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## Summerlin sworn in as Legislature chair

By Michael Evans

Jack Summerlin was given the oath of office as the new chairman of the Student Legislature in the body's February 8 meeting. Summerlin was formerly chairman of the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee of the Student Legislature. Student Body President Rickey Pharr administered the

oath of office.

Summerlin replaced Bobby Roberts as chairman. Roberts submitted a letter explaining his resignation saying, "My reasons (for resigning) are personal and private and private but I'd like to thank the Student Legislature for letting me serve as its chairman."

In an action of gratitude, the

Student Legislature sent the following letter to Roberts: "The Student Legislature of UNCC would like to convey its great loss over your resignation. We, the members of the Legislature, will greatly miss your presence in the years to come."

"Bobby, it has been a very difficult

year for you and the Legislature; but, due to your great leadership and dedication to work, we have scored far better. When we as a body forgot our main purpose, it was you that reminded us, in your own way, to straighten up. Bobby, you have given the Student Legislature a much better name due to your constant reminding us to put forth the best. We will also miss your deep compassion to fellow students and your willingness to serve. In your future endeavors, what ever they might be, we wish you sincerely the best of luck.

"In conclusion, Bobby, we hope that you will visit us many times and offer your assistance, if need be."

Doug Love, through the Clubs and Organizations committee, proposed that "Due to the extension of the privileges granted by a secondary charter, I move to reinstate the policy of having each club go through the procedure of having a secondary charter for one year before requesting a primary charter." Richard Spain objected to the idea and asked that the period for having the secondary charter be reduced to a semester. The Student Legislature voted to accept the proposal with Spain's requested amendment.

Two decisions were made involving the Executive Committee. Jack Green moved "that the Executive Committee chairperson be in charge of the secretary on a day to day basis." He explained the secretary needed to clear her operations through only one person rather than tracking down eight persons each time she had a problem.

Also, speaking for the Rules Committee, Green said, "The Executive Committee should no longer be considered as a primary committee." He said the Executive Committee meets only once a month, and all legislators should not be given their salaries for attending one meeting a month when all of the other committees meet four to five times a month. The Student Legislature delayed consideration of the proposal.

Spain, in cooperation with Kim Burns, presented a proposal, which was accepted overwhelmingly, asking that the Student Legislature "pursue an investigation of the Physical Education department for exterminating activity classes...to include an account of our student activity fee expenditures." Summerlin announced that the investigation would be carried out by the Ways and Means Committee, who would report back to the Student Legislature as a whole.

In the president's report, Pharr told the body that the Student Activity Fee Review Committee would soon be holding an open hearing for the entire student body, asking for suggestions on how the student fee structure should be formulated. He asked that all legislators attend the hearings, saying that the committee's recommendations would be sent to Dr. Douglas M. Orr, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and could drastically change the future of student fees.

In other action, Andy Ringle resigned as the chairman of the Judicial Committee and was replaced by Karen Cozart, only selected to serve on the committee at the previous meeting. Angela Threatt defeated Elaine Howell for the chairmanship of the Executive Committee, one of the seats vacated by Summerlin. Howell and Spain were selected over Michael Owen to represent the Student Body Government on the Student Fees Commission. The two open seats on the Student Fees Commission were vacated by student Attorney General Doug Lerner and Summerlin.

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Karen Popp in action for the women 49er basketball team against Catawba College. The women 49ers won their first game of the season against Catawba, 60-49. See related story on page fifteen.

## Use of Student Fees being reviewed in committee

By Steve Bass

The Student Activity Fee Review Committee is presently meeting to investigate the present system of allocation and accountability for student activity fees. (The present rate is \$15.50 for each fulltime student per semester.) The student activity fees go to pay for all student organizations on campus. The review committee was established by Dr. Douglas Orr, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, to investigate the current method employed by the Student Fees Commission to allocate and account for student activity fees.

The committee, according to secretary Michael Evans, is going to split into two subcommittees, the Accountability/Procedures subcommittee and the Membership/Authority subcommittee. "The purpose of the accountability/procedures subcommittee is to check out systems in use to deal with the problem and compare it with our present system in order to develop suggestions to improve and modify the system."

"The membership/authority subcommittee," said Evans, "will review the composition of the Student Fees Commission and the elections for Commission membership. (Presently the Student Fees Commission is composed of two persons from each of the three divisions of the Student Association; the Student Body Government, Student Media Board and the University Program Board; and three students from the University at-large.)"

If the subcommittee recommends

changes in the allocation of membership, Evans points out that the odds are good that the interested people already on the Commission will reappear. "The individuals will just run as students from the student body at-large. Of course, it can't be the people at the top of the organization, but the representatives will be on the Commission."

Among the important business which has been transacted is taking testimony from representatives of the three divisions of the Student Association (Doug Lerner and Rickey Pharr of Student Body Government, Michael Evans of the Student Media Board and Mike Doyne of the University Program Board). Lerner's testimony, delivered in written form to the committee on February 1, went into detail of the history of the student activity fee arrangement, and made recommendations for the Committee. Lerner, as student Attorney General, reminded the Committee to be careful of making drastic changes in the present system since it has been approved as a part of the Student Body Constitution, approved in a campus-wide referendum last spring.

The Student Activity Fee Review Committee will be holding an open meeting for the entire student body on Friday, February 18 at 12:30 p.m. in the Gold Room (inside the Commuter Cafeteria) of the Cone University Center. The Committee is interested in hearing criticisms and suggestions for the student activity fee structure.

## English Department may lose four instructors in overprojection

By Les Bowen

UNCC may have to give up approximately six teaching positions as a result of overprojected enrollments. Four of those positions are currently filled, and all four are in the English department.

Although English department Chairman Glenn S. Burne declined to name the four professors who may not be rehired, the Carolina Journal has learned that they are Joan Bowen, Dorothy McGavran, Rebecca Selden and Beth Timson.

"At this point, we've been told that we may have to give back positions with the assumption that our enrollment this year will not come up to the budget allocated figure," said Phillip Hildreth, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. "I have to be prepared to have these positions available to give them back to them. I have instructed the English department that they are not to refill four of their positions at this time...the others were vacant positions; the English department was the only one where there

are people in the positions."

Burne said, "Nothing has actually happened yet. The English department has been told that it will probably lose four positions because current enrollments and projected enrollments are out of line."

Burne would not name the four professors who may lose their jobs because "everything's up in the air now...but the department has, is, and will continue, to protest."

Meanwhile, a petition drive has been started on campus by two students. English majors John Threatt and Joni Mills began the petitions.

"At this point, I don't know if I have to give back six positions. It may be more than that, or it may be less," Hildreth said.

The directive concerning overprojected enrollments came "...from the General Administration," said Hildreth. "The General Administration goes over our projections and gives us a budget. Every year so far our projected enrollment has gone over the budgeted

figure. This year it didn't, due to a number of factors. We had 300 students waiting for dorm space whom we couldn't accept. We turned down students in Nursing, Architecture, Creative Arts and Business Administration because of lack of space and not enough faculty positions."

Other sources contacted said the "non rehiring" in the English department were announced as definite two weeks ago but had apparently become "less definite" late last week. Sources also said the curtailment of seven positions, overall, not six, was originally announced

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