

Amendments on ballot

by charlotte porter

The Student Legislature recently approved a number of amendments to the UNCC Student Constitution which will be voted on by the student body in the general elections March 28 and 29.

The four amendments came out of the Constitutional Amendments Committee, chaired by David House, and the Judicial Committee, chaired by Richard Butterfield.

The constitution has not yet been approved by the Chancellor for various reasons, one of them being that the constitution as it now stands is a rough document in need of some revisions and clarifications. Legislators hope that these amendments will be the boost needed to get the constitution approved.

The first amendment is titled "The power of the president and legislature to fill legislature vacancies." The president's power is outlined in an addition to Article I of the constitution of a new section numbered 3.k. This enables the president to "appoint student representatives, who fulfill the qualifications of the office, to serve out the remainder of the term in the case of a vacancy of the Student Legislature, Student Superior Court, or at large representatives to the Student Media Board. These appointments shall be made with the advice and consent (2/3 affirmative vote of the Student Legislature)."

With this is a co-amendment to Article II, Section 4 of the

constitution. The section now stands as "Vacancies created by the resignation or removal of the duly elected student legislator shall be filled by a special election to fill the vacancy." The amendment will change this to eliminate the phrases "duly elected" and add "or by presidential appointments as set forth in Article I, Section 3.k. The Student Legislature, by majority vote, shall decide the method to fill the vacancy."

The turnover rate in the legislature was especially high this year. As Butterfield stated, "If the turnover this year is any indication, we'll be having elections every month." The amendment will, it is hoped, cut out a lot of wasted time and expense on the part of the student body and government. In order to prevent the president from stacking the legislature, the by-laws will be changed to state that if the vacating legislator has more than half a term to serve a special election must be held, and will insure that the replacement represents the same constituency as the vacating member.

Amendment No. 2 is called "Power of the president in relationship to Chancellor's committees." This cuts out the president's power to appoint student members of the Chancellor's committees and limits him to making recommendations with the approval of the legislature.

As was stated before, the

constitution has not been approved by the Chancellor, who is at present exclusive in his appointments. The committee which proposed this amendment felt that it was necessary to give a little in order to win acceptance of the constitution, and do not view this as giving in to the administration.

Amendment No. 3 is to create dorm councils and dorm courts in the coed dormitories. The present constitution made provisions only for male and female residence halls. The amendment will simply change this to establish courts and councils in all residence halls.

Amendment No. 4 is word changes made to clarify legislature's powers and duties. Formerly the "sole recommending agency for changes in the Student Activities Fee," the legislature will be the "sole student recommending agency." At present, the Board of Trustees has the only input. This will allow the legislature to have input without antagonizing the board.

Amendment 4 also clarifies meeting times for legislature to read "At least three times in regular session per academic semester and at least one time each summer session" where before the words "per academic semester" were omitted.

Last, the amendment changes "to enact all laws necessary to promote the general welfare of the student body and to govern student elections" by deleting the word "all."

Alex Haley

by vanessa gallman

How can you describe someone with enough curiosity and self-discipline to trace his family line back to a small province in the back woods of Africa? How can you possibly analyze someone who has reached his "peak experience"? You can't. You can only experience him. This is exactly what the audience did at the History Symposium Friday, March 23, in the Parquet Room with Alex Haley as the guest speaker.

The audience sat with Haley as he, a small child, listened to his grandmother tell of the African (his ancestor) that insisted on maintaining his own language and his true identity under the pressures of a bestial slavery. The audience laughed with him as he recalled the amusing events that led to his writing career. And those who had read *The Autobiography of Malcom X* felt his shock when the great man, whose life he was putting in book form, was suddenly murdered.

With him, the audience puzzled over the African words found in the story that had been transferred orally from generation to generation along family lines. And as he told of his unrelenting search for his African identity, the audience felt anxious to know every shred of information that he uncovered. This feeling of anxiety in the audience was so real that by the time Haley spoke of his emotional breakdown, the audience was emotionally spent also. And when all the pieces of

the puzzle of his existence began to fit together, the audience felt relieved.

Although Haley held the audience in the palm of his hand there was constant shaking of heads in awe and bewilderment and shifting in seats. The very presence of a man that had set before himself a seemingly impossible task and had succeeded in accomplishing it, stirred guilt feelings among those present. Each person was suddenly reminded of all the things they could have accomplished if they had exerted even half the determination or drive that was characteristic of Alex Haley. Nevertheless, Haley had gained the respect and admiration of everyone present was evident by the standing ovation he received after his presentation.

Alex Haley has been working on a book of his experiences for eight years now. The story he has to tell is not only one of personal gain but a saga of black people and a gain for blacks the world over. Haley feels that his success in uncovering his complete identity will motivate other blacks to begin striving to gain the sense of completeness he now feels.

In Alex Haley there can be sensed tremendous amounts of determination, self-discipline, pride, and self-confidence - all which are enhanced by the fact that he is one black man that truly knows who he is. Alex Haley was indeed an experience.

Winners and Rumors

by charlotte porter

Due to what the Elections Committee termed "irregularities" in the balloting, the elections of the SGA president and vice-president and the Student Union Board chairman and vice-chairman will be held again on March 28 and 29 in the union and dorm cafeterias.

Rumors circulating on campus point to the reason for this as ballot-box stuffing for these offices. According to unofficial sources, about 60 to 75 ballots in a row were marked for the same four candidates in the same pen and handwriting. No one, however, has a theory as to how this happened, or who was responsible. What is known is that the candidates were called at 2 a.m. to the SGA offices where counting was taking place and informed that a new election had to be held.

This time the Elections Committee will employ voting machines in the election. The four machines will be divided between the dorm and commuter cafeterias.

The results of the media elections were released officially and these elections will not be repeated. The results are as follows:

WVFN		
Station Manager:		
Chuck Gross	352	
Jim Yates	623	
Assistant Manager		
Farrington		
For	739	
Against	123	
Program Director		
Charlene Mannix	507	
Buddy McManus	366	
New Director		
Pat Gardner	250	
John Lindsay	573	
Chief Engineer		
Joe Blanchard		
For	687	
Against	113	
Carolina Journal		
Co-editors		
Aldridge/Porter		
For	776	
Against	136	
Business Manager		
Max Street		
For	747	
Against	124	
Sanskrit		
Editor		
Jeffery Beam		
For 729	729	
Against	134	
Business Manager		
Joe McCorkle		
For	710	
Against	155	
Rogues 'N Rascals		
Editor		
Alsop	451	
Gantt	473	

With over 1200 students voting in some parts of the elections, a record was set for voter turnout on this campus.



NOMINATIONS OPEN MARCH 28 and 29, 1973. SPRING MAJOR ELECTION (APRIL)

VACANT SEATS:

LEGISLATURE:

College of Architecture	1
College of Business Administration	3
Accounting	
Business Administration	
Economics	
College of Engineering	2
College of Humanities	4
Creative Arts	
English	
French	
German	
History	
Philosophy	
Religion	
Spanish	
College of Nursing	1
College of Science and Mathematics	2
Biology	
Chemistry	
Mathematics	
Physics	
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences	4
Geography	
Law Enforcement	
Political Science	
Psychology	
Sociology	
No Major	1
Class Presidents	3
Commuter Representatives	3

STUDENT SUPERIOR COURT:

Justice	5
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STUDENT UNION BOARD:

Director of Films Committee	1
Director of Fine Arts Committee	1
Director of Lectures Committee	1
Director of Social Committee	1
Director of Special Activities Committee	1
Director of Rathskeller Committee	1