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No Minimum Hours Needed For Official

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Ron Olsen smiled as he pointed to an open green page binder.

"See. There's nothing in the Constitution about this."

The UNCC student government president was responding to a reporter's question over his eligibility to continue holding his office. Olsen only completed three credit hours at Fall Semester's end.

No question lingers over Olsen's eligibility. Nothing in the Student Body Constitution or the Elections and Publicity Act determines the amount of hours the president or any other elected student official should attempt or complete.

"Unbelievable, but true," said Deb

Dellinger, the student attorney general. "This question has come up before, so we are clearing it up by rewriting the Elections and Publicity Act."

Election regulations only apply to candidates for office, not for those who already hold positions.

"The Elections and Publicity Act requires that a candidate for president 'shall have completed 45 hours.' When I filed last year, I had those hours.

"It also states that a candidate should have completed 9 hours in the semester prior to the election. I did that also."

In the fall semester of 1980, Olsen enrolled for a 16 hour course load. But

by semester's end, he had completed only three hours and took incompletes in two other three-hour courses.

"I've already completed one of the classes," Olsen said. "For the internship I just have to write a paper."

"The way the rules read now, anyone who fits under the category of student can remain in a position," Dellinger said.

The Student Body Constitution defines the term "student," as "any person regularly enrolled in courses at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte."

The attorney general said a person could fit the category by signing up for a one-credit class. "The way it

reads now, a person can drop the class after signing up and not lose his position."

"This is just my personal opinion but I think any student government official should be carrying a minimum of 9 hours.

"The documents review committee is going to have to state how many hours each officer should complete."

Dellinger said the revision of the Constitution may be put before voters in the election, to be held on March 24 and 25.

"That's what we're shooting for. Since any change in the Constitution must be approved by the student body, it would be easier to have them vote then," she said.

Legislature Criticizes Lack of Minorities

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The lack of black professors and administrators at UNCC is criticized in a resolution passed by the Student Legislature Tuesday.

The motion, sponsored by the campus affairs committee, cited the disproportion between the number of black students and the number of black faculty.

Opposition to the resolution came from legislators who were concerned that the university would concentrate on filling racial quotas, rather than looking for quality instructors.

"I think the resolution is discriminatory," said William Faquin, who represents the Arts and Science college. "We should be looking for the best qualified teachers. The university should provide quality education and not a certain color mixutre."

Rick Van Pelt, a Commuter representative, opposed the bill, saying other minorities including Chicanos and Orientals should be included in any resolution on faculty hiring.

Legislator Baker Smith argued that blacks were the only minorities experiencing discrimination in faculty hiring. He quoted statistics showing a higher number of hispanic and Asian-American faculty relative to the percentage of the respective students.

Renee High, the chair of Ways and Means, supported the resolution but stressed that the purpose was not to recommend specific hiring practices.

"You know the UNCC administration will not see our resolution and run out and hire 5, 6 or 7 black faculty members. The only thing we are stating is a need for black faculty members.

"We want to call this to the atten-

tion of the administrators, because they are evidently accepting this (need for more blacks) without research."

Despite one motion to table the resolution back to committee for a rewrite, the proposal passed with 13 legislators in favor, 6 against and 1 abstention.

In other action, the legislature:

—Defeated a motion by Lee Williams to reconsider a revertment of \$100 to the Black Student Union. The money was allocated to the organization for telephone installation and expenses.

Williams contended, "It is my understanding that legislators having a connection with an organization considered for funding are not allowed to vote on it.

