



Black Arts Festival begins

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BLACK INK



The essence of freedom is understanding

BSM members elect Canady, other officers



Mark Canady Photo by Beatrice Taylor

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second article in a three-part series about the Black Student Movement.
In his re-election campaign literature, chairperson Mark Canady stated that the Black Student Movement is now in a better position both financially and structurally than it has been in the past. "Do we really need a change in leadership?" he asked.
Apparently, 113 BSM members agreed that a change was not needed in the organization and Canady was elected to a second term by more than a 60 percent

margin. Opponent Bernard Bell received 64 votes in the election.
With the win, Canady becomes the first to hold the office for two terms. Because the BSM is presently operating on ideas which were implemented during his administration, Canady should be able to provide the organization with an essential ingredient it has lacked for a number of years: consistency.
These following persons who ran unopposed are the elected BSM officers: Wende Watson, Vice Chairperson; Evelyn Faison, Secretary; L'Tanya Mathis, Treasurer; Williams, Parliamentarian; Teresa Blossom, Minister of Information; Dundee Holt, Cultural Coor-

dinator; Pauline McNeil, On-Campus Coordinator; and Larry Green, Off-Campus Coordinator.
Usually, the tendency is for a new administration to "sweep clean" when moving into the BSM office in Suite B of the Carolina Union. Consequently, much time is spent just organizing.
Allen Johnson, BSM chairperson 78-79, said that the transition period between administrations has kept the BSM from being structurally sound.
"Each administration comes in with new ideas and wants to wipe the slate clean," Johnson said. "The officers are always organizing instead of building."
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News Notes

Thornton will speak at conference

Greensboro, NC — Lee Thornton, a CBS White House Correspondent will speak at the A&T State University Fourth Annual Mass Media Careers Conference, March 27-28.
Thornton holds a Ph.D. in mass communication from Northwestern University. She has covered major assignments such as the release of the American hostages, several of President Carter's trips, and the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
During the two-day event, media executives will discuss opportunities in both print and broadcast media.
"Minority Training, Hiring, Retention, and Promotion in the Media: Challenges for the 1980's", the conference's theme, will attract high school, college students as well as professional journalists.
Persons interested in participating in the conference should contact Joyce Jones in Room 203 Dudley Building at A&T State University.

Af-Am and Black Ink Sponsor Contest

The African and Afro-American studies curriculum and Black Ink are sponsoring a poetry contest.
The contest, "Words, Rhythm and Rhyme," is open to all graduate and undergraduate students in North Carolina. Students may submit up to as many as five unpublished poems to 402 Alumni Building, the BSM office or 420 Hinton James Dormitory. Rules for the contest are posted in these places also.
The deadline to enter the contest is March 23. Prizes will be awarded and the top five poems will be performed by the Ebony Readers during the Ayana open house in April and published in an April issue of the BI.

Ensemble and 'Home' come to UNC

The Carolina Union will present the Arthur Hall Afro-American Dance Ensemble and the comedy play "Home" during March in Memorial Hall.
The Philadelphia based Ensemble will perform Mar. 18 at 8 p.m.
Combining the African dance with American insight, the Ensemble embodies the modern spirit of Black culture.
Tickets are \$5 for students, \$6 for the general public and available through the Carolina Union Box Office.
The internationally acclaimed Negro Ensemble Company will present "Home" Mar. 23-25 at 8 p.m. each evening.
Samm-Art Williams' "Home" is the story of Cephus Miles, a black farmer and spinner of tall tales in North Carolina who, in a series of events loses his childhood sweetheart, goes to jail for draft resistance, loses his farm while in jail, and goes North to pursue the good life, only to realize that for him, happiness and home are in the land.
Tickets are \$4 for students \$6 for the general public and available at the Carolina Union Box Office.

United Front says students need unity



Tim Gaylord DTH photo

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Black student groups should join to form a UNC chapter of the Black United Front said a spokesman recently for a committee promoting Black student unity.
Tim Gaylord, a UNC graduate student said the Black's United Front was founded on the same principle as Malcolm X's Organization of African Unity (OAU) which sought to unite all Black groups. "The Black United Front would stop division and conflict among Black students," Gaylord said. Class and status consciousness would be diminished by the presence of the front, he said.
One goal of the front would be to develop a concept of Blackness and an identification with Africa among Black students, Gaylord said. Black student attending predominantly white universities such as UNC needed "to develop a healthy set of values compatible with the Black ex-

perience," he said.
He said the Front could perform many of the functions now done by the Black Student Movement. "The BSM should not be required to carry on all the cultural, political, and economic functions of the Black student community. It weakens the organizations when it has to carry out that many functions," Gaylord said.
Another asset of the Black United Front was that it has state and national connections, unlike the BSM, Gaylord said. "The Black United Front is a national organization. We have the state, local, and community contacts," he said.
The BSM did not have the resources to work with the different organizations on campus that are important to Blacks, Gaylord said. The organization could also serve as a central organization for all Black groups on campus, including the BSM, he said.
Membership in the Black United Front would be beneficial to all Black groups on campus because it would eliminate duplication of programs and wasted energy, Gaylord said.
The front would work hard to train Black leaders, Gaylord said. Black students at universities like UNC were not trained to help the black community, he said. "The present system has not been geared to develop Black leadership. Black students are not developing values that they can take back to the Black community. Black minds are being exploited and we're being chumped off at UNC," Gaylord said.
On Mar. 26, 12:00-1:00 — in the Pitt, the committee for black student unity will hold a rally to protest the killing of and disappearance of 21 black children in Atlanta. UNC Graduate Student Tim Gaylord said his group wanted to use the rally to develop Black unity on campus.