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Court rules in favor of McIntyre

■ The Student Supreme Court reaffirmed that there are two vice presidents.

BY ASHLEY STEPHENSON
STAFF WRITER

The Student Supreme Court delivered a verdict in favor of Student Body Vice President Lindsay-Rae McIntyre on Thursday in a suit she filed to clarify the position and duties of the office of vice president.

The court reaffirmed the existence of two vice presidents, each with its own unique rights and responsibilities.

The first office will be filled by the student body vice president, while the second seat will be occupied by the Graduate and Professional Student Federation president.

McIntyre said she was pleased with

the verdict.

"It's what I wanted to happen, so obviously I'm happy. The court did its job, and it did what we wanted to be done."

The verdict also clarified the use of the word "undergraduate" in the title of the vice president and ruled that undergraduate status was not a qualification for the office. The title "undergraduate student body vice president," used repeatedly in the Student Code, only served the purpose of differentiating the office from the position of graduate and professional vice presi-



Student Body Vice President LINDSAY-RAE MCINTYRE said she was pleased with the Student Supreme Court's verdict.

dent.

GPSF President Katharine Kraft said, "My first reaction, in keeping with the idea that the individual has been clarified as either an undergraduate or graduate, I would hope sincerely that the person would have the ability to represent graduates and undergraduates."

"In my opinion (the verdict) makes it all the more important that the student body president and undergraduate vice president are utterly and completely informed of all constituents, graduate and undergraduate."

The court re-emphasized the vice president's duties, which include "the duties of the president in his absence, to oversee appointments and to represent the president of the student body and the student body as a whole on occasions in which the president is not present."

The court stated that these duties did not apply to the graduate and profes-

sional vice president, because the individual was an "ex officio member" of the executive branch.

The court concurred with McIntyre's request to prohibit the graduate and professional vice president from acting as anything other than an ex officio member of the student body president's office.

The court stated that the duties of the office of graduate and professional vice president would include advising the student body president on graduate and professional appointments, representing his or her constituency and addressing other issues, if asked by the student body president.

The court denied Kraft's request to "declare the undergraduate student body vice president to be the undergraduate vice president of the student body," because any registered student may apply for the position, regardless of class standing.

Law school ranking hurt by magazine error

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Everyone makes mistakes, but law school deans at UNC and other schools blasted U.S. News & World Report on Thursday for making errors in its law school rankings.

"It just goes to show how shabby these rankings are," said Kimberly Reed, UNC School of Law director of career development and placement.

UNC dropped two places to the 35th ranked school Wednesday when U.S. News released corrections to the list it printed in its March 10 issue.

When computing the rankings, employees used figures for unemployed law school graduates who were not looking for jobs instead of graduates searching for work.

Editors at U.S. News explained how they made the mistake to representatives from several law schools Thursday. "We have made a mistake, and we apologize for the inconvenience this information has caused to our readers and the law schools involved," said Thomas Evans, president and publisher of U.S. News, in a telephone interview.

The small error made some large changes in the rankings. Yale remained the top-ranked school, but the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities jumped from 23rd to 20th, and the University of Colorado-Boulder dropped 12 ranks to number 42.

Reed said the mistake should not have made such drastic changes in the rankings. "When they explained what the mistake was, it was quite obvi-

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News you can't use

U.S. News & World Report changed the rankings of 33 of its top 50 law schools due to a calculation error. The error occurred because, in calculating the quality of the law school, employees switched the numbers for unemployed graduates seeking jobs and those not seeking jobs.

University	From	To
Yale	first	first
Stanford	fourth	third
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	23rd	20th
University of Colorado-Boulder	30th	42nd
UNC-Chapel Hill	33rd	35th
Wake Forest	35th	30th
Ohio State	45th	47th

SOURCE: U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

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Managing a Movement

Chandra Taylor and Mavis Gragg, outgoing co-presidents of the Black Student Movement, reflect on their accomplishments.

BY ANDREW MCLESTER
STAFF WRITER

Just when you thought election season had ended, a quieter changing of the guard occurred last week.

As the terms of Mavis Gragg and Chandra Taylor, co-presidents of the Black Student Movement, come to a close, a new leader is ready to continue on the path they paved.

"I think Chandra and I were able to make a strong foundation for (President-elect India Williams)," Gragg said.

Williams, the BSM's current executive assistant, said she had big shoes to fill.

"(Mavis and Chandra) have attempted to make the BSM more accessible to students," said Williams, a junior from Raleigh.

And member accessibility comprised a key part of their platform when they ran together last spring.

But translating their ideas into a successful campaign did not begin so easily. Both women said

they had to think hard to be sure they wanted to lead UNC's second-largest student group.



"I knew it would be a tremendous task to take on," said Gragg, a junior from Black Mountain.

Taylor mentioned the prospect of running for BSM president to Gragg in the middle of last year, but neither had seriously considered putting her name on the ballot.

After much contemplation, the two decided to run as co-presidents — but not without opposition.

Several people voiced concern because a co-presidency had never been carried out successfully in the BSM's history, said Taylor, a senior from Kinston.

Despite this opposition, Gragg and Taylor were elected and embarked on a mission to improve the BSM.

