

Minorities seeking careers in health field now have aid

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Want to be a doctor or a nurse? No? Well then, what about a dental assistant or a physical therapist? Sounds good? Yes, a health career could be just that. So, now you're wondering just what it takes to be a doctor or a nurse.

If you really want to know, then the Minority Health Careers Organization (MHCO) is the place for you. Ronnie Beamon, president, Thomas Hunter, vice-president, and their fellow members would like to help you. Beamon cites that the main objective of the organization is to aid Black students at UNC who are interested in a health career but don't know how to prepare themselves for one.

Beamon says, "Blacks on campus need to be more aware of the help and opportunities available to them in a health careers program." Because of the lack of interest on this campus in providing services for minority students, MHCO feels that it has a thorough and beneficial service to offer Black students.

Unlike the Alpha Epsilon Delta Association for pre-med and pre-dent students only, MHCO will provide aid to any student interested in a health career. Plans are underway for a series of lectures by prominent Blacks in health career fields. Currently, the organization is planning a joint venture with North Carolina Central University in

Durham, to provide a broader range of services.

Unlike other organizations, MHCO has no formal requirements—monetary or otherwise. "The only requirements," says Beamon, "are that the students be interested in a health career and be serious about their goals." With the good response that the organization has been receiving from students and with the support of Deans Wallace and Renwick and Mr. Moses Carey, head of Minority Affairs in the department of pharmacy and advisor to the organization, MHCO has potential to be solid. Beamon reiterates the goal of the group. "Everyone is welcome to join. Students don't have to make the journey alone. We'd love to help. We have quiz files, information about professors and courses, and all types of services for minority students."

Time and place of meetings, lectures, and other information about MHCO will be found in later editions of *Black Ink* and in notices in dorms and the Carolina Union.

Workshops and seminars are designed to prepare students for perhaps the most important step in job hunting—the interview. As Galloway put it, "The real benefit (of CP&P) will be to stimulate people. We don't place anybody, we facilitate placement through our service. In the final analysis, the student must sell himself in the interview. We facilitate getting students ready and in the right frame of mind for the interview."



Beamon, MHCO president: "We'd love to help." Staff photo by James Parker.

FEATURES

CC: a year without crisis

By EDNA BROWN
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Four Central Committee members tell about the Black Student Movement of 1977 and how they see the organization in the future. Each feels that unity within the BSM is important. The Central Committee, according to the BSM constitution, is the Planning Board of the organization. Byron Horton, Chairperson.

"I think the biggest problem that we as leaders had to face for the BSM last year was to reorientate the Black students. We had to change the BSM from a defensive organization to an offensive one.

As a defensive organization, the BSM was often being attacked. It had to defend itself. Last semester, the BSM eliminated some of this. We became able and strong enough to do some attacking ourselves. We didn't just fight to keep what we had. We fought and we gained.

In the future, we plan further to unite the Black community. We want to include the Black alumni and all other areas of the Black community. So far, our plans are going well and have been quite successful."

Phyllis Pickett, Vice Chairperson

"I hope to see a new direction and a new focus for the BSM. I don't mean this as a cliché. We need to switch over from the old stuff such as protests and rouses. They keep us in the newspapers, but really don't help us in the long run.

"We've got departments at this university with no Black professors, and I feel this is a shame. This is only one of the types of problems that the BSM should be trying to solve. For example, the School of Journalism doesn't have any Black professors or any courses on the Black Press. Martha Flowers is doing a wonderful job in the Music Department, but we need more people like her.

"The BSM has a responsibility. It has made lots of improvements, but it needs to do more in the future."

Nina Ford, James Representative

"Last semester, we had to get the

students to realize that they had to make time for the BSM. Making time for the BSM is very important. It's just like making time for working and studying.

"There are so many things a Black student could do for the BSM and there are so many things that need to be done. This takes time.

"I enjoyed working for the BSM last semester. I think for the future, the BSM will specifically try to unite the Black community on campus."

Ike Cummings, North Campus Representative

"This past year, the BSM has been an advocate. It has been more or less a mediator, someone to go to if you had problems.

"The BSM is a special interest group whose main interest is the welfare of Black folks.

"Although I didn't realize how difficult it was being a north campus representative, I have been trying to create a unity among all Blacks on north campus—sort of a family. I've made some progress, but not as much as I had hoped to make."

Local Reaction

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senior Spurgeon Fields, "he would have been going against the system that had sentenced them. "I didn't really expect the Ten's pardon anyway."

Among other concerns expressed was Jonetta Barr's: "If Hunt could reduce sentences, he could have pardoned them." To which junior Judi Dobbins added, "Why didn't he commute Ben Chavis' sentence as much as the rest? Is that saying Chavis was more guilty, or that Hunt didn't like Chavis as much? What's the thing behind Chavis?"

Other student comments were equally blunt.

"There is reasonable doubt in my mind concerning the case," said sophomore Denise Phillips. "The law says you have to be proven guilty beyond a shadow of doubt. I have doubt."

JAC

Challenge stimulates action

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What began as an issuance of a challenge turned out to be the beginning of something worthwhile and progressive—the James Action Committee—better known as JAC. It was founded in 1976 and headed by Lonza Hardy, Hinton James dorm representative for the Black Student Movement.

Lonza Hardy formed JAC to supply students in James with information relating to the BSM and its activities. It was mostly made up of floor distributors of the *Weekly* and *Black Inks*, but broadened to include other interested students, including Sam Tucker, a resident of Morrison at the time.

When asked why he joined JAC, Sam stated, "I became a member of JAC with a dual purpose. I figured I could help JAC as much as it could help me. I wanted to be active . . . not apathetic, and I figured JAC would be the first step and it was. I viewed JAC as a lower body of the Central Committee which I later joined."

JAC was largely responsible for many activities for Black students, including a Get-to-Know-You night and a Christmas Talent Show. JAC and *Black Ink* co-sponsored an awards banquet last spring.

Succeeding Lonza as James representative were Harold Woodard and Nina Ford. Both served as floor distributors and JAC members while Lonza was dorm representative and were quite anxious to see that JAC did not die.

"I feel that eventhough JAC has not been as active this year as it could have been," said Nina, "the activities that we did sponsor were successful. We have several others planned for this semester that we hope will be enjoyable."

Sam Tucker now serves as Morrison representative. He calls his organization BIG MAC. When asked if his work with JAC prompted his initial work with BIG MAC he replied, "Yes. I enjoyed working with JAC and I decided to get something similar started with Morrison. Unfortunately, the residents of Morrison aren't responding too well. We've had several activities, including a jam, a raffle, and a Get-to-Know-You night, but the turnouts were never good. Morrison has the potential to be as good or better than JAC, but it's going to take a great deal of work."

An action committee has also been formed at Ehringhaus. Whether the challenge Lonza Hardy made in the Fall of 1976 was responsible for the formation of the other dorm committees is debatable, but it is highly possible.