

BSM Awards

by Richard White
Staff Writer

Sibby Anderson, former BSM president was the moderator of the BSM Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, April 15, in Upendo Lounge. According to Anderson, this was the first ceremony held in several years. The following people were recognized for their service to the BSM.

Greg Bargemen—"Student-Teach-A-Class" at Chapel Hill High School
Eric "Wacko" Walker-Cultural Committee chairman; Central Committee member; "BSM Most Dedicated"

Laurie Willis-*Black Ink* Editor; Central Committee member
Craig Goodson-Treasurer

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Denise Moultrie-News Editor

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Marjorie Roach-Assistant Editor

Sharyne McCombs-Business Manager

Robin Calhoun-Freshman Class Committee chairperson

Outstanding Committee Members:

Yolonda Woodhouse

Regina Carter

Peyton Stepney

Lauren Joyner

Danielle Bowens-BSM Talent Show winner

Lazelle Free-presented plaque for publicity assistance

Anderson recognized the new 1986-87 BSM officers, Camille Roddy (president), Eric Walker (vice-president), Danielle Bowens (secretary), and Monica Card (treasurer).

Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson, Campus Y Director, was presented an award for her "Outstanding Service and Dedication."

In her acceptance statements, she mentioned that several letters were submitted to the *DTH* in her support, but were not published.

In an interview she said that "My overwhelming support for the BSM will always be there."

"I especially appreciate concern for a fellow human being in distress."

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From the mailbox

Dear Editor,

I would like to raise for general student and faculty concern, an issue that I think has been relatively "lost" in the context of other debates.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Lecture is one of several "established lectures" sponsored by the University. Established in 1977, its stated purpose is to "commemorate the lives and work of those who have dedicated their energies to fostering the concepts of human rights and dignity" and to "provide a forum for serious examination and discussion of those concepts."

Past King Lecture speakers have included Vernon Jordan, Martin Luther King, Sr., Andrew Young, and Jesse Jackson.

An April 18 report from the Chancellor's Committee on Established Lectures contains the following proposal for the 1986-87 King Lecture: "The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Lecture invitation has been issued to Bishop Desmond Tutu. If he is unable to deliver the lecture at this time, an invitation will be extended to Bill Moyers."

I personally find the inclusion of Bill Moyers in the same consideration as Bishop Tutu not only inappropriate but offensive. I would suggest that anyone who has concerns about this issue raise them immediately with Beverly Long, Chairperson of the Established Lecture Committee (210 Bingham) and Christopher Fordham, Chancellor (103-C South Bldg.)

When at least one faculty member raised concerns about this at the April 18 Faculty Council Meeting, there was no discussion and she (Dr. Dorothy Browne) was advised that she was alone in her opposition to Bill Moyer's inclusion alongside Bishop Tutu.

I would further suggest that the University Administration should look closely at what message is communicated to minority (and non-minority) faculty and students by decisions such as these. A recent *Tar Heel* report of a faculty meeting discussed a target by the Administration of hiring more minority and women faculty; in the subsequent 56 faculty positions selected, there was not one Black faculty. I suggest that issues such as this are germane to the difficulty recruiting Black faculty and students.

Sincerely,
Jean Chapman, M.D.
Student, School of Public Health

Reagan Budget Cuts

"The United States Government continues, year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift."

In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. predicted the demise of our nation's domestic programming. He recognized that one day such programs as education would become a product which only a few could afford.

One has to wonder what kind of nation could pump up its defense budget while it overtly denies it's own people the chance for an education.

What I'm referring to are the President's proposed budget cuts calling for the reduction of federal assistance for education. When combined with the Gramm Rudman Holling's Act, the nation's education program will suffer greatly.

Just here at UNC, 60 percent of those students presently receiving the Pell Grant, will be affected this coming Fall semester. Out of those, over 500 students will lose their grant eligibility all together while, 700 students will receive severe reductions in their aid. Also, some 1000 students now depend on College Work-Study. However, this program will receive cuts up to \$100,000 alone.

Therefore, many students will be forced to work less hours and receive less pay.

Because of the disproportionately high percentage of black and minority recipients in the federal assistance program, the financial burden that these students will be confronted with, will be devastating. There are many students whom when faced with such a burden may be forced to accept unreasonable loans with incredible interest rates, second jobs, or the ultimatum of quitting school.

The quality of our nation depends upon the education of it's people. Not only will individual students lose the chance to develop their talents but the future of the entire nation will lose untapped resources.

Don't let education become an elitist opportunity, one that is limited to just a few—there's too much potential in our youth. Write your Senator or your Congressman.

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

by Sibby Anderson, former BSM president, a Junior, Drama Major from Henderson, N.C.