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mornin' to ye!
Mostly sunny. High 55.

Omnibus

Takin' a look at the traditions
behind the wearin' o' the green

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Great Hall

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Gone with the wind

Lanne Street, a freshman art history major from Chattanooga, Tenn., loses her papers to a sudden gust of wind as her dog,

Watson, looks on. Low temperatures and strong breezes made Wednesday unusually cold for March.

Fraternities repair houses to meet town inspections

By REBECCA NESBIT
Staff Writer

The 11 fraternity houses that were condemned last fall have all finished major repairs, with the exception of one.

Last August and September, inspector Darrell Wall of the Chapel Hill Housing Department toured the fraternity houses at UNC to ensure

the safety of the brothers and house visitors.

Only Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has not completed the renovations to its house. The work on the house should be completed by next fall, Sigma Alpha Epsilon president John Leasure said.

"(The house) is being redone all the way down to the woodwork on the

inside and will change only a little on the outside," Leasure said.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon had planned renovations before the city began its inspections, Leasure said. "It was something that needed to be done, so (the inspection) wasn't a big surprise," he said.

The inspections were also not a surprise to Phi Gamma Delta frater-

nity, one of the fraternities houses that was not condemned, Phi Gamma Delta member Bart Arthur said.

The fraternity's board of trustees anticipated the city would be concerned about the condition of the fraternity houses in the fall, so they started renovation in the summer, Arthur said.

"All of our work was done by the

time inspectors came around in the fall, so we were set," he said.

The cost of renovation for Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been about \$750,000, Leasure said. The cost of renovation for Phi Gamma Delta was about \$120,000, Arthur said. Both renovation projects are being financed by contributions from fraternity alumni.

Leasure said the biannual fraternity rush was greatly affected by not having a functional house. "It cut this year's pledge class by about half," he said.

Kappa Sigma President Scott Hinkle said the inspector gave the fraternity a list of minor repairs for

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BSM candidates discuss platforms at election forum

By JAMES BENTON
Staff Writer

Recruitment and retention of minority students, student apathy and awareness of Black Student Movement activities were topics of debate Wednesday at the BSM candidates forum.

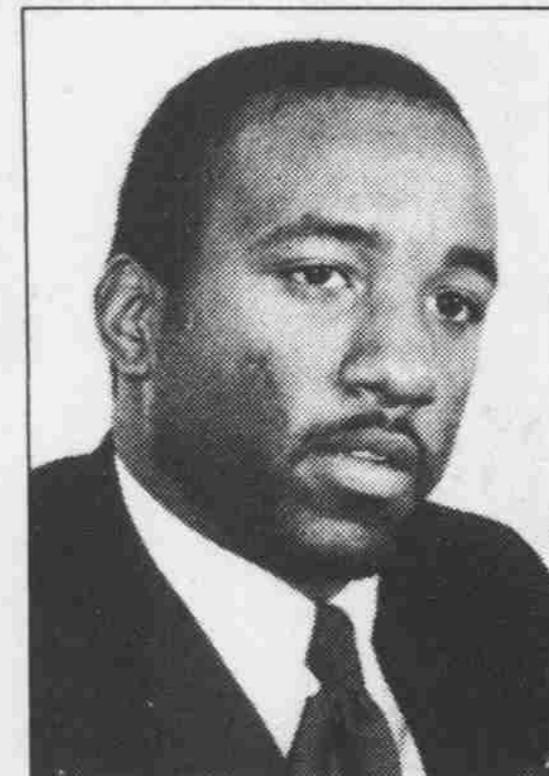
BSM elections will be held Tuesday, March 22. BSM members may vote at polling sites in Chase Hall and the Student Union.

BSM president Kenneth Perry, a junior from Hertford, is running unopposed for re-election.

Perry said his greatest challenge, if re-elected, is to work on increasing the retention rates for black students at UNC. He also proposed working to expand the services of the Office of Student Counseling to include upperclassmen, as well as finding a replacement for former associate dean Hayden Renwick, who left UNC in January to accept a position at Fayetteville State University.

The University must improve the atmosphere on campus for minority students before its goals can be accomplished, Perry said.

Tonya Blanks, a sophomore from Clarkton, is running unopposed for vice president. She said she would work to inform incoming freshmen



Kenneth Perry

about the BSM and to increase interest in the group and the group's freshman class committee.

Blanks also said more males should get involved in the freshman committee, which has had one male student in the past two years.

Apathy is one of the greatest

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Lobbyist urges state action on waste issues

By AMY WINSLOW
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The deterioration of N.C.'s natural habitat and quality drinking water and the disposal of hazardous wastes are pressing issues facing the state, said a lobbyist for the Sierra Club and the N.C. Conservation Council Wednesday night.

