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BSM Salutes Black History Week

by Warren Carson

The first observance of Black History Week was held by the BSM on last Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights, February 8-10. Warren Carson, Jr., a sophomore, chaired the committee which coordinated the three day affair.

On Tuesday night, the BSM Gospel Choir, under the direction of Francine Randolph, gave a concert in the Great Hall. The speaker for the night was C.G. Newsome, the newly appointed chaplain for black students at UNC. His topic was "Religion and Liberation." A crowd of about 150 students attended the program, which ended with a foot-stomping, hand-clapping "OH HAPPY DAY."

On Wednesday night, films

New Constitution for BSM Proposed

Black students will vote February 22 on ratification of the new constitution for the Black Student Movement.

The new document, which creates the new office of vice-chairman, was presented to the BSM meeting February 15 by the constitution committee.

Committee members are Warren Carson, Larry Mixon, Sharon Gitton, and Hubert Williamson.

A voting booth will be set up in the lobby of the student union.

Duke Presents Black Week

The Association of African Students at Duke University would like to extend a cordial invitation to the members of your student body to attend our Black Week activities during February 20-27.

The programs of Black Week have been planned to provide the black community with an opportunity to participate in the exchange of ideas with their fellows concerning their history, politics and culture. Stimuli to such discussion have been chosen with fine regard for their relevance to the struggle which Blacks have undertaken to liberate themselves through an awareness of their proud cultural heritage and their potential for

were shown on past liberation movements, and afterwards, an informal discussion was led by Ashley Davis, former chairman of the BSM.

The finale of the Black History observance came on Thursday night when Dr. Grady Davis, a professor of psychology at Fayetteville State University, and minister of the Union Baptist Church in Durham, spoke to a small crowd in Murphey Hall. Dr. Davis' topic was "CHECK IT OUT." After his talk, a short reception was held, also in Murphey.

In a statement from Carson after the program, he expressed his views on the success of the observance: "Although the program went over successfully with very little friction, I was somewhat disappointed at the small number of people who participated in the observance. Apparently, there are a majority of black students here who still refuse to recognize the importance of our heritage in our everyday lives. However, I feel that the ones who did participate did gain something from the program, whether it was in the form of inspiration from the Choir, or information gained from the speakers, films, and discussion. I do hope that when programs of such pertinence to the black Experience are planned in the future, they will be better supported by the black students than this one was."

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leadership in the revolution of ideas and values currently challenging Western culture.

Presentations range from the serious exploration of the problems of ghetto police to the joyful presentation of African dance by 20th century Black children to the discussion of the theory of liberation by Black scholars; from the vision of a new community promulgated by

Floyd McKissick to the war, and traditions of the Negro church and its music. All in all, it is a week of exploration—exploration of dignity and strength. All are invited to share in the investigation of its source and its promise for the future.

Epps Seeks UNC Presidency, Elections Set for February 29

by Mitzi Bond
Associate Editor

Richard Epps, junior, will seek the presidency of the student body of the University of North Carolina in student elections to be held February 29.

Epps, who is present chairman of the Men's Honor Court, announced his decision to run in a press conference February 4, making him the first black ever to seek the presidential office on this campus.

When asked his purpose in running, he replied, "I just felt that the student government was not totally serving the interests of all students on campus. The accessibility to student government for the average student was pretty small so what I hope to do is to make student government more responsive to the needs of all students on campus and to make it more representative of all the students on campus.

Epps, a former senator of James Residence College, says his platform will contain a move to establish a legal advisory service so that all students on campus may get free legal advice without have to pay an attorney. "I would like to use two- and three-year law students in the service and I hope to get it expanded to the community so

the disadvantaged people in the community who can't afford to pay an attorney will be able to get free advice from these students.

