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CHANGE OF THE GUARD

New student leaders sworn in as Dearmin ends term in office

Bidding adieu to campus politics

BY KATIE HOFFMANN
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The baton of UNC's student leadership was passed into new hands Tuesday as more than 50 students were inducted into next year's student government.

"This is an amazing opportunity each year to stand at the brink of a new year of student leadership," said Jon Curtis, assistant director for student activities and organizations.

In his first address as student body president, James Allred

emphasized his desire to help students and motivate the community.

"We often implore each other to hark the sound of Tar Heel voices," he said. "Can you hear it?"

Receiving a standing ovation, former Student Body President Seth Dearmin handed over his reins and became what he labeled a "has-been."

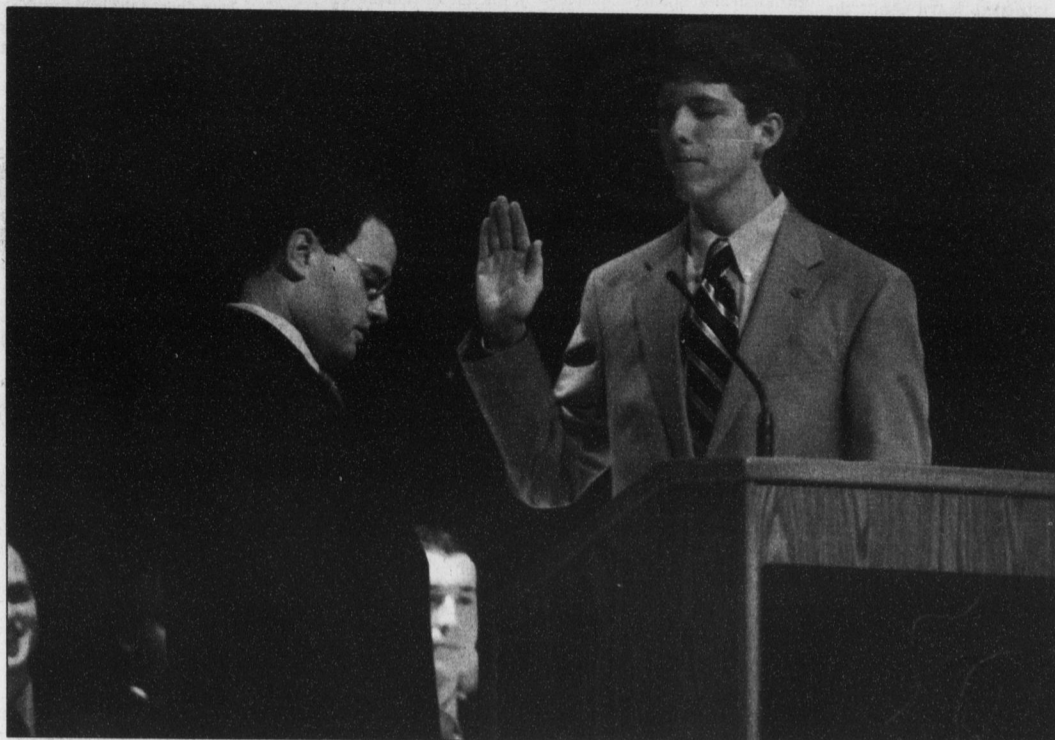
Dearmin said he has faith in his successor, describing Allred as humble and hard-working.

"He ran for student body president for all the right reasons, and I think each of you will see that in the coming year," he said.

After listening to each incoming student leader, Allred said he looked forward to helping them reach their visions.

"I think everyone has a really broad and exciting outline for this year," he said.

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James Allred is sworn in as student body president by Fred McPhail, chief justice of the Student Supreme Court, in the Great Hall on Tuesday. Allred and a barrage of other leaders took the oath of office at the inauguration ceremony, which lasted about an hour.

ALLRED PLANS TO FIRE OUT OF GATE

New president stresses summer work

BY WHITNEY KISLING
STAFF WRITER

Whether it be with internships, classes or vacations, most students load their calendars to the brim with activities when summer rolls around.

Student Body President James Allred is no different.

His inaugural speech Tuesday night wasn't his first encounter with the duties of the position.

Allred has spent the weeks since his Feb. 14 victory implementing his platform and establishing his cabinet.

Working with Chief of Staff, Christie Cunningham, Allred is drafting a document with a timeline of all the projects

he wants to address during his year in office.

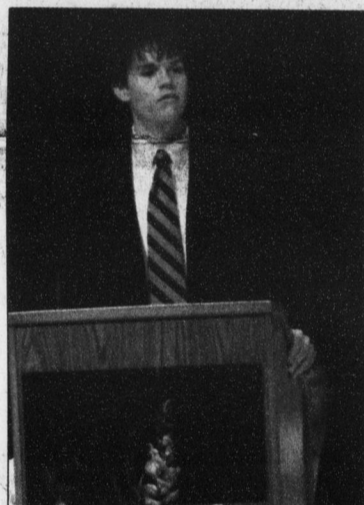
Brian Phelps, student body vice president, said that the schedule consists mostly of platform planks but that issues will be added as they arise.

Laying the groundwork

Allred said it is critical for a successful start to the term to set up his administration and to establish meetings with some of the 30 committees on which he serves.

