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Wallace sweeps mayor's race

The victor celebrates quietly in his home

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At 8 p.m. the Jimmy Wallace household was quiet. Approximately a dozen people quietly sipped drinks and nibbled at ham biscuits while a fire blazed in the fireplace.

By 9:30 the fire had died out, but the house quaked with the sounds of victory as nearly 40 well-wishers celebrated Wallace's resounding victory over Gerry Cohen in the Chapel Hill mayoral election.

Only two-thirds of the votes had been counted, but an insurmountable Wallace lead had just been announced, and an elated campaign workers shouted, "That's it, that'll do it."

A few minutes later the room was suddenly silenced as Cohen's voice came over the radio. The Wallace supporters gathered quietly to hear their victory confirmed by the conceding opponent.

Wallace stood apart from the throng, appearing calm but relieved. "I expected him to do better," he said of Cohen, "but we wanted it, and we got it."

A friend, holding a drink, congratulated Wallace from across the room, and Wallace answered with a grin, "I'm gonna have some of that in a minute."

A woman entered with "roses for the new mayor," while Wallace's 14-year-old son Isaac said he had known all along his dad would win.

Wallace, who will be inaugurated Dec. 8, said, "I'll be spending my time now in a 'get acquainted' session with the Board of

Aldermen. We'll use this time wisely I hope, so that we can get to work right away when I take office.

"It's been an amicable campaign. I like Gerry and I think he sort of likes me."

Meanwhile, more than 100 Cohen workers, supporters and friends crowded into the Cat's Cradle tavern. Most appeared to be students and young adults, although a few older citizens dropped by.

Most were disappointed but not discouraged.

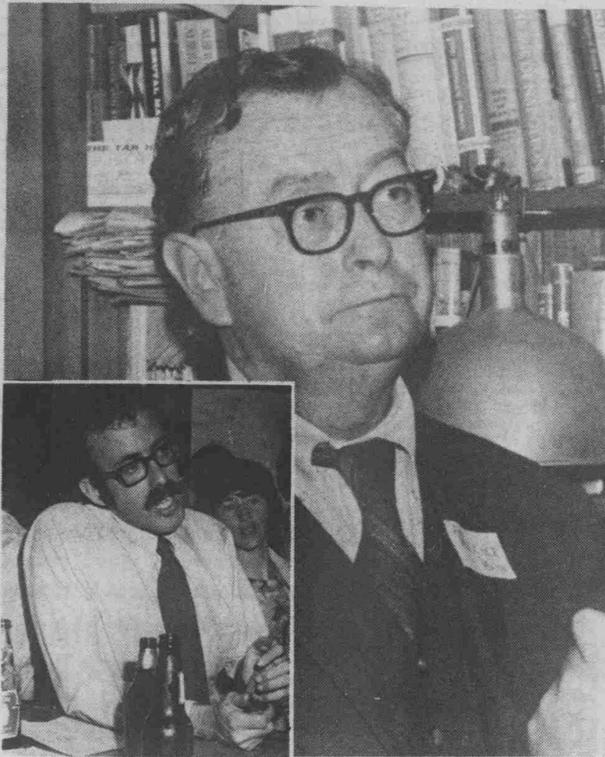
"This was a campaign where people could say things and use issues without fear of the types of things that happened in the past," Cohen said. "I'm disappointed that the people of the community were afraid of the future."

Cohen praised the victories of alderman candidates Jonathan Howes, Ed Vickery and Robert Epting, saying, "I think we're going to have more progressive government in Chapel Hill than we have had in the past."

With two years remaining in his aldermanic term, Cohen said, "Jimmy Wallace and the next administration have my best support in progressive programs in the next four years. I'm very hopeful for the future."

As it became apparent that Cohen would win in no more than two or three precincts, many people in the tavern, including Cohen, became analytical, but except for a stream of handshakes and hugs, there was no great outpouring of emotion.

Several people, including Cohen, said lower-than-expected turnouts of blacks and students was the major reason why the race was not closer.



Election night

Victorious Chapel Hill mayor-elect Jimmy Wallace celebrates in his home, while the man he defeated, Gerry Cohen, consoles himself in Cat's Cradle

Vickery, Howes, Epting, Silver, Smith win board

by Richard Whittle, reports from Sue Cobb, Vernon Loeb, Tim Pittman, Vernon Mays, Bruce Henderson and Bob King

James C. "Jimmy" Wallace, a 52-year-old North Carolina State University professor, scored an overwhelming victory over opponent Gerry Cohen taking 64 per cent of the vote in Tuesday's nonpartisan municipal elections to become the new mayor of Chapel Hill.

Meanwhile, in the 14-candidate contest for five Board of Aldermen seats, Chapel Hill Planning Board Chairperson Jonathan Howes led the field, followed by W. Edward Vickery, an economist at the Research Triangle Institute; Robert Epting, a local attorney; R.D. Smith, assistant principal of Chapel Hill High School and the only incumbent running; and Marvin Silver, a UNC physics professor.

