloh, Kawezya Hutchinson and Quincy Attaway (left to right) gather in the Black Student Union office in Suite 25 of the EMU.

BSU branches out on campus

■ The group aims to obliterate racism while hosting campus activities throughout the year

By Kara Westervelt
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On the wall of Suite 25 in the EMU is a work in progress: a mural depicting a brilliant sunset and a wide meandering river, with sharp black silhouettes of people standing out against the multicolored background. The vibrantly painted wall provides a backdrop for the lively conversation and laughter that fills the office of the Black Student Union.

BSU was founded as a resource for black students on the University campus. It "exists to encourage a positive image of African Americans and to support its members in achieving

their educational goals," according to the group's mission statement, and its members say it gives them that support in a variety of ways.

For some, BSU provides a sense of comfort and familiarity.

"It's a second home for me," said Kady-Ann Davy, a freshman originally from Jamaica.

Etopi Fanta, a junior from Portland, agreed. "It's a home away from home," she said. "I can escape the anonymity I feel on such a large campus."

Co-director Haben Woldu said the group offers a forum for students to "share stories and common goals. We give support and motivation to students."

"It's nice to be part of an organization because there are only 300 to 350 African American students on a campus of 18,000," co-director Kawezya

Hutchinson said.

According to the co-directors, the group has approximately 100 members, with at least 30 who are active on a weekly or monthly basis.

BSU also serves as a resource for new students. "Freshmen can come here for peer guidance. We offer information and advice for students on classes, career choices, everything," Hutchinson said.

Fanta also described BSU as "a political force. ... If you face adversity, it can help educate you about your rights."

The co-directors expressed concerns about subtle racism on campus. "It's difficult to address issues that people are unaware of," Hutchinson said. Some comments that might be thought of as compliments can cut

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Brokerage firm funds student group

■ The University Investment Group analyzes industries and votes on securities in which to invest funds

By Dominique Beaumonté
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When someone hears that there's a student investment group on campus, the first question that might come to mind is whether the group uses real money.

This one does.

"We are not dealing with chump change," junior business major Ben Buzbee said.

In fact, the University Investment Group receives \$50,000 per year from D.A. Davidson & Co., a brokerage firm in Portland, to invest in the stock market after analyzing industries and companies.

Since the group was created in 1998, it has had great success, Buzbee said. In its first six months, the group was making a 15 percent profit, he said. If the group earns more than 5 percent of the money invested, it divides the gain with D.A. Davidson. The group usually donates its gains to the University's Finance Department.

Russel Tennant, the branch manager of D.A. Davidson's Portland office, said the student group provides real-world opportunities that students can't get in other places.

The organization, which was founded by three students, now has 16 members. It is governed by three co-directors: business majors Mark Rollins and David Stout, and accounting graduate student Jeremy Potts.

Stout, the director of information for the group, said he takes pride in the organization and sees the opportunity to invest real money while still an undergraduate as amazing.

Stout said students spend hours researching and analyzing different industries and stocks and preparing rec-

ommendations on which stocks to invest in. After presentations on stocks and industries, the group takes a vote. The decision of the majority determines how the money is invested.

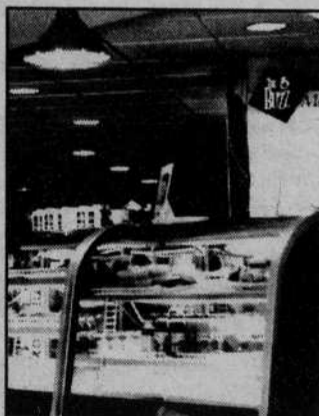
The group is currently investing in a variety of companies, such as Lucent Technologies, Centennial Bank and Monaco Coach. Stout said the group prides itself on making wise investments.

Active membership in the investment group gives students incredible opportunities in the job market, Stout

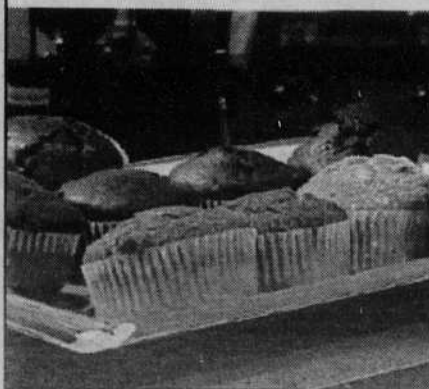
said. The group's work with D.A. Davidson has been one of the best parts of the experience for him, he said.

Cindy Burg, a D.A. Davidson analyst and the company's adviser to University students, said investing is not as easy as it looks, and these students have had the opportunity to ride the wave of the investment world. She added that it takes a lot of time and effort to make investments, and the group has definitely worked hard.

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