

STUDENT ELECTIONS REFERENDA

SBP's ex officio status | Carolina Course Review

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Students will vote Tuesday on a referendum that could eliminate ex officio status of the student body president and student body treasurer.

Ex officio status in Student Congress is nonvoting membership that allows unlimited speech and the right to make motions. Eliminating ex officio status would further separate executive and

'The referendum is worded so as to protect the student body president's capacity to officially communicate and ork with Congress, while at the same time limiting his or her privilege to debate on whatever he likes," said Rep. James Hoffman, Dist. 15.

Student Body President Aaron Nelson said it was important for the president to be able to speak and be recognized. "It is important for there to be as many voices in Student Congress as

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possible," Nelson said. "The student body president has unique access to ation that members of Student Congress don't have.

Rep. Ed Page, Dist. 14, said the input of the president was invaluable.

"My feeling is that a lot of people really want to see this as a separation of powers, but the way our executive branch and Student Congress works, I see it as extremely beneficial to have the

input of the president before we send this legislation on to him," Page said. Rep. Kristen Sasser, Dist. 10, said the referendum clarified the distinction between the jobs of the legislative branch and the executive branch. She said the overlap made it hard for the leg-islative branch to get things done. Rep. Bryan Kennedy, Dist. 4, said it

Rep. Bryan Kennedy, Dist. 4, said it was assumed that the president speaks for the entire student body. "I think the removal of the president will allow the Congress to stand as a second separate voice for student concerns."

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BY KELLY O'BRIEN

In light of many problems faced by the Carolina Course Review, the Student Fee Audit Committee has proposed two referenda that undergraduites will be given the opportunity to vote for on Tuesday.

The first referendum deals with publication on the Internet and the elim tion of the 50-cent undergraduate fee devoted to the Carolina Course Review. The second provides options on how to allocate the fund collection of \$8,122 for the spring 1997 Carolina Course

"The purpose behind the referendum is to find an alternate way of getting the information out to undergrads," said Rep. Dara Whalen, Dist. 8. "The writ-

ten copy wasn't working."

The Carolina Course Review was brought to congressional scrutiny last year after financial mismanagement. This left the Carolina Course Review in debt and unable to publish a fall 1996

Julie Gasperini, student body treasurer and a member of the SFAC, said the Carolina Course Review was not intended to be the extensive and high quality book that was created when it was originally placed on the ballot in

"After production last spring, we still have hundreds of copies left," Gasperini

"It became an emergency situation because they had gone into debt and overspent on printing. After meeting with former members of the Carolina Course Review and the Student Activities Fund Office, the

SFAC devised a plan.

They determined that on-campus technological advances created the technological advances created the option of placing the information online. This option would not only be free, but would reduce student fees.

Gasperini said most Student Congress members were in favor of dis-banding the fee.

"Everyone has been supportive, Gasperini said in reference to the first referendum. "There have been no objec-

The second referendum provides students with two options on spending the collected money. The money will either be devoted to upgrading the publication online and installing computers for reading the Carolina Course Review, or it will be given to Student Congress to be distributed among student organiza-

Student Congress members are not in agreement on the issue.

"I would like to see the funds turned over to the Student Congress," said Rep. Erik Bentsen, Dist. 22. "A lot of organi-

zations could use the money."
Whalen disagreed. "Students voted for the 50-cent fee which showed they want this resource," she said. "Since the money has been allocated, it should be used to start the web site."

The SFAC does not have a preference for either option. Members feel the ref-erenda will have a positive effect, Gasperini said. "It will publicize the fact that the information is available. It also sets a precedent for decreasing or elimi-

TURNOUT

understand the roles of the student body

president and Student Congress.
"The SBP and Congress have oversight and input into the spending of nearly \$2 million in student fees," Nelson said.

Nathan said students often could not addifference between the conditions."

see differences between the candidates'

He said, "The key problem is that student government isn't seen as an entity

that affects most students' lives."

LaKeisha Rodman, a junior from Charlotte, said campus involvement enabled students to see how student government can affect their lives.

"Students involved in campus activi-ties may be more inclined to follow student politics and more likely to vote," Rodman said.

dents were apathetic toward student government, Dervin disagreed. "We always talk about how low our

turnout is; turnout tends to be 10 to 20 percent around the country," Dervin said.

"At least 3,000 student voters were undergraduates, and that's about 30 per-cent of interested returning undergrad-

We have one of the most respected strongest student governments in the nation," Dervin said. "Sometimes (students) don't see the relevance, but it doesn't mean they're apathetic."

UNC-system President C. D.

UNC-system President C. D. Spangler said he felt apathy significantly factored in the turnout rate and that it

was growing.

"It tends to remove the opportunity for the students' position to be heard on the University campus when students

don't come out to vote," Spangler said.
Roederer said he encouraged all stu-

dents to vote.

"Students have an opportunity to make change if they go to the polls and vote," he said.

"Anybody and everybody can do that."

Campus Calendar

Tuesday

11 a.m.-1 p.m. — The Sigma Gamma Rho sorority Inc. will present a video series titled "Eyes on the Prize" this week in the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center. The series will continue on Thursday and Friday at the same time.

4 p.m. — There will be a meeting of the

at the same time.

4 p.m. — There will be a meeting of the
Diabetes Support Group on the second
floor of Student Health Service in the psyical services conference ro

Black History Month spotlight

Carl Stokes (1927-)

Carl Stokes has been a lawyer, mayor and a newscaster. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio. A child of the Cleveland central-city Ohio. A child of the Cleveland central-city ghetto, Stokes was raised by his mother. After serving in the U.S. Army, he continued his education-after an interruption of a few years as an agent of the state liquor authority. Stokes received a B.S. degree in law from the University of Miunnesota in 1954, and two years later, he received his L.D. degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law of Cleveland State University.

5 p.m. — The Student Environmental Action Coalition will meet in the second floor lobby of the Student Union.
5:15 p.m. — University Career Services will sponsor "Job Hunt 101: Orientation Workshop" for seniors and graduate students in 210 Hanes Hall.
5:30 p.m. — Everyone is welcome to Cameron's Kosher Cafe, tonight at N.C. Hillel. Tonight we will discuss Israel over dinner.

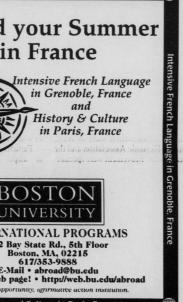
dinner.
6 p.m. — The Sonja H. Stone Black
Cultural Center will sponsor "Underground
Expressions" in the Union Cabaret.
Refreshments will be provided.
6 p.m. — The Carolina Campus Civitan
will met in Union 206. New members are
welcome. For more information e-mail at
CCCivitan@unc.edu.

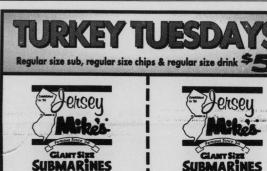
For the Record

The Feb. 10 article *BSM blood drive targets African-American donors" should have stated that the Black Business Students Alliance is a sponsor of the Umoja Sasa! the blood drive will be held Wednesday and

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.







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