

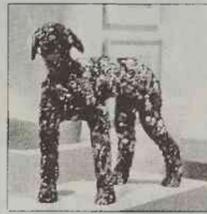
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Results of 2000 elections

Education improvement bond passes with the majority of the vote



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Kevin Skolnik, an undeclared freshman, encourages students to vote Nov. 7.

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Staff Writer

Government Association held a bond rally in the dining hall that encouraged students to vote for the bond.

According to the bond referendum, UNCA will receive \$49,912,400. N.C. State University will receive \$449,308,700, and UNC-Chapel Hill will receive \$499,286,100. Some students said they question the fact that this bond gave more money to those schools and less to UNCA.

On Nov. 6, the Student

think we are getting a disproportionate amount," said John Tan, a senior computer science major. "If these schools are getting 10 times as much, (they) should have 10 times the students."

According to Southern, this is not the case, and UNCA and smaller schools actually make out better than the larger schools.

"Overall, it has been fair as far as the allocation of funds for the bond," said Southern. "They took a year-long

study of every university to see what was needed and what was really necessary."

The bond carried in 99 out of 100 counties in N.C. A preliminary report says that Stanley County was the only county that did not approve the bond. In Buncombe County, roughly 75 percent of voters approved the bond, according to Byers.

"This is a mandate for education that the voters of N.C. came out in full force," said Ryan Southern, SGA president and a junior multimedia arts and science major. "This says our state is definitely committed to higher education."

The bond will provide funds for seven main projects on campus. The first priority is the renovation and expansion of the Highsmith Center, according to Southern.

"The other things that will be going on with this money include a new math and science building, renovation of Carmichael Hall and Zagier Hall, a new physical plant building and smaller general campus improvements," said Southern.

The bond is not only beneficial for UNCA, but also for the entire UNC-college system. The funds will be used solely to construct new buildings and to renovate

and modernize existing buildings on the state's 59 community college and 16 UNC public campuses, according to Southern.

"This is a big boost of morale," said Southern. "This is going to make the system ready for the 21st century. N.C.'s higher education system is known internationally for setting standards of excellence and quality, and this is going to put us that much further ahead."

Students said they are happy that the bond passed and needed funds will come to UNCA.

"I really think UNCA needs money for improvements, and the bond is a good way to get that money," said Anne Moukperian, a sophomore political science major.

The rally held in response to the bond brought together several political figures including Senators Charles Carter (Dem.) and Steve Metcalf (Rep.), Representatives Wilma Sherrill (Rep.), Lanier Cansler (Rep.), and Martin Nesbitt (Dem.).

"The message of the rally was to show students that our local legislators were really behind the bond as

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Student arrested on five counts

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Eric Daryl Wilson, a former UNCA and WCU student, was arrested and charged Oct. 30 with one felony count of breaking and entering, three counts of indecent exposure, and one count of resisting/obstructing an officer by giving false information, according to Jerry Adams, public safety investigator.

"I think this guy must have some problems to just walk into a girl's room and stare at her like he did," said Danny Proctor, a sophomore atmospheric science major. "I am glad of the quick response of public safety, and everyone involved to get this guy off our campus."

On Oct. 29, several students in Founders Hall reported to public safety that a male had walked into their room during the evening while one of

the victims was in the shower, pulled back the shower curtain and stared at her for several minutes, according to Adams.

"I was very shocked that this was happening to me," said the victim, who wishes to remain anonymous. "Not really knowing what to do, I covered my chest with my hands, and then, squatted down so my knees were covering my whole upper body."

"I managed to yell out 'what are you doing here?'" said the victim.

"He said 'I was looking for somebody.' At this point, my brain had come together, and I said, 'OK, well I am not that person, and you need to leave.' He stared at me for about 10 more seconds and then left."

When Wilson was apprehended by public safety, he wrote a statement admitting to the indecent exposure. He

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Presidential election still undecided, other election outcomes apparent

2000 presidential election ballots still being tallied

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Americans cast some 100 million votes Nov. 7 for the presidential candidates, with 48,591,357 for Democrat Al Gore and 48,421,815 for Republican George W. Bush, as of 10 p.m. Nov. 8. That left the candidates tied at 48 percent, according to a Nov. 8 Associated Press article.

