

# FEATURES

## BSM 1978—A Challenge, a change, a campaign

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A challenge and a campaign. Black Student Movement 1978 is on its way. But on its way where and moving toward what? Blacks don't act, they react, so the saying goes. And certainly BSM has a reputation for reaction. But what about initiative action? Can it be functional, unified? Can BSM act on a situation rather than react? Allen Johnson, Chairperson 1978-79 says it can. And we begin with "Challenge '78."

And save December 7. Classes will have ended and the BSM plans for our entertainment and its financial benefit, the Fall Talent Show. It'll be local talent. The folks you see everyday. But surprise—they seem to have lots to offer, and they'll be displaying it. Include the organization and pre-planning that the Central Committee insists on having, and it too should be worth an emptier wallet. Interesting point to note. Dues-paying BSM members receive discounts at BSM functions.

"We have already sent letters to the organizations inviting them to come," Johnson said, "and we await their ideas."

### SPEAKING OF NEW PROJECTS

Now when you don't have the time to read the Weekly Ink or you miss something in The Black Ink, you have an alternative. The Black Student Movement is sponsoring a radio program to be aired twice a week. The scheduled beginning date for the program is October 1. Find 89.3 ahead of time (station WXYC). Although the format is informative, it will include some fun spots such as on-the-spot interviews and talent spots where students may display and demonstrate their creativity. The co-chairman of the program committee, Rochelle Riley, is a Journalism-English major who says that this is her first experience producing a radio show. But her more experienced co-chairman, Ike Cummings, knows exactly what he's doing. He and fellow committee members Terri Burns and Diane Ramsey are working hard to make the show a success. Anyone interested in the production of the show or the writing of scripts for programs should contact Ike Cummings.

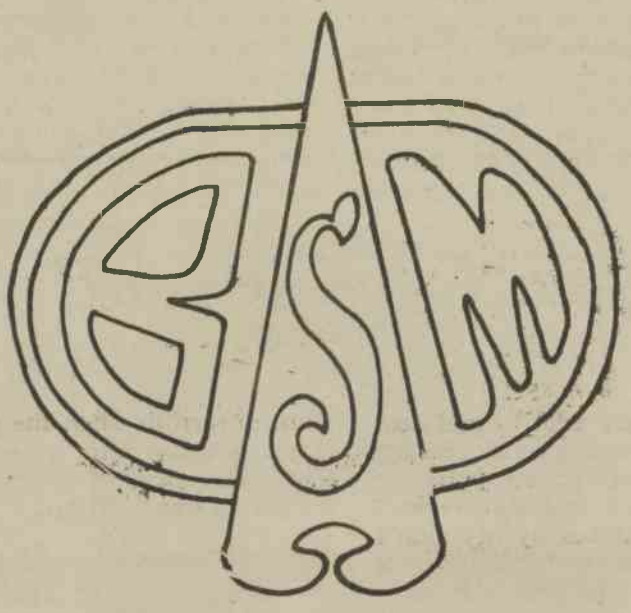
receptive to people who want to work." And for those who don't want to coordinate programs, there are receptionist and typing jobs in the BSM office, Jones said. Stop by or call her at 933-4177. Black men—get in touch with Roscoe McClain, chairman of James Action Committee. He says he needs you. "I don't want James people to become motivated to act only with the occurrence of another crisis," he said.

### WRAPPING THINGS UP

A party? A seminar? Need a place to meet? Check by Upendo. "Scheduling is done on a first come, first serve basis," said Kurt Garrett, Upendo Board Chairman. "Any recognized campus organization can schedule a meeting and reserve time blocks. Other groups are free to fill in the non-scheduled hours." For reservations, check by the Upendo desk. Personnel is always available for scheduling (unlike times past when you could never find who you needed, when you needed them). When not in group use, Upendo is free for recreation or study. Hours this year are:

- 1:00 pm-11:00 pm Monday-Thursday
- 2:00 pm-7:00 pm Friday
- 2:00 pm-5:00 pm Saturday
- 3:00 pm-11:00 pm Sunday

For other questions concerning usage, check the policy sheet on the Upendo bulletin board.



Official BSM emblem: voted on Spring 1978.

### AND FOR GRIPES SAKE

"We need more leaders," said Johnson. "There're plenty of followers, but nobody wants to lead or coordinate anything." "We need general body members who don't mind helping. We're always

### ON THE SUBJECT OF DUES

"Everything's flowing nice and smoothly," said Stella Jones, BSM secretary. "If dues continue at the rate they're going, we'll reach our goal." The Central Committee goal is 500 dues-paying members. Dues are \$2.00 per person. The freshmen have responded well, Jones said. Approximately one third of them have already paid. "Most upperclassmen however, seem not to realize their responsibility." There is no deadline, but Jones does urge people to pay as soon as possible. In addition to discounts on BSM functions, dues-paying members also receive a membership card. "To be a member of the BSM, you don't have to pay dues," Johnson said, "but if you can and want to, we'd like for you to."

### PROJECT CABINET

Not everything this year is financial. A new project at birth is the Black Campus Cabinet. An attempt to create unity? One would say yes. An all-out effort. The organization is to be a composite of all the Black organizations on campus, BSM subgrouped or not, and each organization will have representatives. These people will meet to exchange ideas, coordinate a calendar and in general, function as a liaison between the groups and the BSM.

"The challenge is to pay off our loan from student government," said Johnson. "We don't want to miss the monthly payments." And there's an all out campaign. Faculty help is counted on, BSM subgroups donations are welcomed and of course dues money.

### AND BSM PLANS...

"In addition, we plan to use as much ingenuity and innovativeness as we can in providing activities people will enjoy and come to," Johnson said. "In this way we also hope to acquire needed funds." Yes. Financial plans are here. But the Central Committee plans an exchange for student support—not a rip off. And number one on the agenda is the Dating Game. Same format as the TV show. Same chance to acquire eligible bachelors or bachelorettes. But not the same show we've seen on campus in the past. "We want to be as lavish and attractive as possible," Johnson said. "There'll be celebrities on campus and off and we plan for big surprises." Of course all dates are the courtesy of the BSM. And that event comes off September 28 in Great Hall. Then, coming up, the BSM Coronation Ball. A new Miss BSM, a night of entertainment and excitement, planned to be well worth the money you put into it. That's October 6.

## Greeks offer social outlet

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While some people feel totally content with their lifestyles, be it exciting or not, there are those who appreciate and prefer the sisterhood and brotherhood of Greek life. Each semester, sorority rushes and fraternity smokers are held to acquaint interested individuals with different aspects of the social organizations. For the young lady who wants a taste of sisterhood, there is the sorority. In sorority life, women with common interests and goals come together to form a mutual support system within the University and community. There are presently two Black sororities on campus, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta. Debra Harris, a soror of AKA, says the purpose of rush is to give interested women an opportunity to find out what the sorority is all about. It also gives the

sorors a chance to meet those interested in joining the sorority. Brotherhood and life-long friendships are two factors which link the brothers of our three fraternities. "A fraternity, said Otis Speight, "is a group of individuals who are collectively united by a common source, who share ideas, and who obligate themselves to the cause for which the fraternity stands." Speight is a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity. The purpose of fraternity smokers is to provide for the interested young man an opportunity to learn about the fraternity's goals, insights, achievements and aspirations. Prospective pledges are expected to possess the qualities of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift.

The other two fraternities on campus are Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi. Groove Phi Groove, a social organization is also on campus.