

# NEWS

## Norberg says UNCASG serves as students' voice

By ANN PETERS

University students can be one of the most influential lobbying groups in North Carolina and in Washington, D.C. if their efforts are organized, said Student Body President Scott Norberg.

Norberg said he believed The University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments, a board made up of student body presidents of the 16 UNC campuses, could help make students' concerns better known. The association elected Norberg president two weeks ago.

"This board represents a constituency of 125,000 students, so with what we decide and come together on at the UNCASG meetings, we can become strong lobbyists," Norberg said.

"Here we have 16 different campuses that can come together and agree on anything important to all of us."

Bob Saunders, last year's student body president, said the association was an excellent place for student body presidents to transmit ideas, especially for the establishment of new programs.

"The association (also) takes positions on issues affecting state-wide education, (such as) tuition hikes," Saunders said. "In the past, it's done more transmitting of information. The new area they're going to explore is developing state-wide concerns."

Saunders said that in 1976, UNCASG had put together a bill that would allow beer and wine to be sold on the UNC system's campuses. One vote kept the bill from reaching the floor of the State House of Representatives and the Senate.

Norberg said he hoped to strengthen the effectiveness of the board so important issues could be examined, especially the issue of financial aid cuts. Norberg said he would try to organize letter writing campaigns and lobbying trips to

Washington, D.C. Adding a student member to the Board of Governors is another goal, he said.

"With 120,000 students, (and) the future of this state behind us, that kind of bargaining power can be considerable if we use it right."

Student concerns about the UNC-DOE agreement also will be considered by the board. "I think the entire University system is dedicated to equal opportunity education for North Carolina and there's no intention in stopping where the decree ends off. (The board) can recommend positive action to be taken for deficiencies of the agreement."

Norberg said that instead of condemning the agreement, students should suggest ways to extend the requirements of the agreement. In addition to the enrollment of more black students at predominantly white campuses and more white students at predominantly black campuses, a retention program for minorities should be instituted at all the campuses.

## UNC reps attend ASA convention

By LUCY HOOD

Two student government representatives traveled to Washington, D.C. last month for the American Student Association's annual convention.

Tony Lathrop, town relations chairman, and Al Perry, national affairs chairman, attended the ASA convention. With a membership of 1,000, ASA is the largest student organization in the United States.

Perry was chosen to represent North Carolina schools at the regional level. The local region, which includes North Carolina, also incorporates Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Speakers at the convention included congressmen and government administrators

who encouraged students to become active in politics, Lathrop said. Among the speakers were: Secretary of Defense Terrell H. Bell; Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass.; Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D.; Rep. Ronald Dellums, D-Calif.; Rep. Philip Crane, R-Ill.; and Sen. Burch Bayh, D-Ind.

In addition, Perry and Lathrop said they spoke with an administrative assistant for Rep. L.H. Fountain, R-Orange.

Perry said that Fountain had surprised him in the past by voting for legislation unfavorable to students. "I don't think he (Fountain) can any longer be counted on as far as students are concerned," he said.

Lathrop agreed saying Fountain had been supporting President Ronald Reagan's budget.



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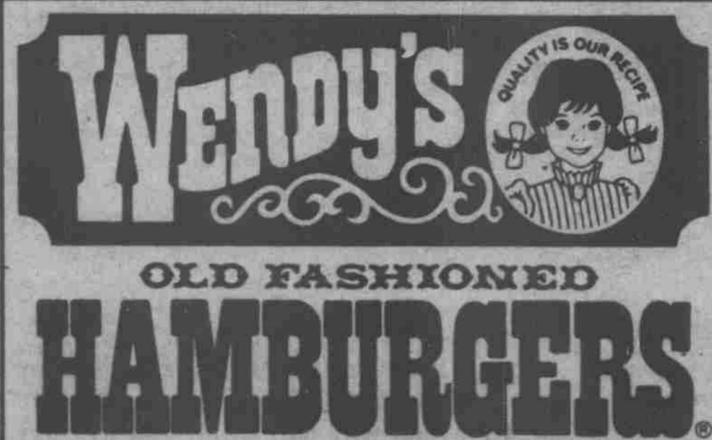
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