

Mestre Wins The BSU Presidency

Young, Henderson Also Win Positions

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Oswaldo Mestre is the new Black Student Union president, after narrowly defeating Terry Lindsay in the election held last week.

Mestre, former Student Association vice president, defeated Lindsay by a margin of 200 to 125, and was pleased by the victory.

"It's great," Mestre said. "It's like a dream come true. I've been at this University a long time, and I'm actually in a position where I can help."

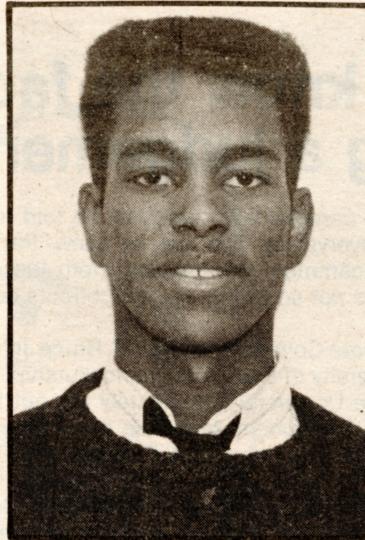
"I'm going to see that every element of black student life is fulfilled within this University," Mestre added. "A Renaissance is coming."

Mestre, who ran on the Renaissance ticket, noted that improving membership, communication, image and morale were among his top goals for the future of the organization.

Communication, image stressed

"Communication is real important. Not just among our clubs, but among our individuals as well. Communication has to improve," Mestre said.

Mestre also expressed a need to improve BSU's image "by making the BSU office a cultural center...not just for black students,



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but for white and Hispanic students as well."

Mestre believed the recent incident regarding BSU's budget for the 1988-89 academic year both epitomized the lack of communication between BSU and SA and tarnished the image of BSU.

This past year, BSU failed to submit their budget request on time and its funding was cut from \$26,000 to \$17,000. Mestre blamed the failure on miscommunication. "There was a miscommunication last year between BSU and SA," Mestre claimed.

Mestre said that such an incident

would not be repeated, since his presidency will avoid such developments, and noted that his relationship with SA would also prevent such an occurrence. "I have a good relationship with SA," Mestre explained.

When asked if BSU can survive on the funding which they received from SA for next year, Mestre commented, "I don't think so. I'm going to try and get money elsewhere."

Mestre said that he could not reveal these outside sources at the present time.

Lindsay said that although he was disappointed with the loss, he would continue to pursue an alternative role in making BSU an effective organization on campus.

"We (BSU) are a family. The family will still go on. We've just decided who's in charge of the family. Now that we have that, we're going to rebuild the family," Lindsay said.

"I'm going to be working in all capacities with the BSU," added Lindsay. He said that he will most likely be a member of one of the extended committees.

Kurt Young was announced vice president, Rosco Henderson treasurer, Nicole Thompson activities coordinator, and Ronda Raison as secretary. Incidentally, Don Miller, former chair of the College Republicans, received a written vote for treasurer.