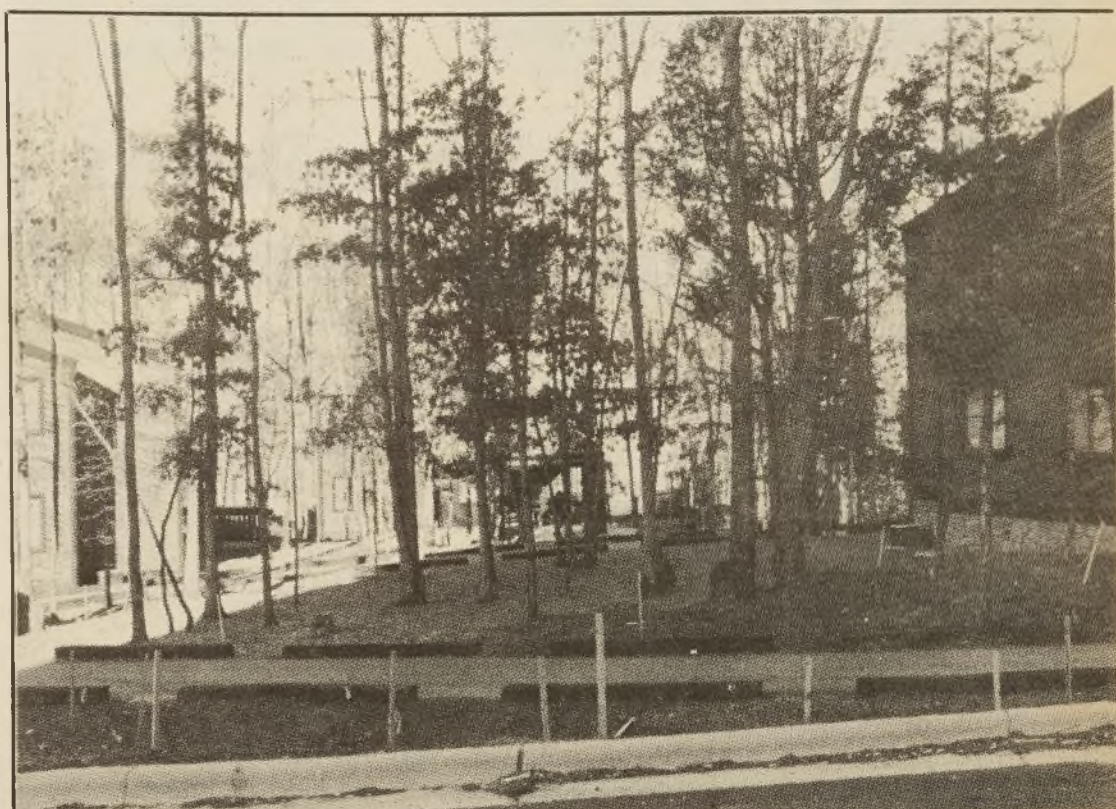
He said that since all blacks were members of the BSU, the votes of black student legislators on the telephone funding was not valid.

High told the legislators that she and six other black legislators were not members of the BSU, because they did not pay dues required to belong officially.

The legislature voted against reconsidering the motion. Dean of Students Chuck Lynch and Linda Russell, chair of the Club and Organizations committee both stated that the BSU membership was not limited to blacks, nor was the group inclusive of all black students.

—Approved dates for spring elections on March 24 and 25. Nominations will occur February 23-27. Renomination date was set for March 2-4.

—Passed a motion increasing club and organization gasoline expense allotments.



Landscaping Slow Process For Apartment Residents

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In the constant swirl of construction on this campus natural landscaping is destroyed and must be replaced.

Assistant Director of Residence Life Keith Wassum says much of the problem with landscaping can be attributed to the fact that "capital expenditures for any project usually includes landscaping, but when the costs for the project start to mount, landscaping is the first thing to be sacrificed."

Landscaping at Phase I campus apartments has been underway since before winter break. The area has been mulched and 300 trees have been planted. Other campus apartments have not been landscaped. Phase II

for instance has little or no grass.

Wassum said, "We cut down dead trees and have plans to do minimal landscaping in Phase II and III." "Minimal landscaping consists of replanting trees, grass and shrubbery. To eliminate much of the erosion problem, storm drains have been installed in the Phase II area.

Grounds Superintendent Sam Bollick says the objective in Phase I is to stabilize the hillside and establish a low maintenance natural area. Bollick said the cold has killed much of the grass in the Phase II.

Assistant Grounds Superintendent Dick Smith says "We just haven't started over there (Phase II), but we have worked up a proposal on what the area needs."