

BLACK INK



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BSM; social cultural, academic, "not racial"

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The Black Student Movement (BSM) serves as the backbone of the Black student community by providing cultural, academic, and social activities otherwise absent on UNC's white oriented campus.

"The BSM is a rallying force for Black students," BSM chairperson Allen Johnson said.

"The BSM represents an outlet and guide for Black students. We offer services and activities for students that they otherwise wouldn't receive."

Cultural projects such as the Opeyo Dancers, Ebony Readers, and Black Ink; Academic services such as the tutorial program, Upward Bound, Project Uplift, and Black Pre-Orientations—and social functions as the Coronation Ball, the Annual Picnic, Club Night, and the Upendo Lounge are all BSM sponsored events. According to Johnson New Projects for the academic year include a "Mr. BSM" contest and discussion forums dealing with topics such as Black Gays, Black Male-Female relationships, and Black-

Indian struggles.

Johnson said he plans to make the BSM "more accessible" to the general populace. "Our Central Committee meetings will be open, and this will eliminate some of the questions students had in the past of how the money was being spent. We will rotate the general body meetings between the dorms on South campus to facilitate more students."

But what chairman Johnson sees as one of his major challenges will be to set the image and direction of the BSM into a more positive acting force, as opposed to the stereotype role that has given the BSM its most publicity—reacting to racial decisions by the University's Administration.

"The BSM has been perceived as a militant organization by many whites on campus because of the adverse publicity we've received in the Daily Tar Heel. They are quick to exploit any protest activities, but seldom report on any of our other activities, like the Opeyo Dancers or Ebony Readers," Johnson said.



BSM Chairman Allen H. Johnson III: We're not a racist organization. Staff photo by David R. Squires.

Horton in 3 honor societies

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Quite a number of Black students at the University of North Carolina have achieved significant accomplishments. One particular group has been selected as members of the university's honor societies which require more than just luck and skill.

Of over 22,000 students at the university, only a select few are chosen to these honoraries.

Senior chemistry major and Johnson Scholar, Byron Horton of Goldsboro, is a member of the Golden Fleece, the Order of the Grail, and the Order of the Old Well.

The outgoing BSM Chairman, Horton is the only Black ever chosen to three honor societies at UNC.

Allen H. Johnson, a second year journalism graduate student, from Greensboro, NC is a member of the Order of the Grail, the highest honor society at UNC, the Order of the Golden Fleece. Currently BSM Chairman, Johnson is a former editor of the Black Ink.

Morehead scholar Thomas Mayo III is a senior from Chicago, Illinois. He is a member of both the order of the Old Well and the Grail. Mayo helps coordinate the University's regular freshman orientation programs.

Upward Bound actually helps

By SHARON MARSHALL
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Throughout the summer there were other faces on campus besides those of college students attending summer school. These somewhat young and unfamiliar faces belonged to some 65 high school students here for the Upward Bound Program.

According to Allen Johnson who has worked with the program for five years, the primary purpose of the program is to motivate underachieving high school students toward college careers. The students are chosen according to economic conditions and less than B high school grade averages.

Most of the students are Black, but at one time as many as five whites were enrolled.

The year-round program is for rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Students who have graduated

from high school, however, are also eligible. They are called "Bridge Students" and are allowed to take college-level English I with regular students at the university during their second session of school.

The Upward Bound Program offers classes such as math, English, science, history, plus several electives. The students choose classes in fields where they need help most. The classes are not university or official high school classes.

Also included in the program are extracurricular activities such as sewing and dance, cultural enrichment programs, and the Upward Bound Summer Olympics, which took place this year at Pembroke State University.

Johnson said the Upward Bound Program actually helps the students. "I've worked with the program for five years and it's been very beneficial." Some of the students with the program have come to school here at Carolina.



Upward Bound students chat with counselor-instructor Allen Johnson. Staff photo by James Parker.