

Freshmen experience full Pre-Orientation

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On August 18-20, over 200 Black students will participate in this year's Pre-Orientation Program. And that will be good news for some, because the majority of them will be girls.

The students will be coming from out of state and all over North Carolina, with a large number coming from Goldsboro, Fayetteville, Winston-Salem, Durham and Rocky Mount.

Pre-orientation will start on August 18 when the students check into their rooms at 12 noon. Then from 3:00-4:00, the students will attend a general body meeting where Deans Harold Wallace and Bentley Renwick will speak. BSM chairperson Jackie Lucas will also speak. The parents will be entertained at a reception from 4:00-5:00, and from 5:00-7:00 the BSM Gospel Choir will perform.

The second day will begin with a tour of campus and an introduction to the Black Christian Fellowship. Camp New Hope will be the site where the

participants of the pre-orientation will meet with the students who are attending the Freshman YM-YWCA Camp. There they will see a film about life on campus and form groups to discuss whatever problems they may encounter during the coming year.

Also on the 19th, career opportunities workshops will be held to tell students how they can get an early start in the career of their choice.

Finally on the last night of the program, the BSM and the Central Committee will present slides on Black campus life. From 10-11 p.m. all social fellowships, sororities and fraternities will participate in a "Get To Know Us" night. Their goal will be to make the new students aware of their presence and goals on this campus.

Approximately 20 volunteer counselors will work with the program. Special recognition goes to Sheri Meadows, Bernadine Ward and Deans Renwick and Wallace for organizing the program. Pre-orientation was sponsored by the Special Projects Committee and the BSM.



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Tears and flowers are in order as Joyce Lloyd is crowned Miss BSM 1976 amid congratulations by Mae Israel, Miss BSM 1975, and Leroy Bynum. (Related story on page 19.)

Prospective med students attend summer program

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This summer, approximately 50 minority students participated in the 1976 Medical Education Development Program. Students from Korea, Pakistan, the Netherland Antilles and all over the U.S. were a part of a program to prepare minority students to attend medical or dental school. The basic aim of the program is to aid in a smooth transition from college to medical or dental school, and to help Blacks and other minorities to adjust to the rigorous medical school schedule. The students studied pathology, microbiology, anatomy, histology and biochemistry.

Why do Blacks and minorities need to have a special program? "Because Blacks aren't exposed to the same things white kids are," explained Tillet Mills, a rising senior biology major at East Carolina.

"There are a lot of white kids whose parents are doctors and when they go home their parents can reinforce what they learn. Blacks don't have that opportunity, or as much of it. Blacks don't have many Black doctors to look up to. And when you go home, your parents can't give you any reinforcement because they don't know what you're talking about," Tillet said.

"Many Blacks come from a lower socio-economic background and don't have the same advantages as whites," said Joan Richardson, a UNC graduate and beginning med student.

There is no obligation for attending the session, but there seem to be many benefits. The program makes financial aid available to in-state students only. And if you are entering med school in the fall, you get to keep three of the books used during the summer. These books are valued at \$75 for all three.

As for future non-material value, the program has that too. "I think it'll make my first year at med school easier. The program has shown me things I've never been exposed to," said Joan.

"It will make my last year of undergrad school easier too," Tillet said.

Newly elected BSM chairperson thinks central committee should serve

by Vanessa Gallman
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After a year of observing the organization of the Black Student Movement, Jackie Lucas, a junior RTVMP major from Rocky Mount, decided it was time for the Central Committee "to serve the people."

Active in the BSM in her freshman year as incoming representative and in her sophomore year as sgt.-at-arms, Lucas felt it was time to become an active member of the Central Committee again; but this time as chairperson. Lucas was elected to the BSM chairmanship last spring in a run-off.

"The organization (Central Committee) had gotten independent of the General Body," Lucas said. "I thought it was time to get back into the organization to make the CC the

tool of the General Body—speaking for the General Body, not to them."

In speaking for the General Body, Lucas hopes that the CC, under her administration, will initiate more community projects as well as reinstate and support now neglected projects. Projects such as the Program for the Aged with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Multi-purpose Center and a summer tutorial program for community youth at Hargraves Recreation Center are receiving immediate attention from the newly formed Central Committee.

Community service and political activism are the directions in which Lucas wants the BSM to move. She is concerned that the main emphasis of the BSM, at present, seems to be in the areas of socializing and academia.

"I would hope that we can

incorporate social and academic elements in BSM projects but the main stress, I think, should be political," Lucas said.

Lucas does not see the shift of emphasis in the BSM as either the side effects of any administration or the age but as "what was needed at the time."

"I would hope that if anything came up of a political nature, it would always take precedence over anything academic and social."

Lucas feels that the position of BSM chairperson will help her academically as well as politically. Working with the community on its problems, she feels, will give her the proper perspective a person in media should have.

"I would like to make documentaries about the problems of the people," she said. "I would like to make others aware of the problems we face."