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Jeannie Mask, escorted by Byron Horton, was crowned Miss BSM at the Coronation Ball held recently. Horton was presented the Outstanding Senior Award. Staff photo by Keith Beasley.

Mask and Horton receive honors at Coronation Ball

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At recent festive activities, Jeannie Mask was crowned Miss Black Student Movement. The BSM's Coronation Ball was held on October 6.

Mask, elected from a field of six contestants, will serve as hostess for BSM activities throughout the year. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

She has also served on the BSM Central Committee for 2 years.

Performances by the BSM Gospel Choir and the Ebony Readers served as a prelude to the crowning of "tomorrow's tomorrow." The Outstanding Senior Award was presented to Byron Horton, former BSM chairperson.

The Freshman Representatives to the BSM were also introduced. They were John Slade and Dobra Harrison. These representatives become members of the BSM Central Committee.

Miss NCCU, Barbara Teresa Wright, a special guest, addressed the audience and crowned Miss BSM. She spoke about the role of campus queens.

"While the position of serving as a college queen is one of great honor," she said, "she must be aware of two vital parameters which she has to face. The young lady must be prepared to accept a position of leadership and responsibility."

Mask, stated earlier in the week that she wanted to "disqualify the negative image of the BSM should be more than a title."

Other contestants vying for the title of Miss BSM were Vivian Carlton, Pam Dockery, Lillie Love, Toi Carter, and Avis Squires.

A special dance tribute was presented to Miss BSM by the Opeyo Dancers.

Researchers Find "Heavy" Pot Use Can Be Addicting

SAN FRANCISCO (CPS)—Regular use of marijuana is habit-forming, and may leave the constant user subject to withdrawal symptoms when the drug is cut off, say researchers at the University of California-San Francisco Medical Center.

The Center has been investigating for five years the effects of THC, the

psycho-active component of marijuana. They've experimented with volunteers, who lived in the med center for three to four weeks, during which time they received round-the-clock doses of THC equivalent to the amount contained in five or six joints.

Researchers note that the subjects developed a tolerance to the drug with

time, when its initial effects were no longer produced. But, within six to eight hours following the replacement to the THC dose with that of a placebo, all subjects experienced withdrawal effects such as sleeplessness, loss of appetite, and hyper-activity.

Dr. John Bachman of the Center explained that only the heavy toker—

not the social toker—need be concerned with THC's addictive qualities. "It is necessary to keep a constant level of the drug in the blood in order for the body to build up a physical tolerance," said Bachman, "so the smoker who occasionally smokes five or six joints in an evening will not develop these tolerances."