

# Thanks for outside help; BSM really needed it

The BSM got a little help from its friends earlier this semester. A group calling itself the Underground was formed to do some problem solving for the central committee. It was a group that came up with some very feasible solutions for the "crippling" ailments of the BSM.

Founded by LaVie Ellison, a senior from Eden, the organization formulated a series of suggestions aimed at uplifting the troubled organization.

Even though all the members of the underground were not BSM members they were able to see so clearly the problems of the BSM that they recommended decreasing the size of the central committee. As they saw it there should be five main areas of direction for the BSM, with less stress placed on social activities more on the other five four areas — culture, academics, service and politics.

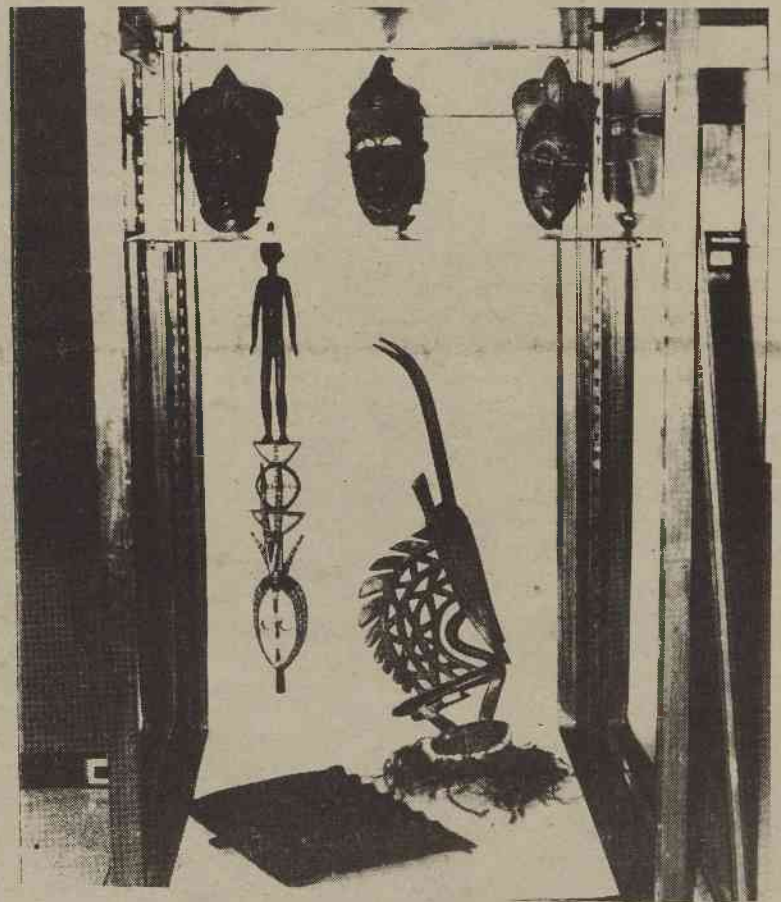
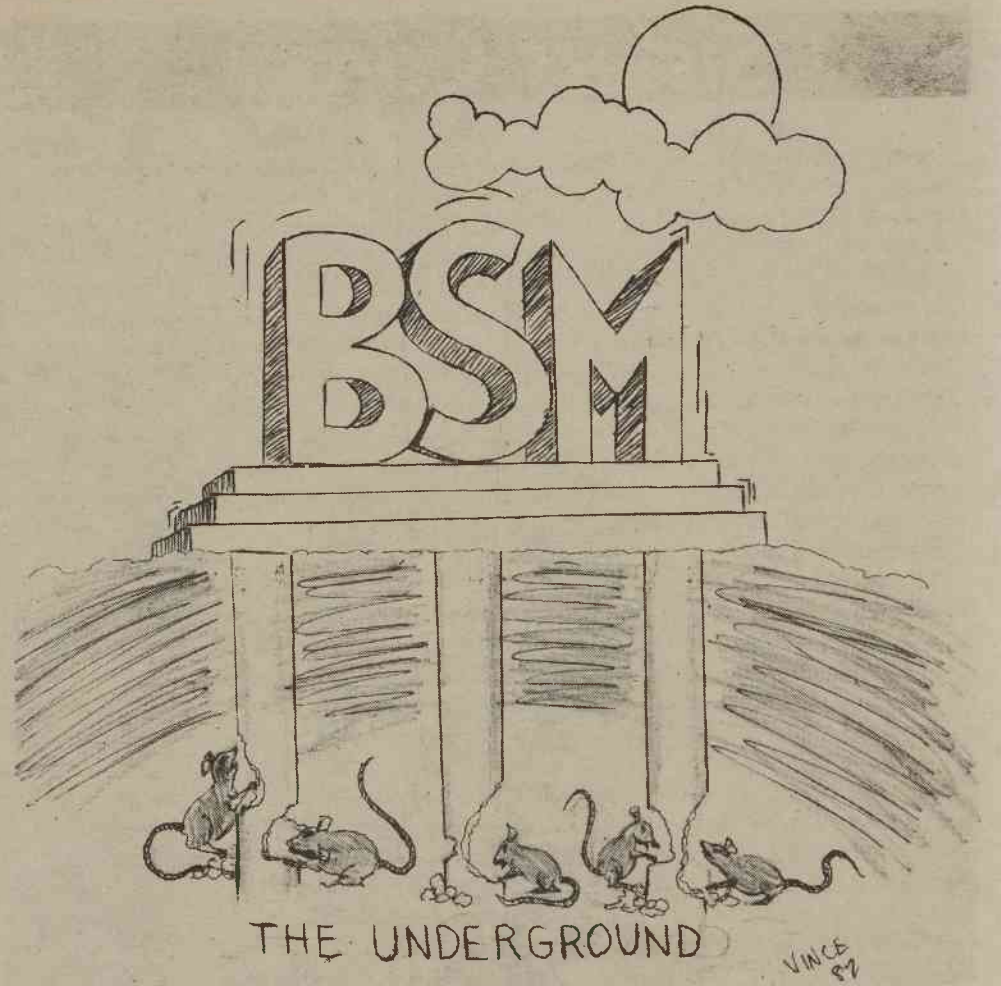
Ellison, who has expressed before now her disagreement with the preamble to the BSM constitution, brought these suggestions to former BSM chairperson Wende Watson earlier this semester and offered along with them the assistance of the Underground expertise in such areas as the preparation of the constitution.

Watson accepted those suggestions and offered Ellison the opportunity to present them at a BSM meeting. But Ellison has not yet come forward with them. She informed Watson that the Underground was soon to dissolve and the members of the group preferred to remain underground.

We respect the desires of the individuals involved to remain unidentified but we question the original intent of the underground. Why, we ask, would an organization whose sole purpose was to offer constructive criticism, organize secretly and call itself the underground. Obviously the anonymity was to protect those who are the members. We doubt that most of the people who attended underground meetings were aiming to hurt the organization.

But we speculate the group's leader, Ellison, may have had other plans. Perhaps it was her intention to help the BSM by revamping its leadership. Perhaps she was a supporter of the recall election and would have liked to see Watson overthrown by some member of the Underground.

Whatever her reasons she was unsuccessful. The talented tenth which she invited to become a part of the Underground were willing to help and only in a positive respect. They are to be commended, Ellison not.



African sculpture, shown on display at the Carolina Union, will be the subject of Peter Mark's lecture. Sculptural forms like those pictured were produced for the initiation

rites of puberty and the funeral and ancestor rites associated with death. The lecture will be March 27 at 4 pm in the Union Film Auditorium.

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