Silver edged out political newcomer William H. "Bill" Thorpe by 41 votes. Thorpe is an N.C. Department of Labor employee and one of two blacks in the race.

With all 15 Chapel Hill precincts reporting Wallace took 3,922 of 6,171 votes cast, defeating the 25-year-old Cohen, a current member of the Board of Aldermen. Cohen will retain his seat, despite losing the mayor's race.

Wallace will replace Howard N. Lee, who has been mayor since 1969.

Voters also approved two bond issues totalling \$525,000.

Contacted Tuesday night, Howes said he owes his win in the alderman race mainly to friends and supporters and said his election victory will allow him to use his expertise in city planning for the good of the town.

"I'm looking forward to joining the Board of Aldermen, and I'm hoping I can work hard to bring careful planning to the community and help establish a representative government for Chapel Hill," Howes said.

The second-highest vote-getter, Vickery, said, "I was pretty surprised by the number of votes I received." He also attributed his win to his campaign supporters.

But Vickery said he thinks his win reflects the voters' confidence in his skills as an economist. "There were a number of complex issues in the campaign," Vickery said, "and the people were worried. They wanted to have a board they could have confidence in."

Robert Epting, who finished third with 2,827 votes, celebrated his win with kegs of beer and food in his law office. He said he was delighted to be one of five new board members, adding, "I hope I can bear out the faith we've received from the students and the townspeople."

Incumbent R.D. Smith, who has been on the board 10 years—longer than any other current member—said, "I appreciate the confidence the people of Chapel Hill had in reelecting me."

The contest for the fifth board seat was characterized by a see-saw battle between Silver and William Thorpe. Silver said each of the new board members has "something special to contribute—the folks of Chapel Hill just elected themselves a whale of a board."

Thorpe could not be reached for comment.

Mayor-elect Wallace brings a long record of accomplishments to his new post. A Chapel Hill resident since he entered UNC in 1940—with the exception of one three-year period—he holds degrees in physics, mathematics, history, law and public health.

The owner of two travel agencies and two farms, Wallace served 10 months of a two-year Board of Aldermen term in 1971, resigning to accept a nomination to the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission. He has also served on the town Planning Board and has long been characterized as an outspoken environmentalist.

Coalition wins three of four

by Merton Vance
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Ruth West, a 65-year-old housewife, became the new mayor of Carrboro Tuesday night, defeating Fred Chamblee by a vote of 777 to 549.

In the Carrboro Aldermen race, Robert Drakeford, Lacy C. Farrell and Ernie Patterson defeated challengers Mike Caldwell, Lynda deFries, W. Marvin Nipper, John E. Thomas and Nancy L. White. Drakeford received 723 votes, Patterson 578 and Farrell 564.

James Riddle and Phyllis Sockwell won

election to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, defeating incumbents Samuel Holton and Peachee Wicker.

The final vote tally in the school board race showed Sockwell with 255 votes; Riddle, 175; Wicker, 163 and Holton, 147.

"I'm very happy," West said after her victory, adding that she is pleased with the strong showing of the Carrboro Coalition, a political group which supported West, Drakeford and Patterson.

West said she thinks the coalition victory will help promote better cooperation between the Board of Aldermen and the mayor's office.

Fred Chamblee, a 36-year-old druggist defeated in his bid to be mayor, said, "I'm very disappointed with the poor showing I made. I extend my congratulations to Mrs. West and pledge my support to her."

Drakeford said his first priority as alderman is to develop a bus system for Carrboro. The bus system was a key issue in the coalition platform.

He added that he plans to begin work immediately on developing bike paths and recreation programs and also wants to do away with Carrboro's "blue laws," which prevent businesses from opening on Sundays.

School board victor Sockwell said she is

pleased with the support she received and thinks the incumbents were defeated because "the people were ready for a change."

Wicker said she was disappointed at her defeat, but that "the people have spoken, and they did not want the incumbents on the board."

She added that she was disappointed with the small turnout, estimated at 36 to 39 per cent of the registered voters.

Samuel Holton said although he is disappointed with his defeat, "We got two very fine people elected." He said he does not know how to interpret the fact that the two school board incumbents lost the election.

Inn officials propose merit pay increase for disgruntled employee

by Ben Dobson
Staff Contributor

A Carolina Inn employee who filed a grievance charging the Inn with unfair discrimination by not voluntarily granting him a merit pay increase in five years will be recommended for a merit pay increase, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business John Temple said Tuesday.

Dishwasher Clifton Baldwin was recommended for the merit pay increase primarily because Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor said, in a reply to a grievance report on the Baldwin case, that all University working units must award merit pay increments to the most deserving two-thirds of its employees, Temple said.

He also said Baldwin is more deserving than he was one and a half months ago since his work has improved substantially. Temple denied that the publicity of the Baldwin grievance influenced Inn officials' decision to grant Baldwin a raise.

The recommendation for the raise depends on approval from the Department of Personnel. Although the department has not received the recommendation, Temple said it should be submitted within the week.

