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Gregory Says Leadership Key To Members

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"The number one problem in America today is that America is spiritually and morally bankrupt," said multi-professional Dick Gregory Sunday night in Great Hall as the final part of the Black Arts Festival, which is a celebration of the black arts on the UNC-CH campus.

Gregory, a professional comedian, author, actor, human rights activist, social satirist, philosopher and lecturer said to a group of about 150,

"You've got to begin by looking inside yourself. That's where you start to clean up this mess."

In an interview Sunday night 48-year-old Gregory expressed the same sentiment, saying "God runs rampant in your body. Are you willing to sit down and tune him in?"

He also said that the BSM could be a more vocal voice if it had more members and if its members were members of organizations such as the NAACP.

"One thing about white folks is that they respect power," he said.

Gregory also said that leadership is the key to a larger BSM membership. He suggested that each BSM member go out and get three people to join the organization.

He said that the members should explain to others that they must join for their children's sake and should boycott games if athletes refuse to join.

In his speech Gregory criticized President Carter as being weak, say-

ing, "Jimmy Carter can't tell the oil companies, which he regulates, to stop ripping us off," and therefore does not have the power to tell the Russians to get out of Afghanistan.

He said in the interview that the first thing Carter should do to curb inflation is to admit that it is out of control.

Finally, Gregory said that Carter should semi-ration gasoline and stop adding money to its price.

Black Ink wins Mark of Excellence award

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Black Ink received a certificate for placing third in the Best All-Around Magazine category of the Mark of Excellence Contest at the Region II Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi (SPJ-SDX) Conference held at the Sheraton Center in Charlotte March 28-30.

The contest was sponsored by the Region II and national divisions of SPJ-SDX, which is a non-profit organization of student and professional journalists geared toward preserving freedom of the press and promoting journalistic excellence in writing.

"I was surprised but extremely proud when I discovered that we had won an award. It shows that *Black Ink* is a good paper, although many people don't think it is," said Editor Theresa Williams, who accepted the award for the newspaper staff.

Williams submitted recent issues of *The Black Ink* into the contest in February.

Magazines from the University of Maryland and James Madison University in Virginia jointly took first and second place in the category.

Region II consists of college and professional chapters in the states of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina and Washington, D.C.



At the Fair

A mother rests and her daughters enjoy the culinary delights and stuffed, cuddly trophies that every fair offers. Photo by Kim Snooks.

Mark Canady elected 1980 BSM chairperson

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Some problems in the Black Student Movement this year may have been administrative, but BSM's biggest problem was getting people interested in the organization, and then having to deal with an already apathetic crowd, said freshman Mark Canady, the BSM's youngest chairperson elected in its history.

"It makes it very difficult to run an organization that way," he said.

Canady said he feels the BSM is on campus to preserve and strengthen the Black culture. "But mostly it should be a way to make the Black and the white people here aware of the different cultures that exist," he said.

Among his plans for next year, Canady said he would like to increase membership, get more people involved with the BSM, especially the general body members, start a recruiting program this fall and see the *Black Ink* become as regular a paper as possible. "Not necessarily weekly, but make it a dependable paper. Commitment is what it's going to take," he said.

He cited an example of the large apathy that exist within the BSM as he talked of a situation in which he had planned to meet with a person who said he had some ideas for the BSM. The person told him he didn't want to take the time to walk up to the BSM office to talk with him. "I was there for 55 minutes and the person didn't come. And that's the kind of crowd we have to

deal with," he said.

"It's easy to complain, but we need people who are willing to do something about it," he said.

"Some people died so that we would be able to come to a school like this, and to just come take it for granted, that seems to be unfair," he said.

Among the BSM's newly elected officers are sophomore Jesse Cureton as vice chairperson. Some of his jobs, according to the present constitution, will be to serve in the place of the chairperson when he is not present and to serve as the Election Board Chairperson. Freshman Quentin Eaton was chosen as secretary, and he will take minutes at BSM meetings and maintain files of all written records. The treasurer, junior Rochelle Tucker will keep books and present records at BSM meetings. The new minister of information freshman Larry Ellis will press releases, and the on-campus coordinator Pauline McNeill will be in charge of all on-campus events.

Canady stressed that these are only some of the duties of the new offices as listed in the constitution. He said the constitution needs to be updated.

Other new officers are Parliamentarian Greg Cranford, Cultural Coordinator Wanda Montgomery, Morrison Representatives Smith Turner IV and Allen Russell, James Representatives Linda Brinson, and Jennifer Dykes, North Campus Representative Sheila Miller and Ehringhaus Representative Thalia Bowen.