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Disappointment filled the air of the lounge as current SGA Executive President Akilah Weaver. Only a fraction of disappointment came from candidates who lost their desired positions.

More than 3 offices were unopposed and there are still 19 positions left open. Available positions include senior class president, senior class secretary/treasurer, senior class senators, junior class vice president, junior class secretary/ treasurer and junior class senators. Positions are also available for students on the Academic Council and the Judicial Hearing Board.

Out of a student body of ap-

proximately 3,800 people, only 612 students cast their vote at the election table in Moseley on Monday and Tuesday this week.

With less than one-fourth of Elon students turning out to vote, SGA victors were left to worry about student apathy and the population that they speak for.

"I wish more students came out to vote. I don't know if they didn't know about the election, if they didn't want to vote or if they just didn't care," Weaver said.

"And if they didn't care they can't complain. They had a chance to express themselves and use their voices and they didn't take it," she

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went on to say.

Elections for open offices and board positions will be held on March 7 in the lobby of Moseley Center. Packets are currently available in the SGA Office (Moseley Center 231) for students wanting to run in that race. For more information about running please call ext. 2333.

The run-off election for Executive Vice-President and voting on more new amendments will be held at the same time.

"Iencourage students to come out and vote at this second election. This is their chance to act," Weaver said.

UNCC Students Push For Name Change

Jon Goldberg Knight-Ridder Tribune

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Mike Holdenrid is sick of sports announcers and outsiders confusing his school with UNC Chapel Hill or calling it NC Charlotte or UNCC Charlotte.

He and hundreds of other students are suggesting a solution: Change UNC Charlotte to University of Charlotte.

"Some people think we're even a community college," said Holdenrid, who was raised in Charlotte and is president of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. "It's really frustrating."

The name change idea has bobbed around the campus for years, but never before has a student group carried it so far.

Delta Sig members collected more than 1,000 signatures from students supporting the name change this month. At the Feb. 26 homecoming basketball game against Tulane, they plan to wear green T-shirts reading "University of Charlotte" while screaming from their courtside seats.

The group's members are also reaching out to alumni, who they feel they need to win the fight. Fraternity members plan to man homecoming booths about the issue. They've also set up message boards on Internet sites to get the word out.

UNCC officials haven't discussed the issue and are not pursuing it, said Jack Claiborne, the university's public relations director. He said students will face a long, tough battle.

"We have more than 65.000 alumni who have diplomas

saying University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Let's just say it will be a very controversial issue," Claiborne said.

The UNCC Board of Trustees, UNC Board of Governors and N.C. General Assembly all would have to approve the change. This isn't the first time UNC

system schools have rallied around a name change.

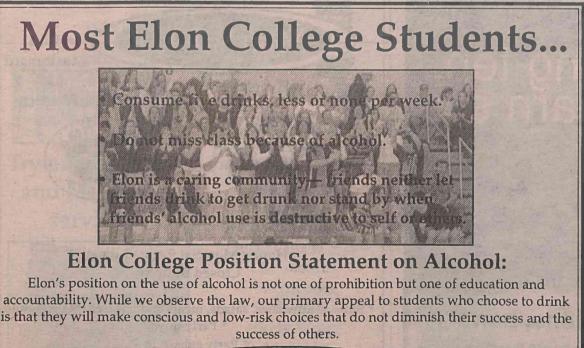
In 1991, some UNC Chapel Hill leaders lobbied to drop the Chapel Hill from the school's name. They wanted to be called University of North Carolina, as the school was known until 1963. Then-basketball coach Dean Smith and the alumni association favored the move, but the idea didn't win approval after chancellors of other UNC system schools complained.

In the mid-1990s, officials at the school then known as Pembroke State University fought for and won permission to become UNC Pembroke. They wanted the school's name to more clearly reflect its UNC affiliation.

Ken Carpenter, a 1978 UNCC graduate who is co-president of the Triad-area alumni association, worries that the students' drive sends the opposite message from Pembroke - that the school doesn't want to be part of the UNC system.

Though he doesn't object to the possibility of a name change, he's not sure University of Charlotte is the right fit. He'd want to keep UNC in the name.

"That's part of our identity," said Carpenter, a team manager at Wachovia Bank in Winston-Salem. "I want a name that doesn't sound like we're seceding from the union."



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