"It's important for me to have an idea

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Seth Dearmin addressed the audience Tuesday before Allred was sworn in as his successor.

It is now official. James Allred is your new student body president after taking the oath of office about 8 p.m. Tuesday.

James is extremely passionate about this University and well-versed in its inner workings as he has called Chapel Hill home for the better part of his 21 years of life. He will serve the University well, and I look forward to seeing his goals come to fruition.

That said, it is time for me to pack up my office and leave the 'veto stamp' behind. I've never been good at goodbyes, but here goes nothing.

The last year of my life has been the most rewarding to date. In serving as your president, I have undoubtedly been the beneficiary of untold personal growth and the holder of an office through which I have had the privilege of representing more than 26,000 amazing students.

For being given this opportunity, I am deeply thankful.

When your 2005-06 executive branch officers stepped into our roles one year ago, we laid out three goals by which we would define success: better facilitating of student organizations, streamlining of resources and being approachable and accessible. One year later we have made tremendous progress in each of these areas.

Among the highlights of our work, number the creation of the Student Life Integrated Calendar of Events (SLICE); greater tuition predictability for students and families; and the establishment of a number of forums to aid student organizations in furthering collaboration.

The detailed successes of the executive branch will be covered in a future issue. SEE FAREWELL, PAGE 4

GUEST COLUMNIST

Seth Dearmin is a former student body president.

Next week: Judith Wegner

Senior class nets Guy for address

BY BRIAN HUDSON
NEWS EDITOR

With about a month left on their time at UNC, the seniors finally have their promised speaker.

Class officers announced earlier this week that Jasmine Guy, a cast member of "The Cosby Show" spin-off "A Different World," was secured to speak in the Senior Class Address.

The May 12 event is scheduled for the Friday before Commencement. The address was introduced as an alternative to the Commencement speaker, which students have less input in picking.

Guy's speaking fee is \$10,000, including travel and hotel accommodation, said Bobby Whisnant, senior class president.

The Office of the Provost will provide \$5,000 — the same amount given to bring comedian Mo Rocca to campus for last year's address.



Jasmine Guy will give the second Senior Class Address and follow in Mo Rocca's footsteps.

But that does not mean administrators will provide that much every year, said Steve Allred, executive associate provost.

Whisnant said he has conferred with student government about providing some funds, but the senior class is capable of covering the rest of the cost.

The class's bankroll comes from fundraising efforts, such as T-shirt sales and senior bar nights, he said.

Whisnant listed dozens of speakers who senior officials had

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"I was ready for a new opportunity." NANCY SUTTENFIELD, UNC VICE CHANCELLOR FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Suttenfield accepts WFU post

Leader oversaw UNC cash flow

BY BRIAN HUDSON
NEWS EDITOR

The exodus of campus administrators continued Wednesday when Wake Forest University announced that it courted away Nancy Suttenfield, UNC's vice chancellor for finance and administration.

As of Aug. 1 Suttenfield will be senior vice president and chief financial officer for Wake Forest, making her the third top administrator to announce plans to leave UNC in recent months.

She said she heard news of her hire last week and informed colleagues Monday afternoon of her intent to leave. Before that, she had kept discussions with Wake Forest confidential, she said.

Chancellor James Moeser said

Wednesday night that he was surprised by her decision to leave, though transition is a common trend in higher education.

"I don't attribute any significance to it," he said, referring to recent trend of UNC administrators leaving. "This is the way institutions refresh themselves — by ordinary transition."

Suttenfield said she was recruited by what is known in the academic field as a "headhunter," a firm that seeks applicants for open positions.

While she had been contacted by headhunters before, it was the blank slate of the position at Wake Forest that attracted her.

"There was the opportunity to shape the position around my professional interests and strengths," she said.

At Wake Forest, Suttenfield will be involved in implementing President Nathan Hatch's vision. She said she will develop a



Nancy Suttenfield has served as a UNC finance administrator since she was hired in 2000.

strategic financial plan for the private Winston-Salem school, much like she did at UNC.

"I have moved us from a situation where we developed budgets year by year without ever looking out," Suttenfield said.

Suttenfield was the first major hire Moeser made after he became chancellor in 2000.

Soon afterward, N.C. voters passed a Higher Education Bond Referendum that brought more than \$500 million in capital funding to UNC.

Suttenfield was charged with overseeing the progress of the money, which has funded a third

of the campus's massive ongoing construction program. About 90 percent of the projects have been completed or are under contract.

"That was my primary challenge, and I have now completed most of that," she said. "I was ready for a new opportunity. This is a new opportunity to join a new president and a new administration."

Suttenfield's announcement further adds to the transition of Moeser's cabinet, which was jared in January when Provost Robert Shelton, the campus's chief academic officer, was selected to be president of the University of Arizona at Tucson.

"I'm saddened by this," Moeser said. "But I'm happy for them."

Jerry Lucido, vice provost for enrollment policy and manage-

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EDITOR'S BLOG Reflections on the process of selecting next year's editor

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A CALL TO ACT
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BY THE BOOK
Despite recent contention regarding aspects of the program, the Appalachian State University textbook rental program appears here to stay.

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Coach Dean Smith earns his first championship ring as the Tar Heels beat Georgetown, 63-62, on a dramatic shot by freshman Michael Jordan.

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