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## Black History Month addresses diversity at UNCW

by ANNA C. BROOME

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UNCW will be celebrating Black History Month throughout February and numerous groups on campus will be sponsoring awareness to acknowledge important African Americans, recognize the progress our country has made and make students aware of the diversity that exists on campus and throughout the country.

"Black History Month provides knowledge, to all those willing to learn, about the African American experience, which is pertinent to the growth of America... discrimination against one ethnic group oppresses all groups," said Helena J. Lee, director of the Upperman African American Cultural Center.

The commemoration began last night in Kenan Auditorium, when the department of philosophy and religion sponsored a presentation by Warith Deen Mohammed, son of the late Elijah Mohammed. Mohammed is the leader of approximately 2.5 million American Muslims and representative for Muslims worldwide.

Several events will be held in accordance with Black History Month in Kenan Auditorium. Tomorrow night at 8 p.m. a show titled *The Persuasions* will feature a musical performance by an "a cappella" singing group that was formed in Brooklyn, NY, in 1962. On Friday, Feb. 11, *Gala 2000*, A Celebration of African-American Music will take place at 8 p.m. This event is a vocal and symphonic concert that includes spirituals, R&B, jazz, classical and gospel music.

The Upperman African American Cultural Center will also be sponsoring several events which will be held in room 208 of the University Union. Throughout the month, the Alpha Phi Alpha is sponsoring a display titled "A Tribute to an Alpha: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Display;" will be featured in the center. On Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m., the National Pan-Hellenic council will hold a discussion on "Greek Life: Fact or Fiction." On Wednesday, Feb. 16 at noon, a discussion facilitated by computer science major Joy Williams will focus on "Affirmative Action: Friend or Foe." The Upperman Center's final event will take place on Friday,



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The Upperman African-American Cultural Center in room 208 of the University Union offers cultural information for UNCW students.

Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. with a discussion sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta sorority titled "Look Where He Brought Me From: the African American Woman from Past to Present." The discussion will cover six major time periods: slavery, emancipation, wartime, civil rights, present and future.

Other events on campus will include a show in the Hawk's Nest on Friday, Feb. 18 at noon, titled "Singing in the Struggle" which will feature songs and spirituals depicting the African American experience. Additionally, in Warwick Center, on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m., the NAACP Heritage Ball will be held, promising a night of dinner and dancing.

Black History Month as a whole celebrates the lives of African Americans, who through their actions both controversial and perilous, provided some level of freedom for all those oppressed.

"During February, I am reminded of what I don't know."

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## SGA House may be dissolved after elections

by THOMAS M. RUYLE

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The Student Government Association (SGA) will vote this week on whether to permanently dissolve the SGA House of Representatives effective after spring elections in late March. Several other changes to the SGA constitution involving election requirements, disciplinary actions and selection of committee chairs were also slated for vote this week. (see text box, right)

After a joint session of the SGA Senate and House last Thursday the House took the eight constitutional changes into consideration, with a vote scheduled for last night. The Senate was scheduled to consider the same measures immediately afterward.

The House also voted down an initial constitutional change that would allow either the House or Senate to consider future constitutional amendments first. Representative Skipper Mervin said, "The constitution (as it currently reads) states that the House sees constitutional issues first, and I think before the bigger...issues come up, it should not be changed." As it stands now, the House must consider constitutional matters first.

A similar amendment change going away with one-week no

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### Proposed Changes to SGA Constitution

Pending SGA approval by 2/3 vote on each proposal in both the House and Senate, these changes will take effect at inauguration following spring elections in April.

1. Dissolving the SGA House of Representatives and reorganizing the SGA as unicameral legislature.
2. All SGA officers will be elected in spring elections, with the exception of freshman officers and those at-large legislators, who will be elected in fall elections.
3. The Vice President will appoint all committee chairs, pending two-thirds approval of the legislature.
4. The requirement of a full term of service prior to election as SGA President or Vice President will be dropped.
5. The requirement of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates to be in good SGA judicial standing will be dropped.
6. The requirement of the SGA President and Vice President to have completed 50 semester hours will be changed to completion of one full-time semester before election.
7. The requirement of the SGA President and Vice President to have a 2.2 GPA at election will be raised to 2.5.
8. No SGA member or candidate for office can be on university probation and serve at the same time.