

Who To Count On?

by Fred Gorham, Associate Editor

That is an easy question to answer — the Black Student Movement officers of course. With dynamic leaders, Kenneth Perry and Tonya Blanks, plus ambitious, energetic committee members, the black community here on campus may be on its way to being recognized. New programs and goals have been started for this year, including the spacing of BSM General Body Meetings every 4th week in Upendo, in the South campus union. The meeting times were created so that students may schedule classes or other events around the BSM meeting in order to increase attendance. The Central Committee is scheduled to meet every 2 weeks to plan activities and always be informed; so if you have any topic that needs discussing, inform the Central Committee.

President

Kenneth Perry, 20, Senior psychology major from Hertford, NC. Perry, who has been BSM president since 1986, asks a lot of questions, therefore he is a very well-informed person. He has a lot of plans and ambitions for this year. His main objective will be to make sure the head position of the Office of Student Council is properly filled; and to provide support and acquire a permanent facility for the Black Cultural Center.

Perry, along with the officers, is trying to pass a proposal to establish a scholarship fund. It will provide minority scholarships and funds for the Black Cultural Center. The semester is almost over, and the energetic Perry is busy at work, especially during the 1st week of classes. "When we decide to do something at a General Body Meeting, it gets done the next day," said Perry.

On campus, Perry said, there is a decreasing number of black faculty members. The BSM will address that problem. The BSM will also assist in minority recruitment programs and is also working to stay in touch with the needs of blacks on this campus.

Perry wants students to realize that they have to do better. The low number of black graduates was one of last year's controversies. The BSM was organized to aid the black community. "Students needs to come to those meetings."

Vice President

Tonya Blanks, 20, a Junior English major from Charlotte, N.C., was elected vice president in the spring of 1988. She was on the Freshman Class Committee in her freshman year. In her sophomore year she was BSM Treasurer. Being a member of those organizations and countless others, Blanks brings experience and determination to the office. "I felt I could act as an organizer and communicator for the BSM and the black communi-

ty," said Blanks. Here, she said, "things get done."

Presently she is in charge of the freshman class committee, and is on the search committee to find a replacement for Dean Renwick — that just names a few of Blank's vice presidential duties.

Secretary

Stephanie Beard is a junior Industrial Relations/Psychology major from Mt. Gilead, N.C. As the Secretary, she records what was addressed during each General Body Meeting, and also collects information gathered at each sub-group meeting. According to Beard, the BSM officers started work approximately the second or third week of March, right after the elections.

Beard is not sure about running for another position in the BSM. Right now the main objectives are the Office of Student Council and better communication between the black community. "I feel as if I'm helping the black community."

Treasurer

Chanda Douglas is a junior Health Policy/Public Administration major from Rocky Mount, N.C. She has the sole responsibility of handling the BSM's finances.

This past year Douglas was called upon to sit on the Finance Committee to submit the proposed BSM budget for the next year. The budget also includes funding for the *Black Ink*. Douglas said she submitted the proposal and waited until the committee discussed it — she said they cut the amount way down. The Finance Committee says the BSM is supposed to raise about \$5,000 through various programs, but they can't do it by having parties or other social events.

The office is a very rewarding one, says Douglas, but it took some getting used to. "I'm learning to like it because it gets pretty hectic at times. It's challenging." She has high goals for the future, wanting to be a hospital administrator. She is predicting a good year for the BSM. "I think this will be an effective year for fund raising — the committees have big ideas."

Meet the BSM Central Committee

These are the people who help Kenneth Perry, Tonya Blanks, Chanda Douglas and Stephanie Beard make important decisions. This is a very crucial part of the BSM:

Pamela McDonnell Black Greek Council President
Classification: Senior
Major: Public Policy Analysis/Sociology
Residence: Hackensack, NJ

The Black Greek Council President coordinates Greek activities such as the past carnival, Black Greek Convocation and events during Human Rights Week.

Sabrina Evans Parliamentarian
Classification: Sophomore
Major: English
Residence: Brooklyn, NY
 The Parliamentarian maintains order during the General body meetings, and assists on the Special Projects and other committees.

Norvita Bell Publicity Co-Chairwoman
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Education
Residence: Wadesboro, NC
 The Publicity Co-Chairwoman aids in publicizing BSM events.

Claudia Littlejohn Publicity Co-Chairwoman
Classification: Junior
Major: Psychology
Residence: Cherryville, NC

Warren Robinson Special Projects Chairman
Classification: Junior
Major: Political Science
Residence: Wallace, NC
 The Special Projects Chairman coordinates (special) programs, for instance, Discovery.

Gwen Brown Fundraising Chairwoman
Classification: Junior
Major: Biology/Chemistry
Residence: Riegelwood, NC
 The Fundraising Chairwoman coordinates activities in order to raise funds for the BSM.

Lisa Schaeffer North Campus Coordinator
Classification: Junior

Major: Political Science
Residence: Philadelphia, PA
 This officer is in charge of membership and trying to get more North Campus involvement.

Cindy Miller Co-North Campus Coordinator
Classification: Junior
Major: Physical Therapy
Residence: Wake Forest, NC

Rodney Harris Historian
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Political Science
Residence: Wake Forest, NC
 The Historian is a spokesperson for the BSM. This officer gathers historical information and assists on other committees.

Garraud Etienne Black Ink Editor
Classification: Junior
Major: Business Administration
Residence: Rockville Center, NY

Jamee Alston On Campus Coordinator
Classification: Junior
Major: Biology-Nutrition/Premed
Residence: Raleigh, NC

Billie Burney Membership Chairwoman
Classification: Senior
Major: Speech
Residence: New Bern, NC

Kim McLean Membership Co-Chairwoman
Classification: Junior
Major: History/Afro-American Studies
Residence: Burlington, NC

The other committee members were unavailable for comment.

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