New student government president named

Karla Alston, a senior majoring in business administration, is the newly elected president of the Student Government Association at UNCW. Formerly SGA vice president for 1987-88, Alston is the first black female to serve as SGA president.

"I've been involved in student government all through school," Alston remarked. "I got involved because I wanted to help students."

Alston's primary goal is to involve more students with SGA. "I'd also like to establish procedures for spending

money," she said. And rightly so. Managing a quarter million dollar budget will be one of Alston's primary responsibilities as president.

"I'm also excited about being an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees," Alston said. As a member she will be able to vote on important issues that affect the university.

Asked what qualities she'd bring to the presidency, Alston responded, "Well, I'm a very organized person. I'm outgoing, I'm sympathetic, and I'm also experienced in business."

Alston is an active student. "I'm on campus from 8 to 5," she said. "After 5, except on Mondays, I go straight to the library to study."

In addition to her duties as president and studying, Alston serves on search committees for university staff members, is a member of Delta Sigma Theta, and is involved with the Black Student Union.

In May, Alston was one of 18 students recognized for campus leadership achievements. She was also recognized as Minority Student of the Year and received the Minority Academic Achievement Award.

Alston's office is in room 200, University Union. She is the daughter of Oneva Alston and the late Eddie Alston of Wilson, N.C., and is a graduate of Beddingfield High School.

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