

# Town panel picks first student

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Wende Watson, a senior Afro-American studies major from Durham, has been appointed the first student to the Chapel Hill Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

"I'm really excited about the job," she said. "I'm so pleased that I got the appointment."

Watson, also vice chairperson of the Black Student Movement, was appointed by Major Joseph L. Nassif and sworn in on Labor Day. Her term extends to Aug. 31, 1986.

The housing authority makes and carries out decisions regarding public housing in Chapel Hill.

In addition to general responsibilities as commissioner, Watson has been assigned to the Operations Committee, which monitors

and reviews maintenance procedures and changes; reviews the biennial town inspection procedures and responses by the housing authority; monitors, reviews and updates the commissioners' manual, and reviews grievance panel procedures and responsibilities of housing personnel.

"I'll be getting public administration experience," Watson said. "That's really great."

Watson said her first job as commissioner would be to name one of the streets in Colony Woods West, where new public housing units are located. She said she planned to name it after a black man who had contributed significantly to public housing.

"I'm so new, but I'm already learning," she said. In addition to attending board meetings once a month, Watson said she would attend Town Council meetings.

# BSM seeks increase in membership and expansion of student awareness

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The Black Student Movement has added almost 300 students to its number this year and has set a goal of 600, members said recently.

"We're really pushing for the largest number of dues-paying members in BSM history," BSM Vice Chairperson Wenda Watson said. "We think we're going to make it. It's going really good so far."

Following the Aug. 20 membership party, 282 new members joined. In addition, BSM collected \$640 in dues, which met the dues requirements that the Campus Governing Council set last spring.

"We're pretty well pleased," Membership Chairperson Allen Russell said. "Upperclassmen are just joining now. Most of them weren't here for the membership party."

To become a member of BSM, a student must complete an application in which he pledges to pay \$2 dues and confirms his agreement with the purpose of BSM.

Another membership party has been scheduled for Tuesday, and a membership drive will be held next week, Chairperson Mark Canady said.

"There's a lot of interest, a lot of things going on," Canady said. "We already have twice as many readers as we did last year at this time."

Canady said the group's larger office in the Carolina Union was helping BSM members work more closely together and was improving unity within the organization.

"We're much more closely knit this year," he said, adding that student awareness of the BSM and its activities was one of the organizations' goals this year.

"A lot of people should know what BSM is all about," he said.

Canady said he was organizing an information seminar that would disseminate information about the BSM to UNC students. A job seminar and career day and a political coalition to inform all students

about Chapel Hill and Carrboro elections are also planned for this year, he said.

"We need, in this particular climate, an organized body moving in a positive direction," Minister of Information Teresa Blossom said.

"BSM is the focal point for the needs of the entire black student community. The larger the group, the more effective the organization."

"We like to feel we are speaking for the majority, so we'd like to have a majority involved so that when we do speak, people will listen to what we have to say."

"The most fantastic thing is for everyone to join BSM," she said.

Although Blossom said she realized that not everyone would become a member of BSM, she said the organization would still be effective this year.

"We're still doing our job," she said. "That is providing information to the black community about events in the black community."

# Student leaders act on decree

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Sixteen UNC student body presidents agreed to draft a letter expressing four major concerns to UNC President William C. Friday over the recently signed desegregation consent decree.

The presidents, members of the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments, called for implementation of a retention program for minority students going to predominantly black colleges.

UNCASG President Scott Norberg said the consent decree did not even mention the concept of retention. An attempt must be made to keep minority students at the predominantly black or predominantly white universities, or the recruitment program will not serve any purpose, Norberg said.

The letter, drafted by the Black Ad Hoc Committee, also requested a program of educational enhancement that went beyond the 29 new bachelor's and master's programs provided for black universities in the decree.

Clarification was also requested on the issues of duplication of programs and the provision that calls for doctoral degrees on appointments and tenure approval at the predominantly black universities.

Another problem discussed but not acted upon by the committee was the threat to close down programs at predominantly black schools if their graduates do not reach certain standards.

Norberg said this would only lead to more problems for the predominantly black schools.

"When you take away programs, you're lessening its (a university's) attractiveness," Norberg said. "Attention should be paid to upgrading the program rather than closing it down."

In other action, the UNCASG tabled decisions on proposals to the N.C. General Assembly for \$18 million in student loans for all N.C. students and for the appointment of a student representative to the UNC Board of Governors, an advisory board to the 16-campus UNC system.

Norberg said the board voted to table the decisions until more information was available on the issues.

Norberg said the group expressed concern over legislative cuts in aid to public institutions while the legislature increased aid to private colleges.

The tabled proposal requested that \$18 million in aid to private institutions be switched to financial aid loans for public or private universities for three years.

Figures on how much money was lost, how many students were affected and how much financial aid per student was lost will not be available until October, Norberg said, adding that the proposal would be reconsidered when the figures were available.

Another proposal — a bill for the appointment of a student representative to the Board of Governors — was discussed at an executive session Saturday. Norberg said the decision was to wait until further dialogue with Friday was developed. The proposal was overwhelmingly backed by the other presidents, Norberg said.

The consent decree is a primary example of decisions being made by Friday and the BOG with no official student input, Norberg said.

The president also decided to send a resolution to President Ronald Reagan and the N.C. Congressional delegation in support of the extension of the Voting Rights Act, a law designed to protect minority rights that is up for reauthorization next year.

Norberg said he was very pleased with the work done in committee at the UNCASG weekend.

"We have a very cohesive, cooperative group," he said.

# Symposium panel staff sought

Applications are now available for students interested in working on a Carolina Symposium committee. The Symposium brings noted people from around the country to speak at UNC on a specified subject each year.

Any student interested in serving on the

programming, publicity, fund-raising, correspondence or liaison committees should pick up an application at the Carolina Union desk.

Applications are due at the Union desk by Friday. Applicants should also sign up for interviews in Suite A, room 210F.

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# Tutorial program starts

A campuswide tutorial program starts today, Student Body President Scott Norberg said Sunday.

Becky Walser, chairman of the Student Services Committee of Student Government, said that about 50 students had already signed up to help students with courses ranging from English 1 to Political Science 76.

The service works through Student Government's Action Line, Walser said. A student who needs help should call the Action Line, 966-7084, and an operator will call a tutor, she said.

Tutors are expected to call the student within the next few days and set up a meeting.

"It's very personal," Walser said. "It's arranged to your own schedule."

Most tutors offer help in introductory level courses, but help is sometimes also available in upper level classes, Walser said.

The service is free and available to any student on campus, she said, adding that this year the tutorial program head, Lee Anne Baer, was working on improving publicity so that more students would know of the program.

Baer is also trying to get tutors from all across campus. Almost 80 percent of residence halls on campus have tutors, Baer said. When the program was started last year, it was focused in the Spencer, Triad and Old Well area and in Hinton James Residence Hall.

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