

NEWS

# BSM elections held — run-off possible

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Because of a stipulation in Article V Part C of the BSM Constitution which states that "a two-third majority vote is required for the elections of chairperson and vice-chairperson," it is possible that there will be a run-off election between announced chairperson Byron Horton and Charles Wall and between announced vice-chairperson Roland Staton and Phyllis Pickett. Elections were held February 22.

Only a five vote difference separated Staton's victory over Pickett. Pickett, BSM parliamentarian until March, discovered the stipulation and would have acted on the situation as parliamentarian if she hadn't been a candidate. Pickett stated, "As parliamentarian I will step down as interpreter of the Constitution (BSM) and yield that duty to the elections board chairperson."

Presidential candidates Horton and Wall expressed different opinions regarding a possible run-off. "I want to do what's best," Wall said, "I know that he (Horton) defeated me, but as a BSM member I think I have a right to abide by the constitution."

However, Horton commented, "I don't know where that clause in the constitution stems from, but it's irrelevant to the present BSM. For one thing, it doesn't stipulate what you do in case there isn't a two-thirds majority (in a run-off). Even though rumor has it that there should be a run-off, this clearly isn't the thing to go now." Run-offs to secure a two-thirds majority have not been held in past BSM elections.

Run-off elections will not be required for other positions because only a majority of the vote is needed to secure positions.

Newly elected Secretary Jennifer Cody would like to get all Blacks involved and active in the BSM, and "hopes to communicate personally



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with the Black community."

Freshman biology major Sebastian Flood explained that he took the position of sergeant-at-arms because

"they (BSM) needed somebody."

Treasurer Bobby Best is a junior business and Afro-American studies major. Best "hopes to follow former

treasurer, Gene Manning's good example."

North Campus Representatives, Ike Cummings and Talford Jarmen are both freshmen. Cummings, a RTVMP major, hopes to bridge the gap between North and South campus students and open the lines of communication between them.

Teresa Marlowe was a write-in-candidate for Ehringhaus representative, but was unaware that her name had been submitted. "With great reluctance," Marlowe noted "I will decline the job because I don't have the time to do the good job that the position would demand."

As Afro-American Representative, Diane Odom "wants to make next year's minifestival bigger and better."

On Campus Coordinator Pam Dockery responded that she "plans to work with the former on campus coordinator so there will be a smoother transition into my job."

Craige representatives, Gordon Belton and Wayne Lomax are both juniors. Belton, a physical education major, feels that the elections went fairly well and hopes that "the people elected will do a good job."

As James Representatives Harold Wallace and Nina Ford plan to strengthen the distribution system and continue the activities that former James Representative Lonza Hardy began.

Denzil Daye has decided to "reestablish the positive qualities, revive Black culture in the BSM, and develop the BSM to maximum potential." The freshman business major was elected as Cultural coordinator.

Special Projects Coordinator, Brooksie Harrington is a speech education and music major. He feels that this election was a complex one but that many students were uninformed. According to Harrington, "Students didn't know who to vote for. This is something that the Central Committee needs to work on."

## Board considers merger

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"The Y-Teens," according to board member Eva Daldwell "is considering merging with the YMCA." The Y-Teens are a group of seventh to ninth grade Black girls who do community work such as visiting the sick and shut-in. Since they are a part of the YWCA, the Y-Teens usually operate with this organization. However, there is no YWCA in Chapel Hill.

Recently, the United Fund cut back the salaries of the Y-Teens directors. It was felt that since most clubs had volunteers as directors, the Y-Teens could also get volunteers.

Afterwards, the YMCA in Chapel Hill asked the Y-Teens to merge with them. Instead of readily accepting the merger, the Y-Teens asked the BSM for student volunteers to work with the girls.

Caldwell feels that with the YMCA merger, the Y-Teens "might lose

the whole meaning of the organization."

She added, "There was some question as to whether the Y-Teens would remain to serve the group of girls they are now serving. These girls in Y-Teens really need it because, in most cases, they just belong to this one organization."

In a Y-Teen board meeting with BSM representatives, YMCA director John King explained that the YMCA has a trained, full-time staff, able to coordinate more social activities for Y-Teen members. Also, the YMCA could fund programs on the national state and local level, that would be funded by YMCA.

King believes that the YMCA building, which is under construction, could be used by the Y-teens to tie them in with a place to give them an identity, and that BSM students could give the girls a college perspective.

"The only change in the program," King declared "would be a change in program content."



The Black Presence Committee of Chapel Hill and Vicinity presented Dr. Pauli Murray with a certificate of recognition which stated, among other things, that Murray's "spirit of determination, faith, hope, love and courage is and has been the strength of Black people in America and indeed the strength of all people everywhere."

Murray, a Chapel Hill native, and the first Black female Episcopal minister, was denied admittance to UNC's Law School in the 1930s. Dr. Murray delivered a sermon at the Chapel of the Cross February 13. Her great-grandmother, a slave, was baptized at the same church.

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