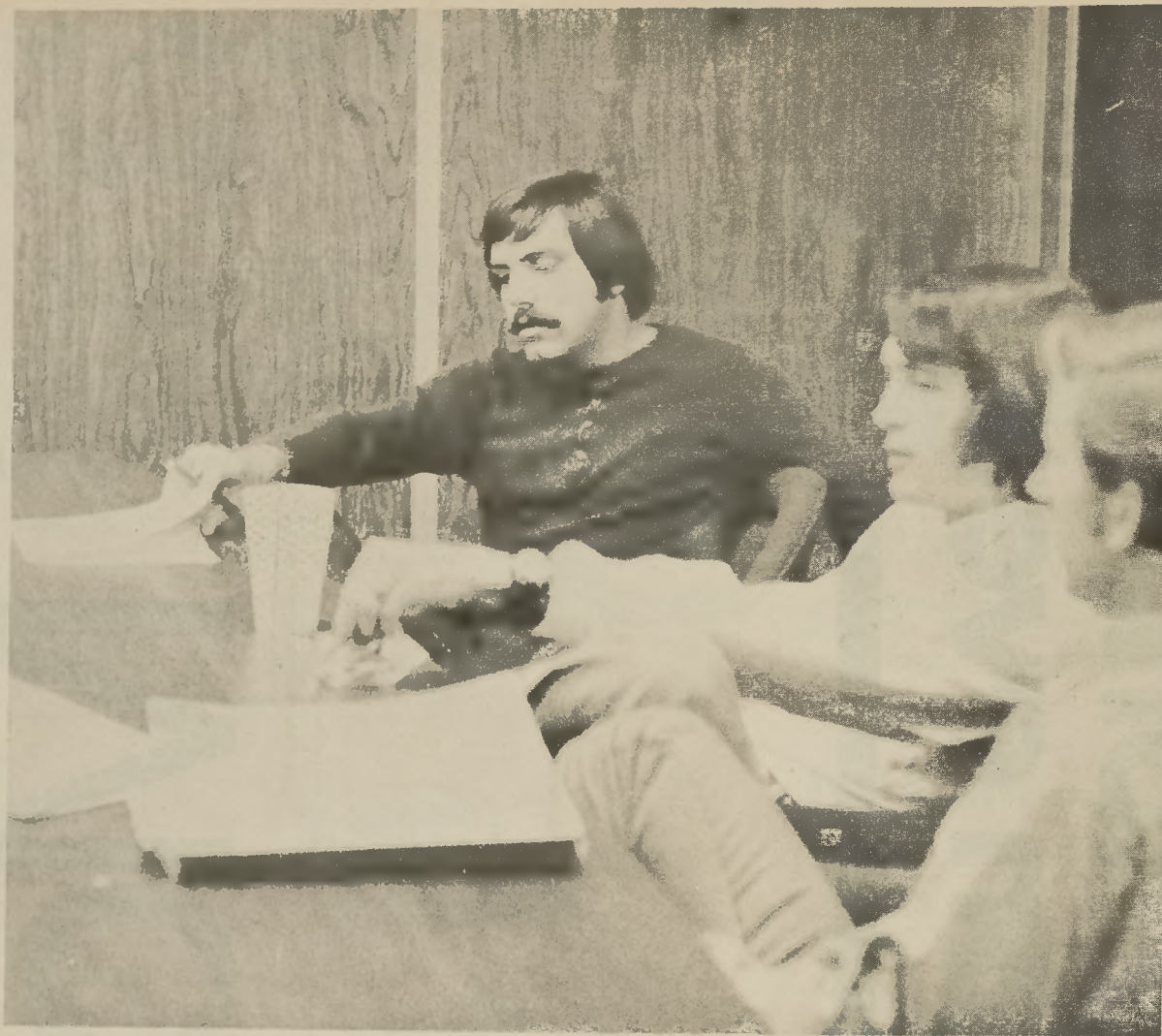


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Patterson resigns

by jay eaker

To the students:

On Monday, October 2, I discussed with members of the Presidential Cabinet my decision to step down from the position of Student Body President. The decision was prompted by many circumstances, and it is my hope that in this letter I might share the rationale for my resignation.

Having performed the job of President since July, 1971, I have been involved in many things on campus which took quite a bit of time. During the last year most of my time was spent in Student Government, with very little time devoted to academics. As a result, I could not carry a full load of studies.

This year, in order to graduate in May, I was required to take the equivalent of 21 hours of study for the fall and spring semesters.

I could not do an adequate job as President of the Student Government and also do well in academics. It was my decision to make room for someone with more time so that they could do the job that students need for an effective Student Government.

The Vice-President, Roland Gentry, is very capable of filling the Presidential job and I have faith that he can serve the student body in this position. I feel that under Roland's leadership Student Government can continue and expand services to the student body, as well as speak for the students in dealing with other campus agencies.

I have regrets about resigning as President of the Student Body Government, because it has been enjoyable and I am thankful for the chance that you have given me. My attitude toward Student Government is one of hope, because I think that students involved at UNCC are involved because they really want to serve students. I fully support those that are now in office and I appreciate the support that you have given me in the past year.

**Sincerely,
Stan Patterson**

Student Body President Stan Patterson tendered his resignation before a meeting of the newly formed Presidential Cabinet last Monday night. Citing academic difficulties and his fervent wish to graduate as the reason, Patterson asked those present to give his successor, Vice President Roland Gentry, their fullest cooperation.

After the announcement of his resignation, discussion centered on who would ascend to the office of Vice President since according to the constitution upon the vacancy of the office of

President, the Vice President becomes President and an election is held for the office of Vice President.

Patterson told the Legislature committee chairmen present that since they were the people that made the Legislature function that it would be in the best interests of students if they did not run for the vacant office.

He said that he felt that he is leaving behind an enduring structure and the strength of Student Government does not lie with one person as had formerly

been the case.

Patterson left the meeting early and went down to eat at Herlocker's. The Cabinet remained behind to discuss the ramifications of his resignation and speculate on who would be running for Vice President.

Possible candidates for the office include Boone Wayson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, "Fish" Foster, Chairman of the Rules Committee and Richard Butterfield, Chairman of the Judicial Committee.

Johnson disqualified

by jay eaker

The Elections Committee has ruled that Kenny Johnson, the first ballot winner of the Senior Class Presidency is ineligible to hold the office. During the election it was discovered, by means that Johnson has charged was illegal, that he has only 85 hours. Ninety hours are necessary to be a senior and a candidate.

Marty Beam, chairman of the committee, notified Mr. Johnson on Tuesday, October 3 that he would be ineligible to run in the run-off election that was seemingly to be held for that

office. Since then it has been discovered that several write-in candidates who got votes were also ineligible for the office, leaving Johnson with a majority of the votes cast and a first ballot victory.

Johnson, piqued by the proceedings, has said that he will take the issue to the Student Superior Court.

Beam is standing by the Committee's ruling that Johnson is ineligible. The Constitution specifically states that a candidate for a position on the Student

Legislature must be a member of the constituency which he will be representing. Also the Committee has the right to investigate the standing of all candidates in order to determine their qualification for the office they are seeking.

Johnson has charged that the investigation was not done by a member of the Elections Committee and was done too late. He also maintains that since he will be graduating in May, he should be allowed to hold the office.