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## Carney assumes BSM leadership

By Allen Johnson  
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Following the tendering of his resignation by BSM Chairperson D. Lester Diggs, Gloria Lavern Carney, a senior political science major from Rocky Mount and former vice-chairperson of the BSM, has assumed the executive position.

The resignation of Diggs marks the first such occurrence in the history of the BSM. And, the election of Carney to replace him makes the first time in the BSM history that a woman has been chosen to fill the leadership post. Carney was confirmed as chairperson by a majority vote of the General Body during a November 24 meeting.

"The task of chairman is a difficult one in itself," said Carney following her election, "but it has been made more difficult by the administrative confrontations with the Campus Governing Council."

Carney has previously served as a participant in the North Carolina Black Studies Conference, a member of the BSM Ebony Readers, and has formerly served as chairperson of the BSM Social Committee. As a North Carolina Fellow, Carney also served a summer internship with the Black Appalachian Commission in Atlanta in 1974.

She eventually plans to either attend law school (after which she hopes to work with juvenile crime) or obtain her master's degree in public administration.

The response to Carney's election has been extremely favorable.

"I think Gloria is a very capable leader," said CGC representative Sheri Parks, "and what she has to offer will be very good for the BSM."

"Gloria has always been a strong figure in the BSM throughout the year," noted Central Committee member Tonya Widemon, "so her transition from vice-chairperson to chairperson will be very



Gloria Carney

smooth. I think the Central Committee has been receptive to her ideas, and I think we're all willing, very willing to work with her."

## Diggs steps down for unity

By Vanessa Gallman  
News Editor

"As chairman, I have served the Black Student Movement in good faith, trust and dedication. These will remain with the organization, not in spite of my resignation, but because of it."

This statement, made by former BSM chairman Lester Diggs, was part of his resignation submitted before and accepted by the BSM general body Monday, November 24th.

Diggs gave the reason for the resignation as differences between himself and the BSM Central Committee over "administrative procedure and constitutional interpretation. Such differences, particularly concerning the Oct. 31 Muhammad Ali visit that caused the last BSM fund freeze, have "given roots to ill-will and diminishing faith" in his administration, Diggs said.

"My resignation will unify the general body in one way or another," Diggs said. "If the general body votes against my resignation, I will take that as a vote of confidence."

By accepting his resignation, the general body was unified, at least in their opposition of him, Diggs explained.

However, Diggs does not see the opposition as justified.

Being chairman, Diggs explained, he accepted ultimate responsibility for BSM actions but felt it unfair that he was denied the power to make some decisions without first going before the Central Committee. Without his power, Diggs saw himself as a "figurehead chairperson and in essence, a scapegoat."

Diggs, however, would not elaborate on particular instances in which he was used as a scapegoat nor on the instances that may have caused differences between him and the Central Committee.



Lester Diggs

other than making reference to the Ali visit and the accompanying fund freeze.

BSM funds were frozen Nov. 3rd by Student Body Treasurer Graham Bullard and Campus Governing Council Finance Committee Chairman Bill Strickland when it was learned that cash from advance ticket sales had been spent before the money was processed through Student Activities Fund. This was a violation of Student Treasury Laws. The funds were released Nov. 18th citing poor communication between BSM officials and Student Government as the cause.

The acceptance of Diggs' resignation led to the general body's acceptance of Gloria Carney, Diggs' vice chairman, as the new BSM chairperson. Election for vice-chairman will be held at the beginning of the spring semester.

## Miss BSM—not a 'libber'

By Marva York

Joyce Lloyd, elected Miss BSM 1975-76, represents the largest unified predominately Black organization on a predominately white campus. As the new



Miss BSM, Joyce Lloyd, said she was surprised, but happy to be elected hostess for 1975-76.

Miss BSM, she plans to make herself accessible to all functions, receptions and activities involving the BSM. Lloyd said she strives to be available to the students on an individual basis as well as to the organization whenever her services are

needed.

"I couldn't believe that I had won when I heard my name called," Lloyd said, "I was happy, very happy. I thought some of the other contestants had more student contact than I did so I just couldn't believe I had won."

"Every Black woman should get an education, culturally and intellectually, and try to use this learning to do something for her people," Lloyd said. Outspoken on the role of today's Black woman in America, she said, "I feel a Black woman should be devoted to her family." She is anti-women's liberation. "I don't want to fight a war, women should not be in such harsh area situations. But when it comes to jobs, women should be hired on an equal basis," she said.

Lloyd is a junior business administration major from Durham. She is coordinator of the Opeyo Dancers, a member of the BSM Cultural Committee, a modern dance company and the BSM special projects committee. She aspires to become co-owner of a business enterprise, "Lord & Lord," with an uncle.

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