

NEWS

Norberg becomes UNCASG president

By JOHN HINTON

A statewide collegiate association elected UNC Student Body President Scott Norberg as president at its summer meeting in Chapel Hill last Friday.

Norberg, elected by secret ballot, will preside over The University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments.

As president of UNCASG, Norberg said he had two specific goals for the upcoming year. "I would combine the interests of my constituency with those of the 15 other campuses to have a greater impact on issues of common concerns."

"The UNCASG is an excellent opportunity for me to trade notes with students across the state who face similar problems," he said. "This would be a chance for me to find out how student governments associations' presidents handle different issues that might help me improve my effectiveness here at

Chapel Hill."

The six-year-old association also selected a vice president but postponed electing a Secretary-Treasurer until the next meeting. D.C. (Leroy) Beatty III, president of the Student Government Association at Elizabeth City State University will serve as vice president for the coming year.

"Each of our 120,000 student constituency needs our guidance and leadership," Beatty said after the election. "We have to attend to their problems and ensure them we are finding solutions."

The UNCASG, which comprises the 16 state-supported schools; lobbies members of the N.C. General Assembly and North Carolina representatives in the U.S. Congress for legislative issues affecting the students of the UNC system. Norberg said the 16 UNCASG presidents would travel to Washington and lobby North Carolina congressmen about legislative-educational matters.

During the three and one-half hour meeting of the UNCASG, Norberg reported that UNC-Chapel Hill would lose about \$665,000 worth of financial aid funds because of President Ronald Reagan's budget cuts which have passed through Congress. Norberg also advised the presidents to find out how much financial aid would be cut from their schools' programs.

The UNCASG delayed discussion of any possible action on the UNC desegregation settlement reached with the U.S. Department of Education.

Ron Olson, outgoing president, came under severe criticism from Everette Johnson and Steven Kirk, SGA Presidents of Fayetteville State University and North Carolina A&T State University, who opposed the settlement. Olson said the association would delay action because the presidents attending the conference would need time to read and understand the consent decree.



Scott Norberg

"It would be dangerous for us to make any public statements about the consent decree if we really don't understand it," he said.

MBA students attend governmental program

By TED AVERY

The University sent four students from its MBA program to Washington, D.C. this summer to participate in a three-year-old program designed to show MBA students from across the nation how business interacts with government.

The eight-week program, held over the course of two summer sessions, involves lectures given by former vice president Walter Mondale, former Secretary of the Treasury William Miller and other high-level officials experienced in business-government ties.

The students took courses on the Execu-

tive Branch, lobbying, domestic and international governmental policy formulation and the legislative process.

The students took field trips to congressional hearings and regulatory agencies for a first-hand look at the governmental process.

"The program was conceived and designed by someone who felt business students didn't have a very good idea of how government worked," said Sharon Berry, assistant dean of the MBA program.

MBA programs from 12 universities participate in this project every year. Each school has an option of sending as many as five students.

After a process of testing and evaluation, UNC chose four students—three for the program's first session and one for the second. Keefe Hayes, a spring graduate of the MBA program, is attending the program's second session. Judy Bergman, Mike Parekh and Jannie Pittman participated in the first session.

"It gave us a different perspective," said Parekh. "It was refreshing, because in four years of business education, one gets to hear 'too much regulation, too much taxes.' This gave us a chance to understand the difficulties and the complexities involved in the leg-

islative process." He said the program helped him to understand the difficult procedures involving statutory law.

"This will be very helpful in our careers. It rounded off my understanding of American business and government," said Parekh, from Kuwait.

The Washington program began in 1978, financed by grants from the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, the Bank America Foundation and the F.E. Seidman Graduate School of Business Administration of the Grand Valley State College in Michigan.

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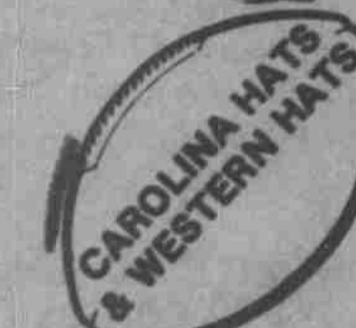
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