

BSM president Perry re-elected to second term

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Staff Writer

Kenneth Perry, a junior from Hertford, was re-elected as president of the Black Student Movement (BSM) Tuesday. Wilton Hyman, acting vice president of the BSM, said Wednesday that 137 of the organization's approximately 400 members participated in the annual election.

Tonya Blanks, a sophomore from Clarkton, was elected vice president, and Chanda Douglas, a sophomore from Rocky Mount, won the treasurer's position.

Perry, Blanks and Douglas ran unopposed.

Stephanie Beard, a sophomore from Mt. Gilead, defeated sophomore Joel Winful (75 votes to 62 votes) to win the secretarial position.

Hyman said he believed voter turnout was affected by the small number of candidates who were running for office. However, he said members are becoming increasingly involved with the BSM.

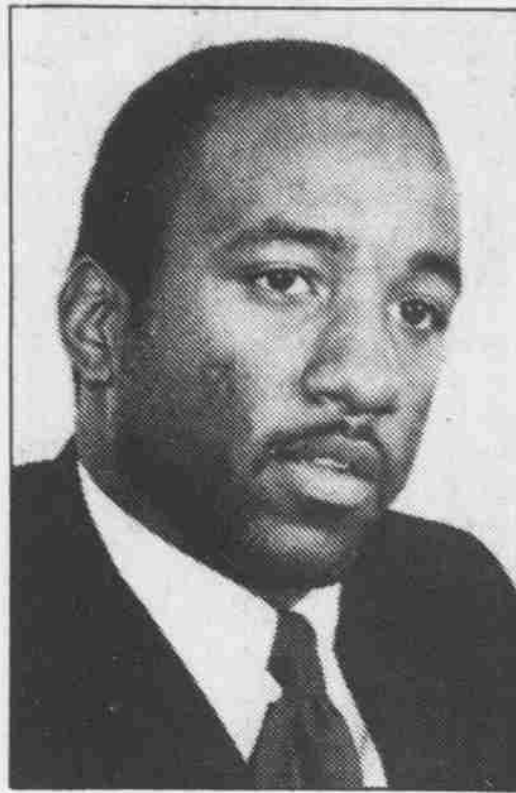
"A lot of BSM members have become more active," he said. "They are speaking out. It's a very good way for the fiscal year to begin. I hope the momentum continues throughout the year."

Perry said voter turnout would have been greater had members not been involved in a rally at South Building on Tuesday. Over 400 students gathered to protest the proposed restructuring of the Office of Student Counseling.

Newly-elected Vice President Blanks said she believed voter turnout was greater than it was last year.

"I think members of the BSM are more concerned about the BSM, and the direction it's taking," she said.

Involvement and participation in BSM activities have been increasing since 1986, according to Blanks. "More people are becom-



Kenneth Perry

ing active and ready to make a difference," she said.

The resignation of Hayden Renwick, former associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and the controversy surrounding the appointment of his successor have renewed members' interest in the organization, Blanks said.

The main objectives of his upcoming term will include continued efforts to prevent the restructuring of the Office of Student Counseling, Perry said.

"We want the same structure, as far as direct linkage to Dean (Gillian) Cell," he said. "That's why we expressed our interest yesterday at South Building."

Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, announced Wednesday that the office would not be restructured.

The Office of Student Counseling also needs to expand its staff to enable counselors to address the issue of black student retention more effectively, Perry said.

The BSM will also continue to seek a larger space for the Black Cultural Center, he added.

Area bus systems may be connected

By **BILL HILDEBOLT**
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A project that would connect the bus systems of Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh is being pursued by several different transportation committees and groups in the Triangle area.

A demonstration busing system project has already been set up, said Nancy Gardner, regional ride share manager for the Triangle J Council and a member of one of the committees working on the project.

"It will start with the most efficient routes and then expand from there," said Gardner. The demonstration project will run for two to three years, beginning sometime next year, she said.

The system will appeal to a broad range of people, Gardner said. "How you design the system will determine who rides it," she said. "It will serve Raleigh-Durham Airport and Research Triangle Park, but the focus will be on commuters between the cities."

The system will be useful, but it will not solve the traffic problems that exist in the Triangle, Gardner said.

The committees and subcommittees working on the project are essentially made up of staff-level technicians for local elected officials, Gardner said. By working on the committees, the technicians are then able to make recommendations to the official, she said.

Durham traffic engineer Sandy

Sharer, chairwoman of one of the subcommittees working on the project, said, "We are working on one aspect of the project. We are working on what sort of governing body would be in charge of the system."