Baldwin said Tuesday he was told by Inn Food Service Director Harry Finley that morning that Baldwin would receive a merit increment award for the

1975-76 fiscal year, retroactive to July 1. Baldwin filed a three-part grievance during the summer contending that the Inn management had failed to give him a merit raise during his five-year employment, that the Inn owes him back pay and that his workload is too heavy for his salary.

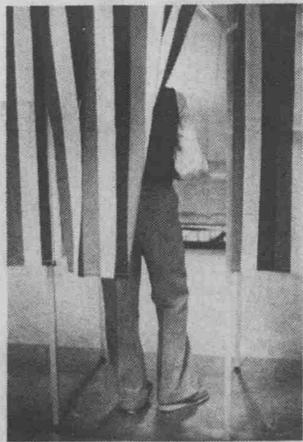
The University Staff Employee Grievance Committee ruled the latter two complaints invalid but declared that Baldwin deserves the merit increase. In its report on the case, the committee stated that Inn employees are not given treatment equal to that of other state employees.

Baldwin, dissatisfied with the first two rulings, has appealed his complaint to the State Personnel Grievance Committee.

Merit pay increases cannot be made until the Employee Records division of the University Department of Personnel receives official forms and a letter of recommendation from the employee's supervisors, department director Jack Gunnels said.

In Baldwin's case, Inn manager Carl Moser and Finley must recommend Baldwin for the pay increase.

If the Department of Personnel approves the recommendations, Baldwin and five other employees will receive merit increases equal to five per cent. Baldwin's merit increment would add \$270 to his present salary of \$5,400.



Staff photo by Alice Boyle

A voter stands behind curtains at the Woolen Gym poll Tuesday.

Media Board postpones report on Tar Heel financial practices

by Nancy Mattox
Staff Writer

The Media Board special committee to investigate the financial practices of the Daily Tar Heel postponed the scheduled presentation of its 59-page report Tuesday because the committee believes the report is superficial, committee chairperson Rob Price said Tuesday.

Price said he thinks the postponement shows a "lack of backbone" on the part of the committee. "If that (an investigation) was the reason the committee had been set up, why didn't they do that?" Price said.

The committee, established by the Media Board Sept. 7, was scheduled to report its findings sometime this week. When the committee will present a revised report is now uncertain because the committee wants

to make a more comprehensive investigation, Price said.

The six-member Media Board committee was established to examine DTH's exact financial condition and possibly recommend exemptions from the treasury laws.

The investigation was prompted after the newspaper was forced to cancel two issues in September which followed former Student Body Treasurer Mike O'Neal's refusal to release a portion of the paper's Student Government allocation.

O'Neal claimed that the paper was in potential financial danger, but DTH Business Manager Reynolds Baily denied this, saying that due to Student Government treasury laws, the paper had been forced to work under abnormal business conditions. Baily said Tuesday he is disappointed

with the committee's decision to postpone its report. Baily said he and other DTH personnel were asked to answer approximately 20 questions posed by the committee. The replies amounted to approximately 21 pages of data used in the report, he said.

Baily said he fears that "anything that comes out of the committee now will be purely political."

Although the committee was expected to begin meeting in mid-September, it did not meet until Oct. 21. Price said former Media Board Chairperson Dick Pope told him he had had problems finding members to serve on the committee.

The committee is expected to begin a reexamination of its recommendations at the Media Board meeting Thursday.

Homecoming King may file suit

by Tim Pittman
Staff Writer

Charging that the Athletic Department reneged on its contract stipulations concerning Saturday's Homecoming ceremony procedure, Homecoming King Delmar Williams said Tuesday he has contacted a lawyer and is considering filing suit.

Williams said five of the contract clauses were either ignored or partially violated, but he said he could not release specific details of the complaint or plans to file suit until legal action was taken.

At the Homecoming ceremony, the most noticeable deviations from the agreement were:

- the Homecoming Court was not standing between the 20 and 40 yard-lines;

- the high vote getter among the female candidates was designated as Homecoming Queen, not Honorary Homecoming Queen as the contract required;

- Williams was not escorted to the 50 yard-line at the time specified by the contract.

The contract was drawn up as a compromise between Williams and Sports Information Director Rick Brewer after the Athletic Department threatened to eliminate the Homecoming ceremony if Williams

insisted on remaining on the Homecoming Court.

The compromise stated that the ceremony would take place under specific stipulations agreed upon by both Brewer and Williams.

"I'm concerned about my rights," Williams said. "In this case my rights were ignored. I signed the contract with the idea that the obligations would be upheld by all parties involved."

Brewer agreed that discrepancies existed between the contract and the actual ceremony, but he said such violations could not be controlled by officials on the sidelines.

"It's been pretty obvious that what

Williams had done has been to get publicity," Brewer said. "I don't know whether this is just a continuation of that (publicity seeking) or not."

Williams denied that he was trying to get publicity. "My agreement was obviously not carried out," he said.

"I wouldn't think twice about it if all the things were done. If publicity is involved, it is negative publicity for refusing to carry out my contract."

Brewer said he does not know whether the Athletic Department would respond to the suit.

Athletic Director Homer Rice refused to comment.