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BSM will appeal to student court

By WILL SPEARS
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The Black Student Movement (BSM) will appeal to the Student Supreme Court a decision not to let the group participate in the annual Student Congress budget process, BSM members decided Wednesday.

The congress did not allow the BSM to participate in the budget process because the group missed the 5 p.m. Feb. 10 deadline to submit its funding request. The congress appeals committee denied on Feb. 20 the group's appeal to be allowed to participate in the budget process, which was completed Saturday.

The BSM will ask the Supreme Court to take the case because group members said the budget request was turned in late due to a misunderstanding.

BSM Vice President Tonya Blanks said Thursday that BSM Treasurer Chanda Douglas arrived at the congress office at 4:55 p.m. on Feb. 10 to deliver the group's budget request, but no congress members were present. But Student Congress Finance Committee Chairwoman Gretchen Knight has said she was in the office until 5:03 p.m.

"It's just a matter of time," Blanks said. "It's not that the BSM forgot

the budget. It was done on the Tuesday before that Friday (Feb. 10). Our treasurer's watch said five before (5 p.m.) and their clock said three after. It's not anyone's fault."

Douglas had 13 copies of the budget request as required, but only one was signed, BSM President Kenneth Perry has said. Thinking all 13 copies had to be signed, she left and returned at about 5:15 to submit the request, but was told she was too late.

Because Knight said she was in the office until 5:03 and did not speak with Douglas, the BSM missed the deadline, according to the Feb. 20

decision of the appeals committee.

"This in itself we hold as sufficient reason to disqualify," the committee's statement said.

Congress speaker Neil Riemann said Thursday he could not comment on the case because he will be a defendant if it goes before the Student Supreme Court.

To make an appeal, BSM leaders must set up a preliminary conference with Student Supreme Court Chief Justice James Exum to determine whether the court will hear the BSM's case.

"The BSM's job is to say they're challenging Student Congress'

actions based on something in the (Student) Code," Exum said. "They'll have to show a fault in Student Congress' actions."

If the BSM shows that its case should be heard, Exum said he would notify congress and would contact Undergraduate Student Attorney General Virginia Mewborne, who would represent the congress.

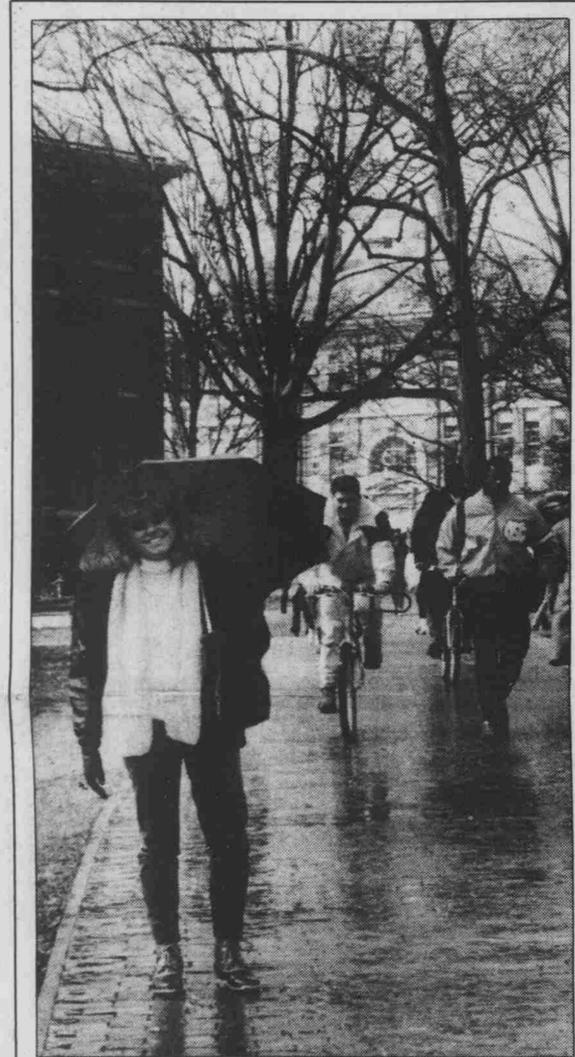
Then the BSM would draft a complaint detailing how congress' actions harmed the group, Exum said, and congress would draft a response to the complaint.