Harry Lorick, who works for the consulting firm DeLeuw Cather and Co., said his firm has been hired by the regional chambers of commerce to identify possible transportation projects in the region, including the bus system.

"Our task is to assist the chambers of commerce. We will study this project mainly for its possible benefits for business," Lorick said.

DeLeuw Cather and Co. will also look into available funding for the project, he said.

Gardner said several questions must still be answered about funding. "Who will pay? How will they pay?" she said. "There are a lot of options, but transit systems are not self-supporting."

Matching federal and local funds will get the demonstration program going, but some type of general funding program will have to be established for the long-range program, Gardner said.

Sharer said she expected widespread interest in the project to begin surfacing soon, and federal funds would help offset the cost of the project. "We'll see how interested the elected officials are when it comes time for the local governments to match the federal funds."

Paying a pretty penny to live in Chapel Hill

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Chapel Hill may be the southern part of heaven, but it is also one of the more expensive areas in the country to live in.

In a report prepared by the American Chamber of Commerce Research Association (ACCRA), the cost of living in Chapel Hill was rated 9 percent above the national average.

The report was based on price data collected from more than 250 urban areas of various sizes, including 17 areas with cities of more than 500,000 residents.

According to the ACCRA report, Chapel Hill has a higher cost of living

than cities such as Baltimore, Denver, Dallas and Houston.

Cost of living figures for Chapel Hill in the last two years have shown a steady increase. In the fourth quarter of 1986, Chapel Hill's cost of living was 6 percent above the national average. In the third quarter of 1987, the town was 8.7 percent above the national average.

Housing is the most expensive aspect of living in Chapel Hill. The cost of housing in Chapel Hill is rated at 34.9 percent above the national average.

Other costs of living in Chapel Hill also rated above the national average.

Transportation costs are 10 percent higher than the national average, health care is 4.7 percent higher, and miscellaneous goods and services are 3.9 percent higher.

Some features of living in Chapel Hill, however, are less expensive than other areas of the nation. Chapel Hill residents pay 4.7 percent less for groceries than the national average and utility costs are 6 percent below average.

Boston ranked highest among the 17 urban areas listed. The cost of living in Boston was rated 52 percent above the national average.

New York and Philadelphia were second and third in the ratings. The

average cost of living was 50.9 percent above the national average in New York and 24.8 percent above the national average in Philadelphia.

The most inexpensive cities to live in listed in the ACCRA survey were New Orleans; San Antonio, Texas; and Memphis, Tenn. — all were slightly below the national average.

The ACCRA cost of living index is based on a price comparison of 59 goods and services. Prices for groceries, housing, utilities, transportation, health care and miscellaneous goods and services are collected every three months by local chambers of commerce and sent to the ACCRA.

Campus day care center in danger of closing

By **REBECCA NESBIT**
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Victory Village Day Care Center, on Mason Farm Road on the UNC campus, has served over 2,000 children in its 38 years of existence, but now it is in jeopardy of closing.

The University's proposed land-use plan poses a threat to the center, said center director Mary Bridgers. This plan could result in the construction of new roads around the day care center.

The roads would result in better traffic control in the area but would greatly increase the flow of cars around the center, she said.

The day care center, formerly located where Davis Library is now, is in an old World War II barracks building behind North Carolina Memorial Hospital. The University

provided the site for the center and pays its utilities, but center fundraising events pay for salaries, supplies and equipment.

The University has already built an access road that goes beside the center's playground. "But that was fine because they also had guard rails built so that none of the children would get hurt," Bridgers said.

Bridgers said she is very uncertain about the possibility of the University giving the center a new site. If the center does get a new site, it may not be on the campus, she said.

"We would like to stay on campus so that the student parents can walk their kids to the center and then walk to classes," Bridgers said. "We've got a lot of good people who are willing to work hard to fund-raise, but we would like something from the University... like the promise of a really good site."

In order to keep the center from

closing, a new site needs to be established and renovated while the old site can still be used, Bridgers said.

"We need to look to the future and set some goals if we're going to continue to provide community service to the University," she said. "We have worked with the University, and we want them to look to the future with us."

The center has initiated plans to build a new center regardless of the site, but they would appreciate some help from the University, Bridgers said.

"We're not asking them for money; we would just like to be included in the UNC bicentennial fund-raising campaign," she said. "The University is so prosperous that the demand for day care is continuing to grow and an increasing number of families are continuing to come back to school."

