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Springs announces bid for reelection

By Rick Monroe

Student Body President Larry Springs announced late Tuesday afternoon his bid for reelection. Springs said many programs he has initiated this year are just beginning to blossom and "I feel the only way I can see the things done is to run again.

I am focusing on long term (issues) which will have a definite impact on the University as opposed to those short term things people say just to get elected," Springs said, explaining his need for another year in office. "I have always emphasized direction instead of just change," he said.

"Whenever you undertake something new and involved, it is always a long and hard task to see it through," Springs said.

Springs, a junior political science major, doesn't think there is one issue in the campaign more pressing than the rest. "I don't view things in terms of the 'main issue.'" Springs said, "I view things as far as what will be the main asset for the University."

One issue he feels is a great asset to the University is students' rights. Springs cites the Bill of Rights, which he authored, and will be up for



Larry Springs announced a last minute decision to run for reelection.

ratification during the election, as evidence of his concern in this area. He also mentioned the case of Donna Blunt, a nursing student who alleges she has been discriminated against by the College of Nursing, in which he has been heavily involved, as proof of his commitment to students' rights. "We need a strong leader who can get involved in things like this," Springs said.

Other issues of interest he has been

working on is lobbying the state legislature to keep tuition down. The move to increase tuition by approximately 10 percent was defeated in committee, but a Rowan County senator has threatened to reintroduce the bill in the fall session of the General Assembly. Springs feels student pressure can prevent a tuition hike. "The best way to do that is to come up with a better lobbying system," he said. "Student government should turn more of its attention to what's going on in the halls of government... especially that part which affects the campus."

Additional legislation he has been working on will legalize the sale of beer and wine on campus, which is

now before the North Carolina Student Legislature, of which Springs is a member. He said each of the 16 UNC campuses should decide on the issue. "Each individual Board of Trustees will be able to decide whether or not to sale beer on campus. I feel the place to decide beer sales on campus... is at the individual campuses," Springs said.

Springs is active in many off-campus organizations, such as the Charlotte Urban League, of which he is a member of the Board of Directors. He is a recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Award and is a member of the Society of 49 and the National Political Science Honor Society.

Filing controversy clouds student body presidential election race

By Cathy Ray

A cloud of controversy has formed around the upcoming student body elections involving the office of student body president.

As of 4 p.m. this past Monday, one hour before the 5 p.m. filing deadline, there were three announced candidates for the office of president: Kim Burns, Karen Popp and Jack Summerlin. At approximately 4:10 p.m., however, Student Body President Larry Springs filed an application for candidacy. This form was promptly signed by Tom Chumley, chairperson of the Elections and Publicity Committee. Unlike the other three candidates, Springs did not place his application in the files with those of the other candidates until Tuesday, March 20.

These events were met with some resistance by Student Government

Treasurer Ward Simmons. Simmons felt Springs violated the elections act by not announcing by the deadline.

Article II, Section 7, Number 312, states only, "If sufficient data cannot be found to verify a candidate's nomination, the candidate's nomination will be ruled upon by the Election and Publicity Committee within 24 hours before the last of approved candidates in posted."

According to Chumley, Simmons threatened to file an injunction prohibiting Springs from running. Chumley feels Simmons' actions are based entirely on politics and said, "No self styled politicians in student government are going to obstruct an election meant to be held for 8,500 students."

Springs also feels Simmons has ulterior motives for his actions. When

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Complaints filed with HEW against nursing and business departments

By Kathy Espin

A complaint against the College of Nursing and the College of Business Administration has been filed with the Atlanta office of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW).

Kelly Alexander Jr., chairman of the Charlotte chapter of the NAACP, said the complaint, along with five affidavits, four against the nursing department and one against the College of Business, has been sent to the Atlanta office.

The complaint charges the departments with "systematic acts of racial discrimination and harassment" which violate Title VI, Section 601, of the Civil Rights Act.

"We are aiming at correcting the practices rather than putting the (nursing) department out of business," Alexander said, "It's the policy which is in violation, not the department. Some of the personnel may have to go because they may be the cause of the problem.

"This is not going to be resolved this semester," Alexander said, "it is a slow process. We hope to get some results during the next academic



(Photo by Bob Henderson)

Kelly Alexander Jr.

year. The wheels of HEW grind slowly, but they grind fine.

"When a student has a valid complaint and goes to the dean of the college, the dean will support the instructor. If the student goes to the dean of academic affairs, that dean will support the decision of the dean of the college. The student gets caught up in 'Catch 22.' The only way to eliminate 'Catch 22' is to change

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