"With the right leadership and education, I think people will make the changes that need to be made," Bill Holman told 30 people in his speech, "The Politics of Environmental Issues in North Carolina."

Possibly the best success story of the groups' lobbying efforts has come in the area of preventing the generation of hazardous waste, Holman said. The groups' "Pollution Prevention Pays" campaign begun in 1979 became law in 1981.

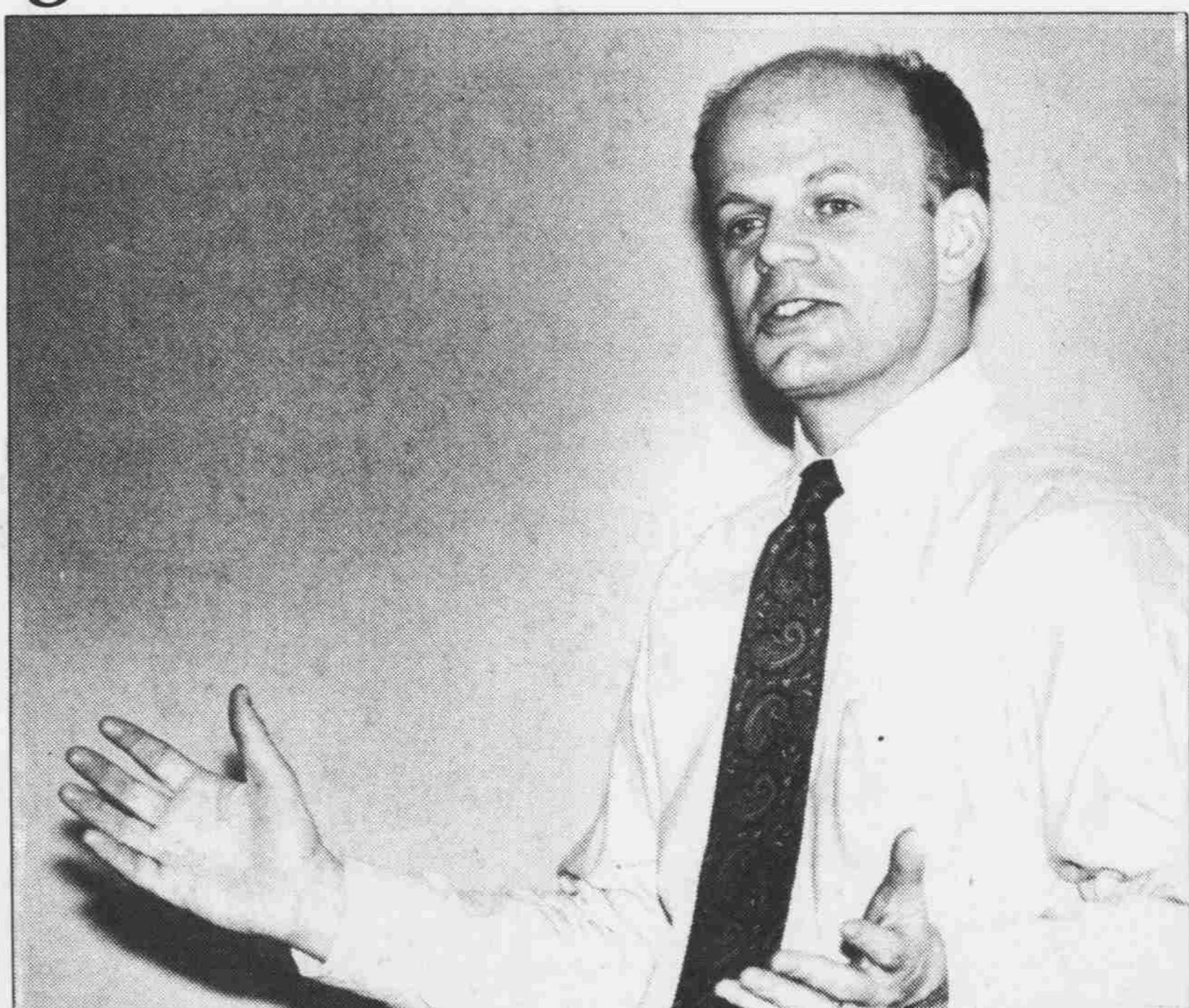
"This is one area where N.C. environmentalists have had a positive impact on state legislation," he said.

Great reductions in the amount of solid waste in North Carolina can also be achieved through recycling and more efficient disposal methods, he said.

"Potential pollution from landfills is an inefficient way to do business. If recycling is made convenient, I think people would do it."

Other areas of improvement

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Bill Holman speaks on environmental issues facing North Carolina as part of Conservation '88

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The Irish are a fair people — they never speak well of one another. — Samuel Johnson