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Steps to improvement

Workers continue renovations in Student Stores. The middle section will reopen for public use in early April, said director Rutledge Tufts. See story, page 5.

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McLean elected BSM president

By JENNIFER WING
Staff Writer

Kim McLean was elected president of the Black Student Movement (BSM) Tuesday with 66 percent of the votes, defeating write-in candidate Jimmy Tanner.

McLean, a junior from Burlington, received 81 votes, while Tanner, a junior from High Point, received 42 votes. A total of 123 votes — representing about 22 percent of the BSM's members — were cast in the election.

"I think the election was more than fair, but I think it took a little too long," McLean said.

She said voter turnout was normal for a BSM election, although she said BSM members may have been deterred from voting because the election was postponed twice. "I think some people were discouraged because of the postponements," she said.

"Actually, compared to last year's election, it (voter turnout) is about the same. The turnout is not unusual."

McLean will work with present BSM President Kenneth Perry until the end of the semester and will assume full presidential responsibilities during the summer.

"The first thing we are going to do is work on the constitution," she said. "We're going to make things more clear as far as elections and respon-



Kim McLean

sibilities of officers."

McLean said she wanted to add clarifications about the election process and said she hoped to produce more administrative positions in the BSM through the creation of executive assistants.

She also said she wanted to continue with the BSM's decision to appeal to the Student Supreme Court a Student Congress decision not to allow the group to participate in the budget process, but she refused to

comment further on the BSM's actions concerning the appeal.

Tanner said he was confident McLean would perform well as BSM president. "One of her main ideas in the election was to restructure the BSM, and that is what it needs."

Tanner said a lot of minority students supported him, but that many of them were not BSM members. "The focus of my campaign was to get more black students involved in the BSM, but the people I was attracting were not members of the BSM."

He said his primary message during the campaign was to change the image of the BSM from that of an organization run by a few people to one that is open to many.

"The BSM should get members excited about being members," he said. "I think black students should automatically want to be BSM members."

Tanner said he would seek a position on the BSM Central Committee.

McLean said she wanted to begin selecting the central committee members as soon as possible, but she said she planned to cut down on the inefficiency in the BSM by reducing the number of committees. "Some of the committees don't seem to be

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No corruption found in athletic department

Faculty committee member says program 'generally well-run' as investigation nears end

By DANA CLINTON LUMSDEN
Staff Writer

The UNC Department of Athletics emerged with high marks from an investigation by a Faculty Council special committee formed after former UNC football coach Dick Crum resigned.

A final report has not yet been released, but members of the committee said Tuesday their investigation found no signs of corruption in the department. An interim report may be released in April.

Henry Landsberger, sociology professor and a committee member, said he felt the program was generally

well-run. "We certainly have found a program that, as best we can tell, is very cleanly run and concerned about student welfare and educational progress."

"The program is certainly not like an Oklahoma. There are definitely going to be problems at any large-scale athletic program."

The Faculty Council decided to investigate last year because of controversy over Crum's resignation. "Interest in the athletic department grew out of what seemed to be a forced resignation of Dick Crum," Landsberger said. "The faculty became concerned, and the Faculty

Council passed a resolution creating an ad hoc committee to look into the relationship between athletics and academics on campus."

The committee was concerned about the well-being of student athletes, said Doris Betts, English professor and committee chairwoman. "There are many questions in the faculty concerning the relationship and value of the intellectual side and sports side. It's a question of balance."

She said the committee found no corruption but did have some ideas for changes. "We certainly have not

found any corruption or scandal, although we have come up with some recommendations."

The areas that generated the most concern were the relationship between the Educational Foundation (Rams Club) and the University, the operation of the Smith Center, and whether student athletes are leading a full life, Betts said.

"We split the committee into several committees, and each committee did their research on different aspects of the athletic department," she said. "Currently we are working on petitions that we are going to give out to athletes."

Betts said the committee planned to meet with Chancellor Paul Hardin April 11 to give him an overview of

the report. "It's a matter of courtesy," she said. "We want to inform him as well as hear about his experiences with the athletics at the University."

The department handles money well, Betts said. "College athletics is such a big-time thing now, and there is always a question of how funds are being used. I don't think that there is any misuse of funds."

The research done for the report was thorough and covered a wide range of topics, Betts said. "We looked at the NCAA and the history of college sports, we've worked all through the summer, we've had public hearings, and we have talked with sports administration. We've tried not to leave any stone unturned."

John Swofford, director of athletics, said he saw the investigation as a chance for self-evaluation. "We want to have the best program that we can possibly have. No matter how good a program you have, there is always room for improvement."

"We have looked upon this as a chance for self-evaluation and are always looking for ways to improve."

Moyer Smith, executive vice president of the Educational Foundation, said the report was an aid to the organization's efforts to improve.

"No matter how good an organization is, we can always do better," he said. "We constantly investigate ourselves. We have our own internal audit and we hire professionals to evaluate us as well."

Congress budget process could undergo revisions

By JEFF ECKARD
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In an effort to make the Student Congress budget process more efficient for student groups requesting funding, a former student body treasurer has proposed a cash accounting and budgeting system for student government.

Jody Beasley, a senior from Fayetteville, submitted a proposal to the Student Congress Rules and Judiciary Committee that would allow student organizations to keep track of their money in a way similar

to a checking account.

"The proposal has great potential for improving student organizations' understanding of the budget process," Beasley said.

Under the proposal, student organizations will submit a preliminary budget estimate that is separated into income accounts and expense accounts.

Based on the organization's estimated income and expenses, the congress can allocate money to the organization's income account and, based on the organization's prefer-

ence, can assign the cash to individual expense accounts, such as printing and publicity.