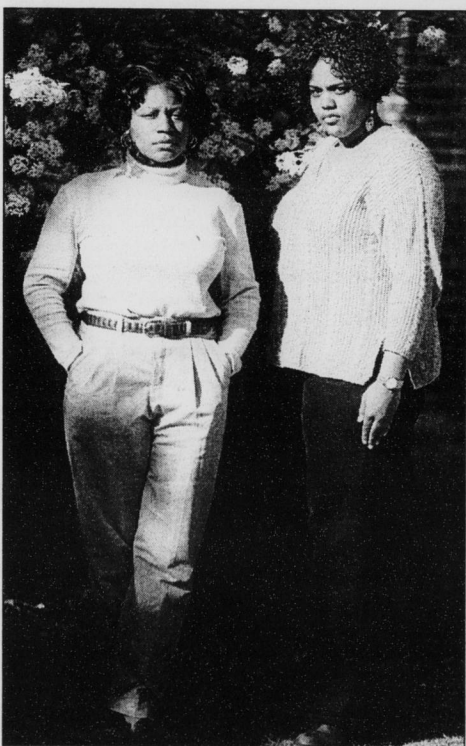
Besides member accessibility, Gragg and Taylor aimed to increase student involvement.

"We wanted to reach out to the University community, and we have definitely done that," Gragg said.

Williams said this goal had translated into projects such as a BSM web page and weekly focus-groups.

But Gragg and Taylor said they did not want to limit their outreach efforts

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BSM Co-presidents Mavis Gragg and Chandra Taylor worked hard to broaden multicultural awareness on campus.

Study shows increase in assault victims

BY RACHEL SWAIN
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill Police Department officials said they hoped a report released Tuesday about sexual assaults in Chapel Hill will serve as an "awakening" to local residents.

According to the report, 95 adults and 40 children were reported to be victims of sexual assaults in Chapel Hill in 1996. Of the adult victims, 87 were female, four were male and four were unidentified.

Crimes committed against adults included 15 rapes, two attempted rapes, 25 obscene phone calls, 16 indecent exposures and 13 peepings, the report stated.

"We wanted to alert citizens that these crimes do occur here," said Sabrina Garcia, crisis counselor for the police department's crisis unit.

The assaults against children included three rapes, eight indecent exposures, four crimes against nature, 12 indecent liberties and six simple assaults. Among the child victims, 27 were female, 11 were male and two were unidentified, the report stated.

Garcia said the number of victims of sexual assaults continued to increase since she started collecting data in 1991. "It saddens me that the numbers have increased per year, but if the reporting indicates services are better, then we're on the right track," she said.

But Garcia said despite the increase in numbers, crimes of a sexual nature were still underrepresented. "We still have a stigma against victims supported by myths (about sexual assaults)," she said. "Victims don't recognize they've been victimized."

Sexual assault statistics

A report released by the Chapel Hill Police Department compiled the number of sexual assaults that occurred in 1996. The report was written by the department crisis unit. The following information is from the report.

- 80 adult sexual assault victims
- 40 child sexual assault victims
- 15 adult rape victims
- 47 of the assaults occurred in the victim's home or car

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Hillary Leary, administrative assistant for the N.C. Coalition Against Sexual Assault, agreed. "In the past 25 years society has come about six inches in overcoming victim-blaming in the criminal system," she said. "We still have quite a few hundred feet to go."

"Regardless of how you acted or what you wore, it still doesn't make it your fault," she said. "Is wearing a (short) skirt a type of crime where rape is justifiable punishment?"

Both Garcia and Leary said there were numerous ways people could prevent sexual assaults from occurring. "If something occurs to you that leaves your gut with a feeling of discomfort or apprehension, report it," Garcia said.

Leary said it was important to trust instincts. "Be aware of surroundings, don't walk alone at night, don't accept drinks from anyone but the bartender or waitress and watch your drinks at all times. One of the best things is common sense."

UNC schools avoid trend of drop in applicant pool

BY JONATHAN COX
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Although indicators suggest college application numbers are down nationally, most officials in the UNC system say they do not see similar trends.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, many elite private and public universities in the country faced lower numbers of applicants in the past year. However, at most of the 16 UNC-system schools, the number of applications equalled or increased this year.

The more successful campuses attributed their increases in applications to more aggressive recruitment campaigns and to improved campus reputations.

"Our new director has addressed new energies with new publications, more campus visits, and direct mailing," said Philip Cauley, associate director of admissions at Western Carolina University. "Our new chancellor has tried to implement new programs and raise the bar on standards."

Cauley said the number of applications reflected the efforts at his school. So far, WCU received 3,241 applications compared to 3,029 applications at the same time last year.

Jerry Clayton, associate director of admissions at East Carolina University, said the improved perception of his uni-

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See you soon

Sad as it is, this is the last issue of The Daily Tar Heel until after Spring Break.

However, don't fret, we will resume normal publication when classes resume March 17.

Also, anyone who wants to be involved in the selection process to choose the next editor of The Daily Tar Heel can pick up an editor selection committee application at the Student Union desk.

The DTH board of directors will select the eight at-large students for the selection committee from among all applicants.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 21, and applicants will be notified of their status March 28.

Applications for DTH editor are also currently available. They are due by 5 p.m. March 21.

The selection process will take place April 5 and includes an interview and a lengthy application.

Contact DTH Editor Jeanne Fugate at 926-4026 with questions.

— The Editors

Someday the sun is going to shine down on me in some faraway place.

Mahalia Jackson