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BSM settles controversial issue

Recent Organization of BSM Choir

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Wende Watson - BSM Chairperson

The recent reorganization of the Black Student Movement Choir has caused allegations to fly and propaganda to spread.

The reorganization includes selecting a non-religious name for the choir, conducting auditions and broadening its repertoire.

Recommendations made by the Central Committee of the BSM had called for a change in the name in order to facilitate the expansion of the repertoire. When choir executive officers threatened to leave the choir because of the changes, the Central Committee offered to conduct auditions for the 1982-83 choir.

However, at a recent general body meeting, the choir finally agreed to follow the recommendations, including the expansion of its repertoire, without changing its name. Executive officers of the choir made it clear they had been misunderstood and did not intend to resign. Therefore, the Central Committee agreed to allow them to conduct their own elections as had been done in the past.

All this, however, follows the circulation of a petition calling for the resignation of BSM

Chairperson Wende Watson, an action seen by some as an attempt to personalize the whole issue.

Members of the BSM Gospel Choir who were opposed to reorganization circulated the paper, stating the BSM is in turmoil. Chairperson Wende Watson disagrees.

"The BSM is not in turmoil," Watson said. "Some of the religious choir members and the ones who think they have been brainwashed into doing something they didn't want to do, are in turmoil."

The paper also questioned the BSM elections and called Watson a dictator. Watson, however, is unmoved by the name-calling because she feels she is just doing her job.

"Name calling is just something people resort to when they are upset. Any decisions I make as chairperson or the Central Committee makes, we do because we feel they are in the best interests of our constituents," Watson said. "We certainly aren't a vindictive committee."

Questions concerning elections procedures arose at the general body meeting, when

members claimed they had not been informed of the voting date. The Central Committee, however, assured members the event had been well publicized.

The paper also called for the impeachment of Watson. According to the circulated paper the 45 signatures from BSM members is necessary for impeachment have been obtained. The group now needs five signatures from Central Committee members. Watson said she knew about the move to impeach her but she did not know the method the opposition would use.

"I am somewhat relieved," Watson says. "I had already received indications they were going to impeach me. I expected it to be much more sophisticated and it turns out to be a propaganda sheet."

Watson also disagrees with the choir's use of the BSM name when they were not sanctioned and with their strong opposition to the rules.

"It was illegal for them to use the name of BSM to foster religious activity," Watson said.

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No Dormitory Cooking

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Staff Writer

Over the summer UNC students were sent a policy informing them of what kinds of cooking appliances could be used in dorm rooms. This cooking policy eliminated hot plates, electric fry pans, conventional hot oil popcorn poppers, and the like. The policy was organized to increase fire safety in residence dorms.

On May 19, the N.C. State Insurance Commission recommended UNC implement the policy.

"The University has had a tradition of complying with state recommendations," says Jody Harpster, acting director of UNC housing, "and if the Commission had ordered us to comply, it would be like the University was saying 'you got to make me do it'."

The committee involved in changing the way students cook in their rooms was a temporary *ad hoc* committee organized during the summer, comprised of Area Directors, Jody Harpster, Max Smart-RHA student, Dean Cansler-Associate Vice-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor Boulton, Maria Long-RHA student and Scott Templeton-President of RHA.

Harpster said he has had no personal complaints from parents about the new policy. He says parents are supporting the policy and are only concerned about the welfare of their children. Harpster feels the complaints are primarily from returning students who are angered about financial aid cuts that are causing them to have less money for other things, and who think the fire hazard issue has been exaggerated.

Students also feel several factors caused the implementation of the new policy.

Last year a mandatory meal plan was proposed by the UNC Dining Service to increase business in the cafeterias. Under this plan

students enrolled at UNC would automatically pay for a meal ticket whether they ate in the cafeteria or not. The plan was ultimately rejected and many students now feel the new cooking policy was a result. Harpster states this was a "natural coincidence. If we wanted that to happen, Chase Cafeteria would not have been closed."

The closing of Chase Cafeteria is another problem facing South Campus residents, many of them black. Chase was closed at the end of May due to renovations and lack of participation at breakfast and lunch, officials said. Howard Southerland, Director of UNC Dining Service, says renovations have not yet been approved. Approximately 75 people ate

breakfast at Chase, 125 ate lunch, and 500 ate dinner.

Complaints have come primarily from South Campus residents who feel they are caught between a rock and a hard place. Southerland feels since South Campus residents come to North Campus to use the library, for classes and to go to the Union, it would not be any more effort on their part to come for an evening meal.

Some students disagree.

"It takes too long to walk to the Pine Room from James," said Sallie Davis, a freshman from Kinston who is on the meal plan. "It's inconvenient and by the time you get there, you're starving!"



Students wait in line at the Carolina Union Fast Break. Because of the closing of Chase Cafeteria and the new cooking policy, more students are forced to eat on North Campus.

Policy okayed

Sally Davis Staff Writer

Despite the fact many students don't like the new cooking policy, several said the new policy is fair.

The new University policy which goes into effect in January, restricts the use of such high heat cooking appliances as frying pans, hot plates and conventional popcorn poppers.

This may seriously affect the average student, but especially the black student who lives on a tight budget, who may have been hurt financially by changes in the financial aid policies, or just made plans to cook in his room this year.

"It's messed up!" said Hampton Allen, a junior majoring in Drama and Speech. "I think that the people who passed these rules should have their stoves taken away and be made to cook in a community kitchen with only one stove to serve a whole floor of people," he said.

Another student, however, sided with the officials. Karryl Roseboro, a sophomore pre-med student, said the new policy may cause inconvenience for some and be expensive for others, but felt it was better to take precautions than to be sorry after a fire.

"It's a good rule," he said. "I think it's a step in the right direction."

Black women may be even more seriously affected since a restriction on the use of hot plates limits their ability to straighten their hair in the privacy of their own rooms.

Paulette Hardy, a sophomore majoring in business administration, opposed the policy.

"It's unfair to students who are not financially able to get on a meal plan. Whereas they might have a means of buying enough groceries to cook nourishing meals in their rooms week by week," Hardy said.

Kathy McCoy, a junior who had been cooking in her room since her freshman year, thought the University should compromise

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