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Mike Ochsenreiter, VP and Lynn Smith, Pres.

Student Government: New Faces, A New Outlook

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The March 15 Student Government run-off election has provided UNC-A with what appears to be an alternative to last year's problem-ridden administration. The election of Lynn Smith and Mike Ochsenreiter to the posts of President and Vice-president brings a breath of fresh air to campus government, if for no other reason than that they represent change.

Both Smith and Ochsenreiter will undoubtedly bring a certain amount of *savoir faire* to their terms in office. They are both in their mid-twenties, and hold 3.5 averages in their respective majors of Sociology and Management. They are returning students, which in itself speaks of maturity and direction. While Smith has served previously in the Student Senate, Ochsenreiter is a newcomer to student government. Both hope to bring a strongly businesslike approach to student government.

Optimism about the new student government stems from more than just the mere influx of new faces. Smith and Ochsenreiter have brought in concrete ideas for innovations and improvements that, if effected, will go far in improving the services offered to students by the campus government.

By way of a refresher, UNC-A's student government is designed to provide the following services:

1. Protection and preservation of student rights.
2. The creation of an atmosphere conducive to the educational experience.
3. Enrichment of relations among students, faculty, and administration.
4. Provision of a framework for student self-government in academic and non-academic affairs.
5. Encouragement to students to assume responsibilities as members of the university community.

With the cooperation of the Student Senate and the Administration, Smith and Ochsenreiter hope to bring student government to a point where it can live up to these goals.

According to Lynn Smith, the number one objective of the new administration is the restoration of credibility to student government. Smith feels that if this restoration can be made, the administration and senate can more easily implement the improvements they plan for SG services.

Both Smith and Ochsenreiter see an upgrading of communication as one of the primary means of accomplishing their goals. Ochsenreiter stated, "I know this sounds hackneyed, but what we really need is an improvement in communication. This improvement needs to take place not only between the SG and the student body, but between the SG and the community."

One of the ways the new Student Government administration plans to improve interaction between the community and the University is to bring in a first-rate media commissioner. The new commissioner will serve as a communications liaison between the Student Government and the surrounding area. Ochsenreiter feels that a student media commissioner working in conjunction with the University's Public Information Director can be a major influence in upgrading

UNC and HEW Battle over Desegregation Plan

According to an AP report in the *Asheville Citizen* on March 27, 1979, both Secretary Joseph Califano of HEW and The University of North Carolina came under fire concerning the University's proposed desegregation plan.

Under the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the following changes were proposed by HEW to deal with dual systems of higher education:

1. Increase the number of blacks at traditionally white schools.
2. Strengthen traditionally black institutions by giving them new resources and programs.
3. Eliminate educationally unnecessary program duplications.

Along with five other states (Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma, and Virginia) the

UNC system had been directed to submit a desegregation plan by March 1979. Previous proposals by UNC had been "provisionally" accepted as a result of a commitment by the University to enroll students in "programs that don't exist on both traditionally black and traditionally white campuses."

Califano, however, delayed deadlines for a detailed duplications proposal in the interest of letting the University system develop a viable enhancement program for black colleges. This most recent proposal has proved unacceptable to HEW.

"David Tatel, director of HEW's Office for Civil Rights said his office is satisfied with the University's plan for increasing black enrollment at the white

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Away! You Crabbèd Winter



Away! You crabbèd Winter with your stale breath
Of smoke steeped rooms and chimney gas:
This gale of spring has swept you out of doors
As briskly as a broom of fresh mown grass
With still some green to it although it dried
All winter on the stalk. Be gone, you hag!
You are not welcome in the month of March,
However much it pleases you to lag
By our front stoop. Take your soot and fumes,
Your sour looks, your grey and haggard light
And visit them on some more northern rooms
Where this south breeze should tug you by your cloak.
When Spring plays his pipes, you can only croak
And wheeze in your foul air some last exhaust
Of empty protest. Fresh air makes you choke.

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