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Newly elected S.G.A. President Ken Cagle plans revision of current constitution as well as many other changes in student government.

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## Computer degree still on hold

By Leigh Kelley

This is an update of a story that ran in the February 10 issue of the *Kaleidoscope*. The 1983-84 fall class schedule lists Computer Science 141.03, 141.06 and 141.09 as sections for computer science majors. However, there is presently no degree program for UNCA students interested in majoring in computer science. They will still have to wait, but hopefully, not much longer, says Phillip Carson, member of the UNCA Board of Governors.

There was some speculation a few months ago that the Consent Decree was responsible for the delay of UNCA's computer science program. The Consent Decree instituted into the UNCA system in 1981 requires that half of all new degree programs go to black universities and half go to white universities. Some people thought this decree would make it impossible for UNCA to get a degree program until a predominately black university first offered the same major.

"The Consent Decree doesn't work like that at all," says Carson. "The university agreed to implement a substantial amount of money to black institutions. This is to be sure they get their programs on line. We don't want them to be left out in the cold but there's no stipulation as to who gets money for programs first," he says.

Carson says he doesn't know how much money the board approves for black universities. He says the board tries to equalize the amount approved for both black and white universities. "We don't want to spend any more of the state's money, or the taxpayer's money, than we have to," he says.

"The approval of the computer science program is part of a long range plan," Carson says. "UNCA has been given permission to plan for a program and after its approval by the board, it will be instituted in the school."

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## Cleaning up current constitution is Cagle's top priority

By Elise Henshaw

Newly elected Student Government Association President, Ken Cagle, said a revision of the SGA constitution is a top priority in his plans for next year.

Cagle said, "I am very pleased with the decision of the Judicial Board, of course." He added that he feels, "things like this happen as a result of an out-dated constitution and the proper procedures not being followed."

Cagle's reference was to the confusion over the outcome of the SGA elections. A decision to have a runoff was reversed by the Judicial Board at a meeting the night of April 5.

The election of Cagle and vice-presidential candidate, Mike Dombrowski was questioned on the basis of a 1980 guideline which said runoffs would be held if the second place candidate attained 50% plus one votes of the total amassed by the first place candidate.

The Judicial Board of the Student Government interpreted the guideline to apply only if no candidate won by a simple majority and if there was a multi-candidate race for the office in question. Both Cagle

and Dombrowski won by simple majorities.

The meeting of the Judicial Board was another in a series of confusing events that marked this year's SGA elections. The board was originally scheduled to meet on Friday night immediately following the elections, but not enough members could be found on campus to constitute a majority.

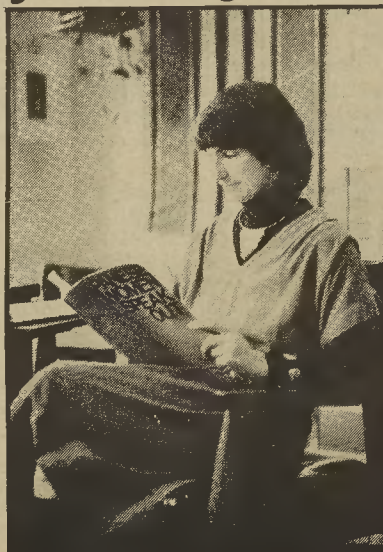
The seven members appointed to the board last year by SGA president, Biff Guilmartin, were never approved by the senate. Guilmartin said he didn't know why the senate never acted on his appointments. Cagle said he believed the proper steps were never taken to obtain action on the appointments.

Four past members of the board whose appointments were still valid, served on the Judicial Board that met April 5. They were David Bradley, Janie Long, Tony Hyde and Tom Taylor.

Another point of confusion in the elections arose from the fact that there was no method for determining class rank of the students voting, a potential problem in the senate races where students must

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## Iovacchini takes a journey to Japan



Helen K. Iovacchini, assistant director of the counseling center, has been chosen to spend four months in Japan.

Assistant director of the UNCA counseling center, Helen K. Iovacchini, will spend four months in Japan beginning in August, as a Fellow of the North Carolina Japan Center.

The program was promoted throughout the state, and 11 people were chosen to go, according to Iovacchini. She is the only one in the counseling field among the North Carolina participants. "I consider myself really lucky," said Iovacchini.

The trip is an effort to strengthen the state's ties with Japan. "The North Carolina Japan Center was established by the governor to promote North Carolina/Japanese relations," said Iovacchini.

Iovacchini will work with universities, business, and government observing and studying the culture of Japan.

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