The budget process was completed by congress Saturday, but will not

be official until Student Body President Kevin Martin signs it.

Exum said that if the case does go before the court before Martin approves the budget, the court can order that congress allow the BSM to participate in the budget process. However, if the case comes before the court after the budget has been signed by Martin, the court could order the congress to re-do the entire process, but probably will not, Exum said.

If the BSM brings its request for a preliminary conference to the court before Martin signs the budget, the court can delay final budget approval until the case is heard, Exum said.



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Safety from the meltdown

Libby Aldridge sports an umbrella for protection from the melting and falling ice that had accumulated on the trees Wednesday.

Committee submits final report

By DANA CLINTON LUMSDEN
Staff Writer

The chancellor's ad hoc committee on parking submitted its final report on proposed solutions to the University's parking problems to Chancellor Paul Hardin Tuesday.

Copies of the report were not available, and Hardin could not be reached for comment.

Officials who helped draft the proposal said they were pleased with the final results Thursday.

"All I can say is that every effort was made to include the opinions of everyone involved," said Ed Brooks, vice chancellor of health affairs and an assistant to the committee. "It wasn't meant to solve all the problems. It's just a major step in the right direction."

This proposal, which was the second submitted in two months, included some of the changes that Student Government suggested in a counterproposal submitted Feb. 5.

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— Ed Brooks, vice chancellor of health affairs

Some of the proposals that Student Government and the ad hoc committee agreed upon were the expansion of park-and-ride services during special events, the improvement of parking arrangements for patients at the Division of Health Affairs and North Carolina Memorial Hospital and the continuation of a parking development plan that would depend on user opinion.

Student leaders said they felt that the proposal was still unsatisfactory, although they agreed with some changes that were made.

"Although I haven't seen the latest

proposal, I believe that we are better off with the latest proposal than we were before," said Neil Riemann, speaker of Student Congress. "In any case, no matter what the ad hoc committee changed, we are still in a bad situation as far as student parking is concerned."

Student Government officials worked with the committee as much as possible but have not seen the final report, Riemann said. "Kevin (Martin) asked to be on the committee and they said 'no,'" Riemann said. "We had a problem with that because we felt that students would benefit if

there were a representative on the committee.

"It wasn't until recently that they let (Donald) Boulton (vice chancellor and dean of student affairs) on the committee. The chancellor has all the power now. He can do whatever he wants with the proposal. We just hope he consults with us before he makes his decisions public."

Brien Lewis, student body president-elect, said he would work directly with the chancellor if improvements could be made for students. "I would hope that before he accepts it, he would sit down with student leaders to help iron out any differences."

Parking officials and students have reached a consensus on the parking problem, Lewis said, after meeting with parking officials Thursday. "We have reached rock bottom," he said. "One thing that we agreed upon was that if you're going to build something that takes parking spaces, you had better put them back."

Attorney general confirmed

Mewborne succeeds Fountain in judicial branch position

By SARAH CAGLE
Staff Writer

Virginia Mewborne, a junior from Charlotte, was confirmed as the new undergraduate student attorney general by Student Congress Wednesday.

Mewborne, who was appointed by Student Body President Kevin Martin, succeeds David Fountain.

The student attorney general investigates all reports of possible campus code or honor code violations and brings charges against students when they think there is sufficient evidence of a violation, Fountain said.

"I have worked with Virginia over the past couple of years, and I feel very confident that she'll continue the high caliber of work that has been produced by the student judicial branch," Fountain said Thursday.

Mewborne said that her main goal

as attorney general is to increase student awareness of the Honor Code. Mewborne said she will recreate the position of associate attorney general to assist in increasing awareness.

Philip Floyd, a junior from Houston, will be the associate attorney general, Mewborne said.

"We will try to work with orientation counselors, C-TOPS, resident assistants, freshman English classes and campus tours to get the word out," Mewborne said.

For the first time the office of attorney general will be expected to handle rape cases because of an amendment which will make date rape a campus code offense, Mewborne said.

"I envision the rape amendment as difficult, because as of now we're not

trained to deal with it," she said. "My responsibility will be to get the office trained over the summer."

The office will also work to maintain the professionalism established by Fountain, Mewborne said.

"I would like the perception of the judicial branch to be students working to preserve the integrity of the University and the honor system," she said.