The number of single parents is

increasing as well, which increases the number of women going back into the workplace. "Day care is a definite necessity," she said.

The day care center has been a place where students and departments of the University have been able to interact with and study with other students, Bridgers said. "We've always cooperated with the University."

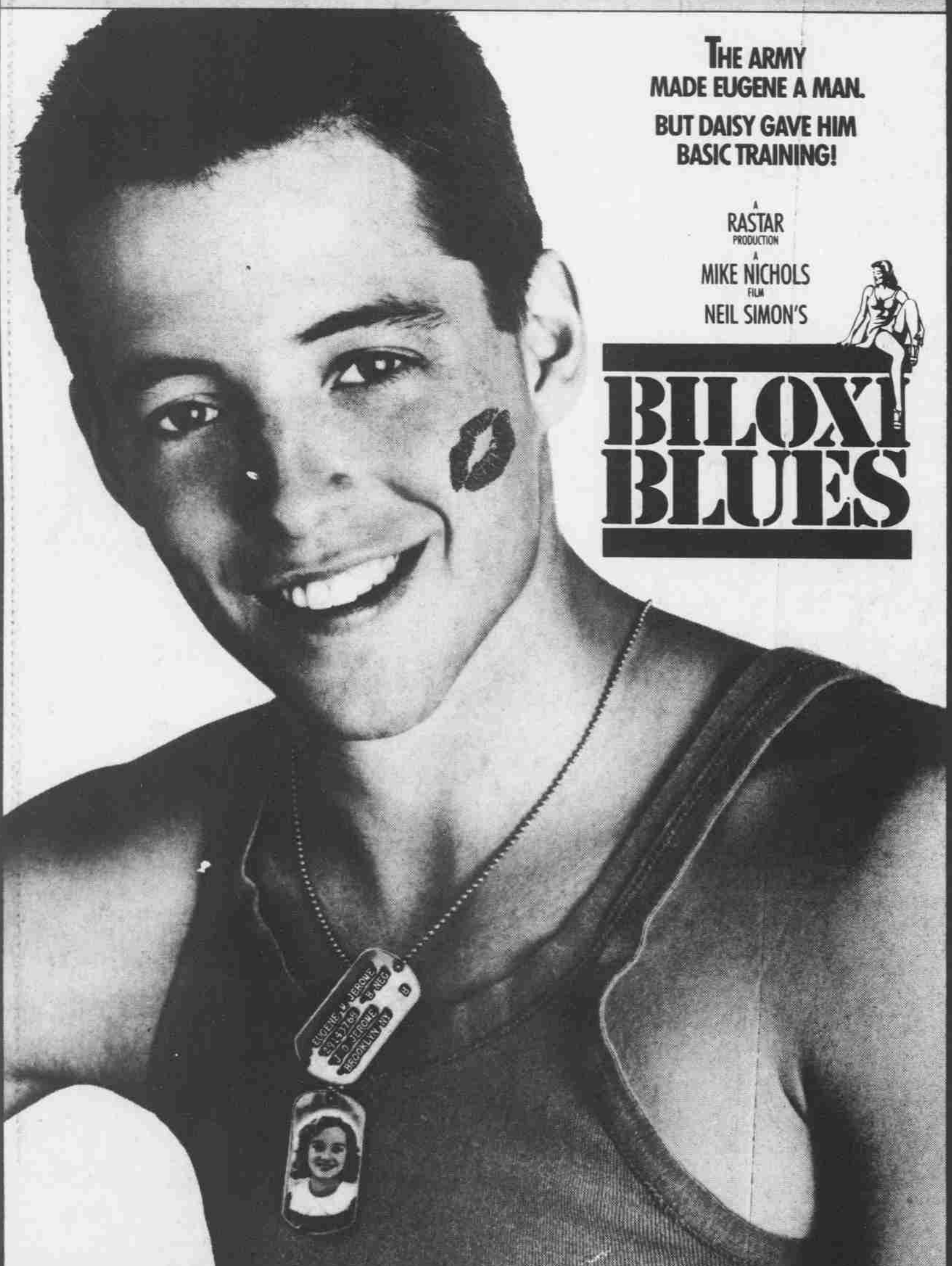
"We are providing a service for the University and they should not want to lose us," she said.

Although the center is currently sound and passes building inspections, it costs the center about \$7,000 to \$8,000 a year to keep the building in good shape, Bridgers said.

"It would help us a lot even if the University could help us contact some of our alumni so that we can get contributions, because we are non-profit," she said.

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