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Student Body Elections

Jack Summerlin announces bid for presidency

By Nancy Davis

Jack Summerlin has announced plans to run for student body president in the 1979 spring elections. Summerlin, presently serving as chair of Student Legislature, postponed informing the *Carolina Journal* until Monday after rumors he had decided to run began spreading last Friday. He was to have made the announcement official in Tuesday's meeting of the Student Legislature.

His decision came last week after much thought, but when asked about it last Friday said he had made up his mind, but needed the weekend to talk to "someone." Summerlin admitted he had even given his support to another presidential prospect.

After nominations for Student Legislature were closed in the Feb. 6 meeting and Summerlin's name was not among the candidates, he said he felt "a great sense of emptiness. It's

hard leaving something I love and respect." After serving as chairperson for three years, Summerlin was not aware nominations were to be made in the meeting and he said he had not gotten anyone to nominate him.

Summerlin said many things were involved in his decision to run. "I just want to work to see things better. That is the biggest push behind the campaign." Sitting in the student government conference room, he paused for a minute before adding, "I had to decide whether I want to stay in government. When you dedicate yourself, it's very difficult to pull out."

Feeling legislature needs a change, Summerlin explained his experience would be the biggest plus for his campaign. Questioned if three years of experience could constitute a campaign

based on change, Summerlin further explained the office of president is different in the executive branch "sort of pulls things together into one particular area."

Summerlin said he realized legislature is "primarily a body of transition." However, he would like to move in to stabilize the office and give it the continuity it needs. "I have learned a lot of lessons . . . I've felt restricted as the chair of legislature. I can do more as president of the student body."

Last year, Summerlin led an unsuccessful bid for president. He was also serving as chair of legislature having been recently reelected. This year, Summerlin will be free from any political office and is looking forward to it. "Last year, I wasn't aware of the pressures and thought I could do both . . . it left its mark."



Jack Summerlin at Tuesday's Student Legislature meeting.

Students Protest

Elimination of October break proposed

By Bill Peschel

A proposal to eliminate the four-day weekend in October met with strong protest in the Student Legislature Tuesday.

Dean of Students Chuck Lynch, in a brief speech before the legislators, warned them of the Academic Calendar Commission's recommendation to Chancellor E.K. Fretwell that the

four-day weekend in October be eliminated. Lynch said the action was taken "to lengthen the academic calendar" and "to get in an equal number of labs" per week. The commission's decision was unanimous despite objections by Lynch and Dr. Douglas M. Orr Jr., vice chancellor for student affairs, Lynch asked the legislature for their opinion of the

matter. He also informed them Fretwell may make the final decision on Monday.

By unanimous consent, the legislature passed a motion "strongly objecting" to elimination of the October break. A copy of the motion has been sent to the chancellor.

Lynch informed the body a subcommittee of the faculty/executive council is considering changing or removing the break in classes between 12:30-2 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Again, Lynch and Orr objected to the idea. No action was taken by the legislators. Five out of six clubs applying for student fees received what they had asked. The Political Science Club's request was sent back to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

The Model United Nations, Commuter Association, Associated Student Chapter-American Institute of Architects, International Club and Circle K were bailed out when the legislature approved a reallocation of student funds. Reallocation, although not specifically defined in the Financial Procedures Act, is a reassignment of money that reverted back to Student Body Government last December. A total of \$3,698.84 was available for allocation and each club on Tuesday got an average of \$170.

The Political Science Club ran into

trouble when legislator Don Turbyfill objected to their request. He pointed out the club did not submit a budget last fall and believed they should not be funded. Legislator Lynn Black stated there was no specific mention of reallocation in any law and the club should get money. The legislature sent the budget back to committee (17-2-3). An attempt to reconsider the budget failed.

The first three budgets voted upon by the legislature ran into spirited discussion as a member questioned a portion of the budget. Each budget passed a good margin, yet much time was used up in debate until legislator Black objected. "We've entrusted the Finance Committee to ask these questions you're asking," she said. "I feel some of these comments are dilatory." Discussion ceased after that and the rest of the rest of the budgets were passed with little comment.

Junior Class President Joel Gilland was elected chairman of the legislature, defeating legislator Mark Matheson. Seventeen votes were cast for Gilland while five were for legislator Matheson. The former chairman, Jack Summerlin, swore in Gilland and expressed his "deep appreciation" to the legislature. He called his job a "rewarding experience as

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(Photo by Pam Leece)

UNCC women kept the florist busy this year as hundreds of flowers were delivered on Valentine's Day.