Student Body President-elect Brien Lewis said he will work with Mewborne to make people less intimidated by both the judicial and executive branches of student government.

"I would like students to see the honor system as something that makes the University a more pleasant place," Mewborne said. "It prevents professors from having to be policemen."



Virginia Mewborne

Soviet foreign policy milder under Gorbachev

Editor's Note: This is the last in a three-part series on changes in the Soviet Union's political system and culture. This article deals with changes in Soviet foreign policy.

By KAREN DUNN
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Soviet foreign policy under President Mikhail Gorbachev differs from that of his predecessors in his humanitarian approach to policy-making, said Boris Malakhov, first secretary of the press at the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

"We have put the human values of all mankind, not just of Soviets, in front of everything else," Malakhov said. "We want to achieve a safe and non-violent world to live in."

The Gorbachev administration has taken steps toward nuclear disarmament, reduction of military forces and economic and ecological security to achieve a more pro-human interest image, he said.

But joint efforts on behalf of many governments must be made for an ideal humanitarian world to exist, he said.

"Our new policy is an invitation to all countries in the world to take part in securing a safe world that is non-violent in an age of so many threats to humankind," Malakhov said.

Many Americans felt more secure when the Soviets had a more threatening political system, said Jerry

A New USSR

Hough, professor of political and policy science at Duke University.

"A lot of people liked the Soviet threat," he said. "In the past, we never had to think."

After World War II, there was a feeling that the United States' differences with the Soviet Union would never be resolved, so relations with them were consistent, Hough said. NATO and U.S.-Japan relations were kept strong by the idea that the Soviets would always be a threat.

"It's quite scary that suddenly there won't be a Soviet threat to help keep the West together," he said. "It's a whole new world, and people don't like change."

Gorbachev deserves credit for making necessary policy changes within the Soviet Union, said Leon Aron, Soviet affairs specialist with the Heritage Foundation in Washington.

"Traditionally, (Soviet) security had been totally based on the military," Aron said. "By cutting arms, he gained (political security)."

"Overall, his security is enhanced even with fewer arms," he said. "He's moving away from a reliance entirely on brutal force."

Gorbachev's new policies were not formed specifically to improve relations with the West, but to improve relations with the entire world, Aron

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said.

"(Gorbachev's) seeing things as they are, and acting as a realist in advancing Soviet interests," he said.

Relations between the United States and the Soviet Union have entered a new phase because of five summit meetings in the last several years, Malakhov said. More than 32 other foreign policy meetings between the two countries have also helped improve the relationship.

"As President Reagan used to say, 'It takes two to tango,'" he said.

Dramatic changes have taken place since 1985 because of the INF treaty, humanitarian ideals and readiness to cooperate to solve regional conflicts in the Middle East, Southeast Asia and Central America, Malakhov said.

"Provided the (United States and the Soviet Union) continue to agree to a policy of continuity, the process is to benefit the end of the Cold War," he said.

Since many Americans are not comfortable with the new, more cooperative Soviet Union, they tend to be naive about the situation and hope that Gorbachev will be overthrown, Hough said.

"The fact that Gorbachev is changing policies so fast shows that he's for real," he said. "Americans want to live in a fool's paradise and think he'll be overthrown. Russians won't let him change now."

Aron said the United States should be careful before accepting any new Soviet policies.

"We should not pass a blanket judgment on Gorbachev policy," he

BSM election postponed

From staff reports

The Black Student Movement (BSM) officer elections scheduled for Thursday have been postponed for the second time and are rescheduled for March 21, said Kenneth Perry, BSM president.

Because of a bad weather forecast, the BSM decided to delay the elections since group members felt students would be unwilling to get out and vote.

The elections were initially scheduled for Wednesday but were changed to Thursday.

Kim McLean, a junior from Bur-

lington, is the only candidate officially running for president, although Jimmy Tanner, a junior from High Point, is launching a write-in campaign for the position.

The BSM held an impromptu candidates' forum Wednesday night at the BSM General Body meeting.

Tonya Blanks, a junior from Clarkton, is running unopposed for re-election as vice-president.

Chanda Douglas, a junior from Rocky Mount, is running for re-election as treasurer, and Lisa Schaeffer, a junior from Philadelphia, is running for secretary.

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I gotta go where it's warm. — Jimmy Buffett