"I intend to encourage more recruitment efforts for minority and disadvantaged students, and to work on continued voter

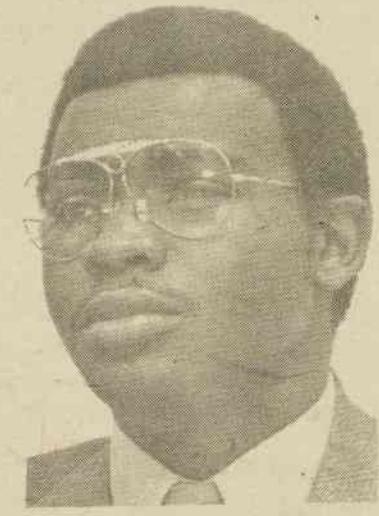
"I will continue to work on establishing a free bus service for students on campus, and to work on instituting the recommendations of the president's committee on restructuring of the student government if approved by the student body."

When asked if he expected a large backing from white students, Epps answered, "I expect backing from both blacks and whites, and my campaign will include both blacks and whites. It will not be geared to all-blacks or all-whites.

"My reason for running is to make student government accessible to all students on campus. In any appointments to be made by the student body president, blacks will have the same opportunity and consideration as whites."

Epps, who has served as a black student recruiter for the admissions office for two and one-half years, is a 20-year-old journalism and RTVMP major from Wilmington, N.C.

In his bid for student the candidate says, "I'm going to need the support from all the students on this campus and I'm hoping that I will get their support. Any students that want to work on my campaign may volunteer their services and their help will be greatly appreciated."



registration drive so students will be able to get their opinions voiced through their power to vote."

The candidate stresses more student involvement in the Chapel Hill community. He would like to get students on different municipal boards, working with the mayor, and improved university-Chapel Hill relations.

60 Students Attend Talent Search

by Deborah Austin
News Editor

The U.N.C. campus hosted approximately sixty black high school seniors as the annual recruitment by Carolina Talent Search January 20-22.

Most students arrived Thursday afternoon where they registered and were given rooms in either Hinton James, Morrison, or Ehringhaus. After getting acquainted over dinner at Chase Cafeteria, the students gathered at the Student Union at 7 p.m. for their first joint meeting. Initial orientation was conducted by Burnes Ray, Executive Director of Talent Search and co-directors Al Timberlake and Bruce Sampson.

Ray stressed the fact that aside from having a good time, each student should find the time to be alone to think and time to talk with a variety of U.N.C. students. He mentioned his intentions to recontact everyone later in the semester. Ray also pointed out the value of openmindedness in making the decision of where the next four years of one's life will be spent.

In an interview, Al Timberlake commented on the value of Talent Search and attributed the slight confusion to have too many things to do in a limited amount of time and the

lack of student co-operation until the last week.

At 8:30 p.m. the students were introduced to university policies by Mr. H.B. Renwick of Undergraduate Admission, Mr. Curtis Jackson of the Financial Aid Department and Joe Stallings, President of the Student Body.

Mr. Renwick spoke to the students on admission requirements, stressing the fact that minority students were given special consideration. He assured the students that matriculation at U.N.C. would not "white-wash" them but would instead orientate them to white ideas and give them insight on dealing directly with the white man. Mr. Renwick also stressed the importance of motivation in the upkeep of audience standards.

Joe Stallings assured them that U.N.C. is far from perfect in relation to black students. He mentioned the meager number of black professors, the dominantly white-oriented social activities, and the almost white student government structure as examples of the problems that a greater number of blacks on campus might help to remedy.

Mr. Curtis Jackson called the attention of the students the numerous financial aid awards available to them. He asked that anyone with special problems drop by his office.

Friday's schedule included a visit to classes, a rap session in the Morrison Social Lounge and a party at Hinton James. Saturday's schedule included a meeting with Talent Search staff members to discuss gripes and a banquet dinner at the Pine Room.

In expressing their first opinions of the University, many of the students seemed to feel that the black students got along well together and that U.N.C. blacks welcomed the sight of 60 or more brothers and sisters. Said Shari McIver from Fayetteville, "I really like the people. They seem so very friendly." Along the same lines, Paige Morehead from Eden said "It's great! The people are so very nice. I'd love to come to school here."

"Now of the students like the conveniences in the dorms. "I love the rooms — the conveniences like telephones in the rooms and television sets in the lounges," said Denise Spaow from Clinton staying in Hinton James.

"Too many bicycles for me," said William Knight from Winston-Salem. When asked if he disliked the hugheness of the University, William said "No. It's a good-sized University. But I do feel some of the pressure exerted on the black students by staring whites."