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Future plans dampened

Budget cut

Monday afternoon at two o'clock, April 9 the Budget Committee headed up by Dick Baker opened hearings on proposed budgets of various campus groups. B.S.M. Central Committee members were present to voice objections to the cutback of the proposed B.S.M. budget from \$14,500 to \$6,500. They stated clearly that more money would be needed to insure services for the increasing number of Black students. Particularly pointed out as objectionable was the cutback of Cultural Committee appropriations from \$2,700 at present to \$900, instead of \$4,000 requested. Objections were also voiced against the inclusion of \$1,000 for two

Freshmen scholarships. The point was clearly made that the B.S.M. was designed at present to address itself to the needs of Black students after they had entered the University. Two \$500 scholarships were described as being not enough, and mere tokens at the expense of the B.S.M.

The committee after hearing these and other objections, decided to drop the \$1,000 scholarship appropriation, the dues category and to create an office machinery category (\$500). They also proposed that the Cultural Committee funds be increased to \$1,500, with \$1,500 set aside providing other funds did not materialize through the Union. They

promised that the second compromise budget of \$11,750 would be considered.

However, on April 15 the Budget Committee met again. This time it was stated that the B.S.M. appropriation for next year would be around \$6,600. The Cultural Committee allotment will be approximately \$1,200. Conference will be cut from \$500 to \$250. Speakers will remain the same at \$1,000. Travel will be increased from \$50 to \$100, while Miscellaneous was cut from \$100 to \$50. Office supplies remained at \$200, along with Postage and Telephone - \$200. Freshman Orientation will receive \$300. The Black Ink will receive \$3,000 again. New categories shall include Equipment maintenance \$50, Publicity \$150, and \$500 for office equipment. Final budget appropriation will be presented to the Campus Governing Council on April 17 to be possibly approved then.

Thus in critical areas the B.S.M. will be somewhat in a financial squeeze. Such popular programs as the Coronation Ball, and even the spring's annual Black Arts Festival will be cut back, unless money from outside sources can be found. The Budget Committee recommended that funds be sought from such University agencies as the Union. Whatever the case money will be in all prospects a little tight in the B.S.M. next year. And the organization will have to increase its dependence on the shifting sands of white paternalism.

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Black Love

Get into health sciences

Summer programs in Health Sciences will be sponsored by the N.C. Health Manpower Development Program this year at both the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Western Carolina University, summer program director Dr. Hector Farias announced last week. Designed to aid minority and disadvantaged students prepare for and gain entrance to health professional training, the summer programs provide courses in sciences and general studies, acquaint students with the realities of health training programs, offer clinical experiences and observations and enable students to explore



Former Black Ink Editor Allen Mask raps to incoming freshmen during the BSM pre-orientation of 1971.

BSM orients Class of '77

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For many of the incoming Blacks of the Class of '77, UNC will create a different initial impression from the one given to previous Blacks entering UNC. The reason will be the Black Freshman Pre-Orientation Program which tentatively will begin Tuesday, August 21. Scheduled before the general campus-wide orientation, the program will give the Black freshmen an opportunity to get themselves together before the influx of other students.

According to Elliot Stephenson, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and coordinator of the program, thirty-five Black orientation counselors consisting of upper-classmen will be on hand to greet both freshmen and their parents as they arrive in the lobby of Hinton James Dormitory. It is hoped that the parents will remain for a general introductory meeting and reception so that everyone will

be aware of the schedule for the next two days and will begin getting acquainted.

The schedule includes free time and leisure activities such as parties and campus tours. However, the primary emphasis will be placed on recognizing "actual situations here at Carolina instead of superficials," according to Stephenson.

At several mandatory general meetings, the freshmen will meet representatives of the university and student organizations and will receive academic counseling, and general information. In smaller discussion groups they will have the opportunity to ask questions pertaining to any facet of life at UNC and receive honest, hopefully helpful answers.

On the last day of Black pre-orientation the freshmen will be assisted in moving to their assigned dormitories. By that time, they will have gotten to know each other and will know where to go for both help and friendship.

health career choices. According to Dr. Farias, "National statistics show that minority group and low income students form a drastically small proportion of medical and dental school enrollments, and the same patterns of exclusion are found in graduate health science schools, schools of nursing, and schools of allied health sciences. health care statistics reveal an equally appalling and critical situation. The Summer Programs in Health Sciences are the result of efforts of the N.C. Health Manpower Development Program to remedy this situation. "The 1971 and 1972 programs," added Dr. Farias, "have been successful in providing minority students with credentials which have seen them admitted into professional health schools. However our largest stumbling block has been the lack of assured continuity and reliable support. We are hopeful that the summer program will now become a permanent institution, for otherwise we can expect a continuation of inadequate health services and limited educational opportunities available to minorities in the health care system."

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Law school a challenge!

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"The law is a jealous mistress, you can't ride two horses at the same time. It requires you to discipline yourself and do some work." This epigram on the dedication that law school demands of its students was made by Charles L. Becton, a 28-year-old Black lawyer in the Chapel Hill branch of Chambers, Stein, Ferguson & Lanning, a Charlotte law firm.

Becton, who does most of the criminal law work, and Adam Stein, another member of the Charlotte firm, opened the Chapel Hill branch in September of 1972. Prior to that, Becton worked in the firm's main office for three years. His first position as a lawyer was in New York with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund from 1969-1970.

Born in Morehead City, N.C., Becton grew up in Ayden of Pitt County, N.C. He received his B.A. degree from Howard University in 1966, and three years later, his law degree from the Duke University Law School.

As the only Black student in his class, Becton indicated that his Black consciousness became increasingly acute. He decided then that practicing criminal law was what he wanted to do - "to get out and help some people."

Attorney Becton's devotion to the plight of Black people is also evident in his concern about the severe shortage of Black lawyers in the country. The number of Black students at UNC and Duke Law Schools is disproportionately small. The number of Blacks coming up

before the state bar in North Carolina is even smaller, approximately 5% of Black graduates.

The shortage of Black lawyers in the United States can be explained in part by the poor performance of the majority of Black students in Law School. The study schedule is particularly rigorous and demanding. Becton states that law school is not difficult in terms of the subject matter, but in the quantity of work - "there is just so much to do." He stressed the importance of keeping up with daily work and not getting behind. It is also important to realize the different capabilities of different people.

Putting himself into the role of a law student, Becton said, "There are some kids who are brilliant and it may take them one half hour, what it takes me four hours to get. But if that's the sacrifice I have to make, then I'll have to do it."

Attorney Becton encourages as many Black students as possible to become lawyers. He participated on a panel discussion during the Minority Law Day, sponsored by the UNC Student Bar Association. He was pleasantly surprised at the turnout and very pleased by the responses and involvement of the students in the discussions.

He was also met with Black undergraduates at Duke to discuss career opportunities in law. Becton expressed a sincere enjoyment in engaging in this type of interaction with Black students; "It's rough out here, and the more of us it is the better it will be."