Despite Bush's assertion of a complete vote in Florida, a small number of absentee ballots remain uncounted. Fewer than 1,800 votes separated the two men at last count, with Bush having the edge.

Gore lost the state of Arkansas, Clinton's home state, and his own state, Tennessee, in electoral votes. In Tennessee, two-thirds of those polled said it made no difference in their voting decision that Gore was from their state.

No president has been elected without carrying his home state since Woodrow Wilson, a former governor of New Jersey, who lost that state in the 1916 election, according to a Nov. 8 New York Times article.

However, Florida officials began recounting nearly 6 million ballots Nov. 8 to determine the next president, while Democrats, and some voters, complained of irregularities in the election.

The recount in all 67 Florida counties was triggered by state law, since Bush led Gore by less than one-half of 1 percent of the vote. State officials said they will count every ballot over again, and expect to be finished by the end of Nov. 9, according to a Nov. 8 CNN.com article.

The scrutiny was intense because Florida, with its 25 electoral votes, will decide the winner of the presidential election, according to the AP. In an added twist, the

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Democrats dominate N.C. 2000 election

N.C. Governor	U.S. Rep.	N.C. Rep.
Mike Easley-winner (Democrat) Votes: 1,492,170	Charles Taylor-winner (Republican) Votes: 144,360	Wilma B. Sherrill-winner (Republican) Votes: 41,080
Richard Vinroot (Republican) Votes: 1,335,862	Sam Neill (Democrat) Votes: 111,232	Martin L. Nesbitt-winner (Democrat) Votes: 38,193
Barbara Howe (Libertarian) Votes: 40,550		Lanier Cansler-winner (Republican) Votes: 37,749
N.C. Senate	N.C. Lt. Governor	Buncombe Co. Commissioners
Steve Metcalf-winner (Democrat) Votes: 40,949	Beverly Purdue-winner (Democrat) Votes: 1,416,148	David Gantt-winner (Democrat) Votes: 44,329
Charles Carter-winner (Democrat) Votes: 39,528	Betsy Cochrane (Republican) Votes: 1,238,931	David Young-winner (Democrat) Votes: 43,473
Jesse Ledbetter (Republican) Votes: 31,534	Catherine Carter (Reform Party) Votes: 48,503	Patsy Kever-winner (Democrat) Votes: 43,702
		Bill Stanley-winner (Democrat) Votes: 41,489

Event responds to hate speech

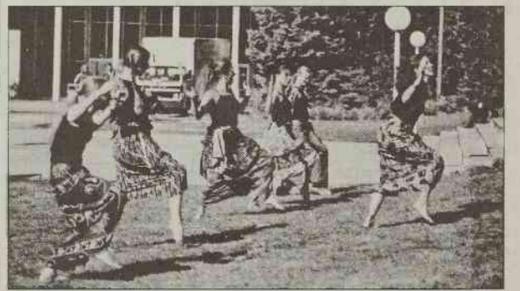


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UNCA's African dance class performs during the Unity as Community event Oct. 31.

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Staff Writer

Several freshmen students said they combated discrimination at UNCA in a positive way by organizing Unity as Community, an event created to respond to several instances of anti-homosexual graffiti in Founders Hall.

"I do not think you can make a difference by preaching to people," said Kati Bray, a freshman biology major and co-organizer the event. "They tried to do that with the Diversity Forum, and I do not think that is the most effective way to solve the problem. We wanted to create a more positive, fun (event), instead of a lecture."

Members of a first-year ex-

perience writing course put together the event with the help of Ada Volkmer and Mary Beth Hayes, both members of the Key Center for Service Learning, according to Dale Roberts, director of the key center and professor of the writing course.

"Volkmer and Hayes helped with the telephone calls and logistics, but this was a student-led and student-organized event from the beginning," said Roberts. "Students designed the program, created the posters, made the banners (and) wrote chalk messages on the sidewalk."

Truth Wingfield, an undeclared freshman, initiated the planning for the event when she came to class disturbed by

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