When the organization wants money to spend in that category, it will go to the individual account, withdraw money and will know how much money it has left in that category.

Under the present system, groups spend money from a general account and are never sure how much they have left for individual categories,

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Merchants applaud neon amendment

By BLAKE DICKINSON
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The debate over neon signs in Chapel Hill moved closer to resolution Monday as merchants expressed support of a proposed revision of the town sign ordinance which would allow the display of neon.

At the public hearing, Erwin Shatzen, co-owner of Pepper's Pizza, and Terry Bowen, president of Copytron, Inc. in Chapel Hill, presented a petition with more than 1,600 signatures supporting neon signs.

Shatzen said he became involved in the neon issue when two town building inspectors informed him that Pepper's Pizza would have to take down its neon sign.

"Rather than be a rebellious lawbreaker, I decided if you don't like the law you work to change it," he said.

Shatzen contacted Chapel Hill merchants and sent a letter to the

Chapel Hill Town Council on behalf of 16 merchants petitioning for an amendment to the town sign ordinance to allow limited use of neon.

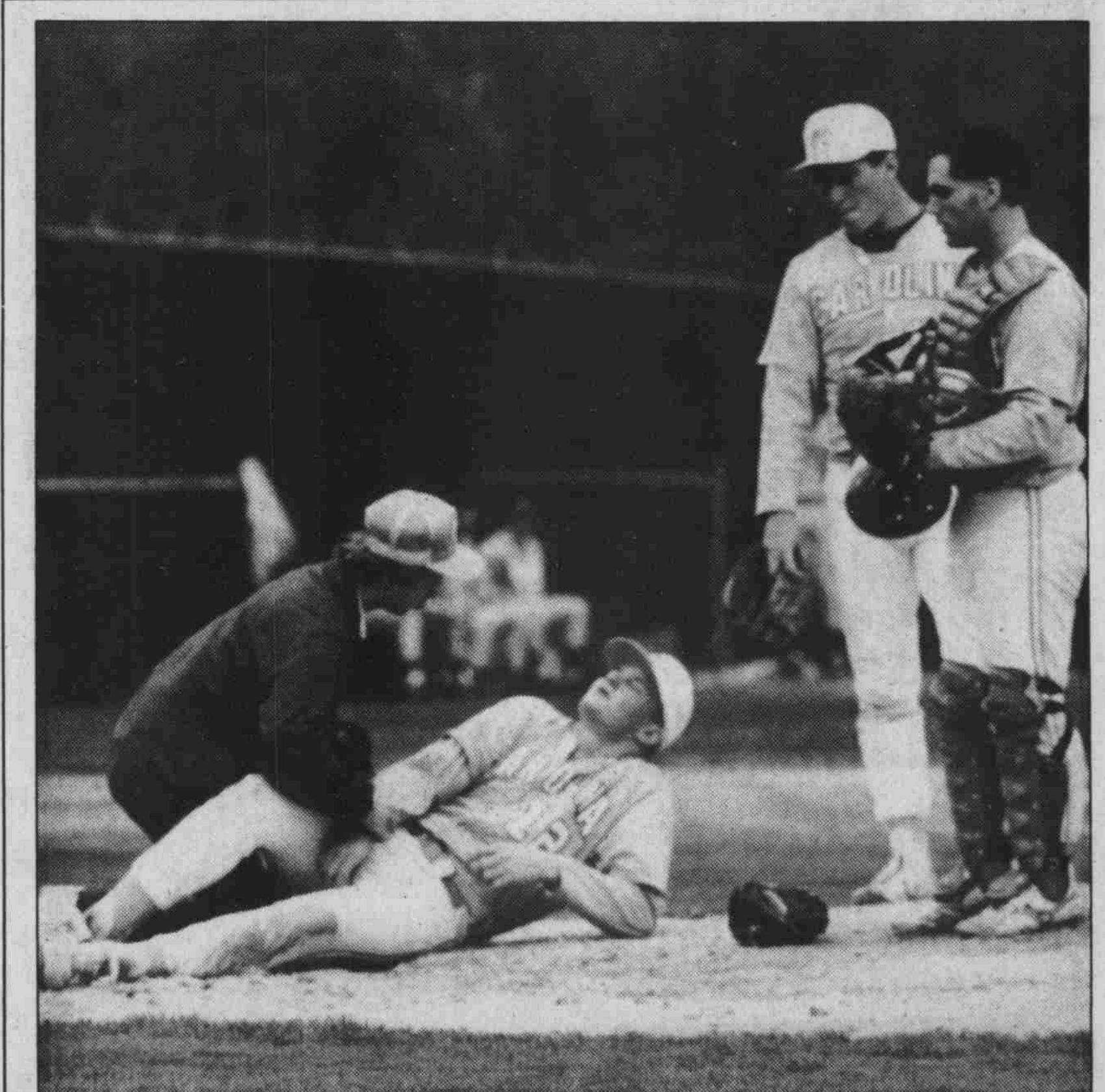
Several merchants spoke at the council meeting in support of a qualitative review of neon signs that Cassandra Sloop, chairwoman of the Appearance Commission, said would allow more flexibility in sign approval by deciding on the permission of neon signs on a case-by-case basis.

Merchants called for a neon allowance to be set by the town which would maintain appropriate usage and not allow excessive or gaudy neon display. Generally, they are willing to accept the Appearance Commission's recommended size and brightness limits.

"Our feeling is that prohibiting neon of any kind should not be an option," said Harold White, manager

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Down and out

Sophomore Kreg Gresham lies in pain after pulling a muscle in his pitching arm Tuesday. Despite

Gresham's injury, UNC toppled Tennessee 6-4. See story, page 8.

You can't always trust your mother. — Lou Reed