

ACTIVITIES

Minority Recruitment a Major Concern of BALSAs

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Staff Write

The Black American Law Student Association (BALSAs), formerly the Minority Law Student Association, is a UNC campus organization concerned with the recruitment of minority students for law schools.

The organization's annual spring recruitment program offers classes on gaining admissions to law schools and financial aid. The program's workshops are designed to address the needs of all minority law students as far as reaching their educational goals are concerned.

Brenda Carter, secretary, said BALSAs changed names because the members felt a need to affiliate with the national organization of the same name.

"On a national level BALSAs would be able to better express their opinions on such issues as the Bakke and Weber cases while gaining experience through practical involvement activities such as the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition."

During this yearly event, Black law

students are able to display their talents as they compete with other BALSAs organizations from across the nation.

President Vernon Russell, a second year law student, plans to have his organization lay the foundation for BALSAs this year. Russell also plans an orientation for Black students on exam-taking and study techniques as well as electing a representative to the BSM.

The representative would serve to keep in touch with other activities among the student body since professional organizations tend to lose contact with undergraduate activities.

Carter invites any undergraduate students interested in the organization or its activities to "check them out." Internally, BALSAs helps with policies within the School of Law and they deal with problems arising among individual members.

Membership is open to anyone in the School of Law at UNC. Presently, BALSAs has forty members all of whom had undergraduate majors ranging from communication to political science.

Grover Burtney, a third year law student serves as vice-president. Associate Professor Dr. Charles Daye is the official advisor.

Getting Black law students and Black attorneys involved in the community "in order to make it (the legal system) responsive to the needs of the black community and to do any and all things necessary for the accomplishment of these purposes within such limits as provided for by law" is the national purpose of BALSAs.

Campus Events

By Theresa Williams

Selection of Miss Black Ink

Black Ink will be taking applications from young ladies who would be interested in serving as Miss Black Ink 1980.

Miss Black Ink will serve as the hostess to all *Black Ink* functions and will co-ordinate the Black Ink Awards Banquet in April.

Applicants must submit a 500 word essay on "The Necessity of Having a *Black Ink* at UNC-CH." She must also fill out an application form which is available in the BSM office.

Miss Black Ink will be presented to the student body at the BSM Coronation Ball on November 10.

Coronation Ball Scheduled

The Black Student Movement will hold its annual Coronation Ball on November 10 from 8-2 in the Great Hall of the Carolina Union.

The theme of this year's ball is Black Woman.

Performances will be provided by the BSM Gospel Choir, the Ebony Readers, and the Opeyo Dancers.

Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities, and *Black Ink* will present queens who will represent their organizations.

The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of Miss BSM. Any young lady wishing to run for Miss BSM may pick up an application from Sheila Dye, 550 Morrison, or from the BSM office. Applications are available until November 1.

Achievement Weekend

National Achievement Weekend will be held November 7-9.

Application forms are available for students wishing to serve as National Achievement Counselors. During National Achievement Weekend, high school seniors are invited to the campus. While here, the students attend seminars on admission, financial aid, and visit classes.

Applications are also available for students who wish to house a student. Forms are available in the BSM office in Suite B of the Carolina Union.

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