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Black Student Union budget discussed by Legislature

By Les Bowen

The UNCC Student Legislature considered the Black Student Union budget in an emotion-charged meeting on September 16. *Carolina Journal photos by Gene Russell*

finance committee as a whole for the purpose of dealing with the Black Student Union budget." The motion passes and the Legislature moved into a

proposed an "absolute minimum" figure of \$5,635 dollars. When this proposal was defeated Rep. Davis rose from his seat and was warned by Wilson not to leave the room "or you will no longer be a member of this body." The original 1:45 pm deadline was extended several times as figures ranging from \$3,500 to \$4,900 were discussed.

A visiting member of the BSU was given the floor. He said that the Legislators were responsible to all of the students of the University, not just to their special constituencies. He warned the Legislators to "leave your biases at home."

Rep. Braswell was given the floor following the visitor's comments. She appeared to be quite angry and said that she "had felt threatened" by the visitor's remarks and went on to say that the black students on campus represented only 8% of the student body and "should realize that it is only through our graciousness that you get any money at all." Ms. Braswell's comments were not well received by the audience, and she later apologized for what she termed her "emotional outburst" but added that she had been speaking "as a four-year member of the Legislature."

The motion that was finally passed

stipulated that the finance committee was to allocate the BSU "no more than \$4,700 dollars for the academic year 1975-76." This action meant that the finance committee could allocate less than \$4,700 to the BSU if it so desired.



Sam Wilson, Chairman Pro-Tem; Pat Rose, Secretary; and Nancy Brown, Treasurer of the Student Legislature.



Greg Davis—BSU spokesman.

September 16. The meeting, held in Room 209 of the Cone University Center, was chaired by Speaker Pro-Tem Sam Wilson.

Wilson began by reading from a prepared statement (printed in full on the editorial page of the *Journal*) in which he castigated the Legislature, its committees in general and the Finance Committee in particular for what he termed "a lack of professionalism." Wilson also said, addressing the Legislature as a whole: "We must work together or we will become the laughingstock of this University...believe me, we're halfway there already."

Wilson referred specifically to the "non-meeting of the Finance Committee" on September 15, in which the Finance Committee was supposed to meet with the Black Student Union to discuss the BSU budget, but the committee could not raise a quorum and did not meet.

Following Wilson's speech Representative Greg Davis moved that the Legislature "be converted into a

Committee-as-a-whole.

Representative Terry Fulbright proposed a motion calling for the BSU budget to be considered in terms of whole figures rather than itemized figures. Under Fulbright's motion the Legislature would consider the budget in terms of a lump-sum allocation, rather than discussing each item individually.

Representative Davis spoke against the motion, pointing out that the Legislature could, by a majority vote, allocate BSU a figure far below its requested \$9,539 dollars. Davis compared the proposal to "asking us to put a noose around our necks." The motion was passed by a 9-6-0 margin despite the objections of Representative Davis and Ms. Cynthia Bennett spokesperson for the BSU.

Ms. Bennett explained the BSU budget and was questioned on various aspects of the BSU, including outside funding and the previous budget.

Several other figures, progressively lower, were discussed, and the debate heated up considerably. Rep. Davis

Hare Krsna group on UNCC campus

By Ruth Townsend and Susan Sluss

For all those who are wondering who the individuals were that sang and played in front of Cone University Center September 18 and 19, they are members of the International Society for Krsna Consciousness, or Hare Krsna.

The philosophy of the group is to revive everyone's dormant love for Krsna, or God. The purpose of life is to become more aware that we are all servants of God and process the dormant love for him, according to their beliefs.

Their purpose for being on the UNCC campus, according Gerard Hynes, whose Hare Krsna name is Gokularanjana das, is "to teach the children (other individuals) and to enlighten them into the ways of Hare Krsna, and also to inform people of their farm located on Mallard Creek Road." Hynes holds a Masters Degree in Social Science from New York University.

Their conception of God, said the *Carolina Journal* photo by Gene Russell

spokesman, is that there is one God, with many names. It is man's imperfect perception that there are different Gods, because of the different names. Krsna is the ancient and true name of God, known before Sanskrit writing was developed. They do not deny that Jesus Christ is the son of God, and that Muhammad and Jesus Christ are servants of God, but Jesus is the only pure son of God.

The group, which is from Atlanta, has a Spiritual Master who teaches the scriptures. The book of Scriptures is called Bhagavad-gita. To become a Spiritual Master one must be qualified. The Master has six bodily urges that must be controlled. They are tongue, belly, genital, mind, words and anger.

The chants that the individuals were chanting were praises to God, said Hynes. The various color of clothing indicates the level of learning and profession the individual is on.

UNCC hosts first International Festival

photo courtesy of Marian Beane



Michele—International Dancer.

By Nancy Buchanan

UNCC is holding the first International Festival, September 27, 1975 from 10 am until 5 pm. This event will be held in the Library Plaza with the exception of the buffet dinner which will be in Cone University Center Cafeteria.

From 12 noon until 4 pm, German folk music will be played. During breaks, there will be Spanish and Indian dances. Folk games on the lawn were selected for people 5-70 years of age. Travel films of Europe and the Far East will run continuously.

The International Buffet Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. Persons may come by paid reservation only. The price of the ticket includes dinner and entertainment which will include The Scottish Highlanders, Greek Community Dancers; and, the final act—Michele.

Michele is a professional belly dancer from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She received classical training in dance from Martha Graham.



Members of the visiting Hare Krsna group.