

mittee
 Director, BSM Gospel Choir
 Music Representative, BSM Gospel Choir
 Executive Assistant, BSM Central Committee

**Ex officio* member, Black Faculty/Staff Caucus

*Liaison, Office for Student Counseling and BSM

*Chairman, Renaming the Office for Student Counseling North Carolina Fellows leadership development program

Cultural:

BSM Gospel Choir, Opeyo! Dancers, Ebony Readers/Onyx Theatre
 *Utilizing these auxiliary groups as a tool to set up an academic accreditation process in the Curriculum of African and Afro-American Studies. This not only expands the curriculum, but also shows student involvement and sincere interest in making the curriculum a department.

Community Activism:

*Realizing that we aren't just students but civic leaders as well, we must rededicate ourselves to community involvement. Reaching out to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community is another thrust in empowering African-Americans. This project can be organized by the BSM's freshman class committee. Not only will this give them consistent duties from year to year, but it will also be a much needed service rendered to the community.

Community. Culture. These facets are indigenous to our African-American heritage. We must begin empowering ourselves so the message can be carried to those around us. Our responsibility is not just to ourselves, but to our community as well. My experience makes me a credible and solid candidate for this office. If elected vice-president, I will commit myself to the duties and responsibilities of the office, and also to the overall development of the BSM.

The overall development of the BSM means a sincere desire to touch every facet of the University and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community. The spirit on which I base my campaign is community activism. This activism does not only constitute activism in the political arena but in the academic arena also.

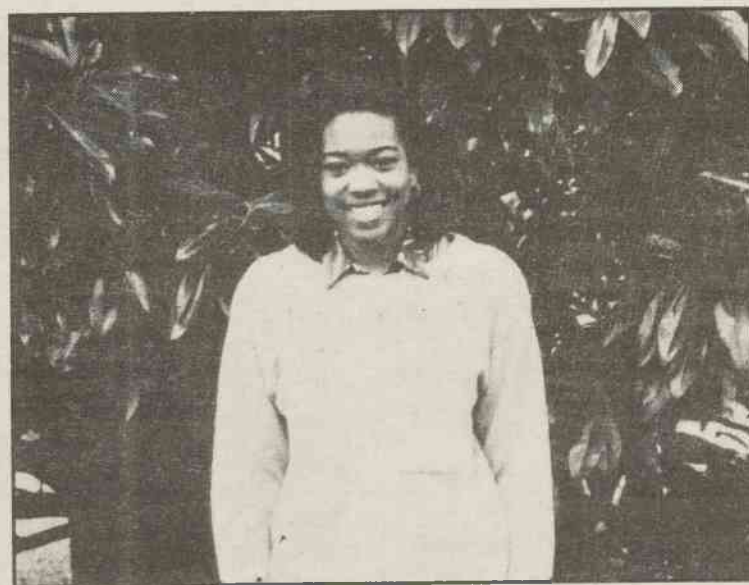
The Office for Student Counseling is one way by which we can actively pursue our academic activism. OSC has committed itself

to supporting African-American and Native American students in academic affairs. One of the components of the office is the weekly study groups. To expand this component, the BSM can help support this effort by placing volunteers in this program. This program will not only be for freshmen, but also for those who need help in majority areas of interest. One of the problems the OSC is encountering is low student turnout in these study sessions. With BSM involvement, we can increase the enrollment and the services of the BSM.

As stated earlier, the freshman class committee (FCC) has an important function in the BSM. Having the FCC oversee the community aspect of the BSM's activism places a sense of continuity in place for the next three years. One proposal for community involvement is in the Ridgefield development, a predominantly African-

American apartment complex. The BSM can set up cultural programs in the community and even tutorial sessions for those youth in academic need. Encompassing the community and the empowerment of culture is the power of the BSM.

The empowerment of students through academics is penned well in *Facing Racism in Education*: "Students who are empowered by their school experiences develop the ability, confidence and motivation to succeed academically. They participate competently in instruction as a result of having developed a confident cultural identity. Students who are empowered or "disabled" by their school experiences do not develop this type of cognitive/academic and social/emotional foundation. Thus, student empowerment is regarded both as mediating construct influencing academic performance and as an outcome variable itself."



Christa Ray For BSM Treasurer

My name is Christa Ray, and I am running for treasurer of the Black Student Movement. I feel I am a qualified candidate for this office. This is my second year as a member of the BSM. My freshman year I was a member of the freshman class committee. This experience has given me a better understanding of the BSM. Also, I was treasurer of several organizations at my high school. Along with this experience, I am a business finance major and have some accounting skills.

The focus of the BSM concerns the advancement of African-Americans on this campus. In order for this to occur, I believe it is imperative to have strong leadership that advocates this. My views and ideas are consistent with the goals of the BSM. As BSM treas-

urer, my objectives will be to:

—post a bi-weekly treasurer's report

—educate Central Committee members on the procedures for monetary transactions

—establish a budget to fit the needs of the BSM and its auxiliary groups (Ebony Readers, Opeyo! Dancers, Gospel Choir and *Black Ink*)

—be open to ideas and suggestions from the general body

My objectives are intended to help the BSM operate smoothly. With the BSM's finances in order, the organization can do more to achieve its goal of helping African-Americans progress on this campus. The treasurer's report would be posted bi-weekly so everyone would know what monies have been spent and where

they have been spent.

It is important that the Central Committee understands the procedures for transactions so they may be done in an organized and timely fashion. The budget is crucial to the success of the BSM; therefore, I will work hard to create a budget that will allot sufficient funds for its activities. If requisitions are filed in an organized manner, it will make it easier to satisfy these requests. Finally, I

will be very open to new ideas and suggestions that would be beneficial to, or make things better for, the BSM.

There are three types of people: those who watch things happen, those who ask "what happened?" and those who make things happen. With your support, I can make these things happen. My job is to serve you. Please keep me in mind when you vote on Wednesday, March 6.



Mica Alexander For BSM Secretary

My name is Mica Alexander, and I am seeking election to the position of Black Student Movement secretary. I became involved in the BSM because I wanted to join an organization that would help African-Americans like myself. Being a member for three years, I decided it was time I did more for the organization — thus my reason for running for secretary. I feel I can benefit the BSM because I am a very dedicated and committed person. One of the problems I see most is when people say they are going to do something and they don't come through. I will always make myself accessible to the members of the BSM, as well as anyone who looks to the BSM for information, help, etc.

My main objective for the BSM is to help the meetings run smoothly and effectively. As secretary, I will establish a secretarial

pool that will make themselves accessible to the general body at all times. (This includes office hours, a home telephone number and a daily schedule.) A calendar of events will be posted to inform members when each BSM committee and auxiliary group meets and when special events on campus take place. There will be weekly reports of the meetings. I will also work with the Office for Student Counseling to provide a list of any academic sessions and tutors to help those who need it.

If there is anyone who would like to contribute their ideas, I am always open for suggestions. The BSM is an organization set up to serve African-Americans on this campus. If elected to this position, I will be fully dedicated to serving you. Remember to vote for me on March 6.

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