

BSM women intramural team exhibits talent

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Sports Editor

A subgroup of the Black Student Movement has thrived over the last four years with very little publicity. This group is the BSM's women intramural team.

"We have never received much publicity," captain Rochelle Tucker said. However, that fact has not hindered the performance of this squad.

But, as of February 26, the BSM with a 3-1 record was ranked third in the women's competitive league. The team averaged 40 points a contest, while the opponents scored 25 a game.

Tucker said that basic strength of the team is the overall experience. "Half the members have played on a high school team," she said. Tucker also added that the squad was well drilled on the fundamentals of the game.

The starting players of the outfit are Tucker, Pat Johnson, Wanda Montgomery, Barbara Pullen and Lisa Morgan. Key reserves are Ursula Scott, Debra Swepson, Vickie Sparrow, Michelle Shiver, and Lori Ann Harris. Other members are Andre Moore, Debra Purvis, Rochelle Riley, Patricia Harper, and Teresa Smallwood.

"We got five people out there, and everybody contributes," Tucker said. "We use a 1-2-2 revolving, passing offense where everybody takes the open shots; everyone scores equally."

Tucker added that when the BSM women plays teams with big women, Montgomery and Morgan go to work and force many fouls.

Another strength of squad Tucker said, was their defense. "We play a very aggressive 2-1-2 zone," she said. "We haven't played anybody man-to-man because our zone has played so well."

This tactic plus the women's overall height allow the team to outrebound their competition.

The only weakness Tucker indicated was lack of practice. "If we practice, we would become more familiar with each other games," Tucker said. "If you play together a long time, you will get to know how each person plays."



BSM girl basketball players — Patricia Jackson, Rochelle Tucker, Lisa Morgan and Lori Ann Harris. Photo by Beatrice Taylor

In their only loss, the BSM had only six players and were limited in substitution. The number one ranked team, the P.E. Undergrad, Butchers defeated the women by 20 points.

The women have had successful regular seasons but never made it through the playoffs. "We make it to the playoffs, then lose in the first round," Tucker said.

Tucker added a new perspective of the team this year. "We have more team spirit and willingness to win by the players," she said. "We can beat anybody if we play up to our potential."

Officers

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Throughout his campaign, Canady stressed his desire to see the BSM strengthen its position. He said one way to do this was to continue working on programs which already exist.

"It's essential to improve and increase efforts that will make the BSM a more effective political and social force," he said.

Canady's efforts to organize the BSM have made him the target of criticism from members and non-members who felt he was being passive. But Canady said that the administration did not have a passive role.

"We're trying to provide a solid foundation," he said. "The best defense

against any opposition is preparing. We're prepared."

With leadership providing consistency and organization within the BSM, the next problem is the lack of manpower. Only 370 students are members of the BSM.

Wende Watson, vice chairperson-elect, said that one of the main concerns of the 1981 administration is Black apathy.

"We need to open communication lines everywhere in the Black community. This means talking to and working with Black Greeks, graduate students, faculty and Chapel Hill-Carrboro residents," Watson said.

Canady and out-going Vice Chairper-

son Jesse Cureton also expressed concern about Black apathy. Canady hopes that a door-to-door membership drive next year will help to solve the problem.

"The potential of Blacks on this campus is unlimited. We have to tap these

resources," he said.

Cureton said that a re-awakening of Black consciousness is needed on this campus.

"We have to start thinking Black," Cureton said.

UCF will hold banquet

The United Christian Fellowship will hold its Fifth Annual Spring Banquet on Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 P.M. in Great Hall. The Rev. C. Dexter Wise III is the keynote speaker. Special music will be provided by the Dynamics, a contemporary gospel quintet.

Reverend Wise, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Providence, Rhode Island is an outstanding young scholar and churchman. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1975, he obtained the Master of Divinity degree from Harvard University in 1978. He is presently studying for the Ph.D. in theology.

The host of four radio broadcasts in the Providence area, the Rev. Wise has also produced a number of evangelical television specials. His church also publishes the only Black newspaper in the state of Rhode Island, *The Grapevine*.

The musical group The Dynamics are hailed as one of the leading contemporary gospel groups in the nation. They have been featured at Rev. James Cleveland's Gospel Music Workshop of America, and have recorded with such notables as Issac Douglas and Ricky Fowler.

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