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# 'We damn sho' can'

To the harmonic and somewhat haunting strains of "to be Young Gifted and Black," a young lady was crowned Miss BSM over a possible selection of five other equally worthy sisters. Out in the audience to greet her were brothers and sisters, decked out in Sunday - go - to - meeting rags, stoned clean, stoned, and generally feeling and looking as if the title was theirs.

Call it nostalgia, escapism, white-man's methods of fun, etc., the Black Coronation Ball was a success. Not so much perhaps for the idea of crowning a queen but for a general feeling of relaxation, dressing up, showing-off, putting the sneaks and jeans away for a night out in the old tired city.

The scene was reminiscent of the old prom days - gone forever because our schools are not the same any more. It was once fun to have your own dances, sports leagues, etc. Perhaps the change is for the best, only time will tell. For those four hours Friday night, it was the past becoming the present, the here and now.

But there is another reason why the Ball was such an important success. It signalled the first non-crisis oriented major project that the majority of concerned Blacks on campus supported. To the old adage, nothing breeds success

but more success - strike one up for the BSM.

To be sure as the last paper cup was removed and the wine bottles were cleared, lost earrings returned and flash bulbs extinguished, the Black Coronation Ball room returned to just being Great . . .

Hall, racial injustice still existed, our NCCU brothers still fighting for survival, poverty and crime on Black; increased even more so . . . yet for that short time, for those who were there, especially veteran students, while always aware of the problems facing the world. A spirit existed, difficult to describe and even harder to mold into concrete feelings except . . . we did it . . . we did it, we did!

The true beauty of Blackness is in the sharing of it with your fellow brothers and sisters no matter where their heads are, relating, understanding, loving, mixing and becoming as one.

This past weekend we came the closest to reaching this goal. In realizing that it has been 10 years since Carolina has been integrated, it is indeed a welcoming sight and sense of comfort I imagine to those who fought before us to make this possible even though we began late.

Yes, we have come a long way baby, and we have even got a longer way to go.

But one thing is certain: We can damn sho' make it if we try.



## Black Tar Heels



## Mitzi Bond

# Meet Miss BSM

What is a Capricorn?

A Capricorn is someone who has a profound mind, great powers of concentration, and is also very thorough when it comes to details. She is practical, energetic, and industrious. In her, there is a great patience. Her powers of endurance are extraordinary. She takes life seriously and has a strong sense of duty.

A Capricorn is Miss BSM - Doris Stith, a 19-year-old sophomore from Tarboro, N.C.

When asked of her views of marriage, she answered: "Marriage is for those who would like to commit themselves. Only those mature enough for such a commitment should venture into the situation. However, I see nothing like this for myself in the near future."

Miss Stith, who has one brother in Korea and another recently returned from Viet Nam, sees the Southeast Asian war in an unfavorable light. "I would like to see it end as soon as possible."

The petite brunette feels the black man of today carries a great weight on his shoulders. "He is the target of oppression, active and passive; and his mind must always be together and on the alert. For example - George Jackson. Here is a successful attempt to rip off a black leader. It should be a warning to all black people. Black leaders are dying for us and we sit back not caring."

Of black females she speaks highly. "The black woman of today has a very demanding role in American society. She must become the support for the black male plus a fighting individual. Yet she still has to be a mother to her small children, a sister to her brothers, and a leader to the small ones."



"Blacks have not given Angela Davis enough support. I think she is not guilty. She is a black leader who is growing stronger that the system again tried to rip off. She is an avowed advocate of Communism and a black militant who opposed the American system. Therefore, she has two things against her."

"The United States is at the point where it seeks to destroy all forces of opposition to democracy."

Miss Stith, who is a journalism major, is still undecided about her after-college plans. "I want either to go to graduate school or to work on a newspaper for a few years and then serve as a foreign correspondent in Africa."

## BSM Gospel Choir set for concerts

by Doris Stith  
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Music filled the air this fall semester as the formation of the Black Student Movement Gospel Choir got underway. The choir consists of thirty to forty Black UNC students under the direction of Miss Francine Randolph.

Miss Randolph is a freshman, who has had much experience in playing for gospel groups. She also plays for the St. Joseph Baptist Church in the Black community of Chapel Hill.

The Gospel Choir is a group under the Cultural Committee, coordinated by

Renee Bolden. It is geared toward stimulating the Black student body through the raising of unified voices in harmonious rapture.

Gospel music has always been an important stimulant of the Black culture; sometimes the last assurance that there was hope.

This semester the choir has performed at the James Cates Memorial and plan to supply Christmas carols at the Christmas Party on December 10. The Spring plans include quite a few concerts.

Choir rehearsals are held every Sunday and Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. New dedicated members are always welcome.

## NBSSO fights prejudice

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for millions of Black people. They urged students to become serious about their lives and strive to make contributions to the movement. There are presently only about 6,000 Black doctors in the United States.

Approximately 60% of the medical schools in the nation were represented at the conference providing interviews and answering questions for prospective Black medical candidates.

Plans are in motion for the BSM Black Faculty and Staff Reception. The purpose of the reception is to allow the students and professional Blacks on campus to communicate with each other on an informal level. This allows the student especially to have an opportunity to get to know the professional Blacks that are on campus.

The Reception is tentatively scheduled to be held on January 17, 1972 in the Student Union. All Blacks are invited and refreshment will be served. Further information will be provided at a later date.

The National Black Science Organization was created to break down the historical pattern of prejudice in medicine and the applied sciences. They provide substantial assistance to Black students in their search for quality education, and by motivating and assisting the prospective Black scientist from high school through college to medical or graduate school and beyond.

The objectives of NBSSO are:

- to raise consciousness of Black students and the Black community concerning the need for Black professionals in the sciences.

- to increase the number of high school students who enter college with a declared interest in the technological and medical fields.

- to assist every Black college science student to qualify for and gain admission to a post-B.A. medical or technological program.

- to negotiate with medical and graduate schools for increased enrollment of Black and other minority students.

- to help Black science students obtain financial aid.

- to assist in the development of special programs to keep Black students in school.