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## Wallace wins over Berger in SBP election

### Berger says defeat caused by 'right-wing' negative campaign

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Patricia Wallace defeated Doug Berger in the runoff election for student body president, according to last night's unofficial vote count. Elections Board Chairman Edwin Fountain will announce the official count today.

At one point during last night's tallying, Wallace led Berger by over 1,000 votes and finally won 2,834-1,922. She attributed her win to the organization of her campaign and to the integrity of her campaign workers. "It just goes to show that a bunch of wonderful people who care very much about Student Government can definitely motivate this campus," she said.

But behind the jubilation on the Wallace side of the Great Hall last night hung memories of the negative campaigning during the last few weeks and especially of the right-wing attacks on Berger Monday night.

Three anti-Berger posters had appeared on campus since Monday, one labeling him "the socialist candidate." Wallace denounced all the anti-Berger materials, saying that as president, she hoped to work with the Elections Board to discourage negative campaigning in the future.

"The negative campaigning doesn't really help anybody," Wallace said. "I have no idea who did it, but it was no one who was directly involved in my campaign."

Berger attributed the negative campaigning to a small group of right-wing students. He said it worked well in hurting his campaign because he had no opportunity to respond to it.

"Fairness goes beyond free speech because it must exist in a marketplace of ideas competing with each other," he said.

In addition to the anti-Berger posters,

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— Doug Berger

Berger said people harassed a blind campaign worker and falsely campaigned door-to-door for him Monday night, asking students to elect the "socialist candidate."

"My campaign was viciously smeared by those who wanted to further their own far-right aims," he said. "(The negative campaigning) came from those who viciously attacked me for supporting human rights for gay and lesbian people and from those who copied Joe McCarthy's tactics by distorting the truth and playing on people's fears toward democratic socialism."

Berger also said *The Daily Tar Heel* played a role in the negative campaigning with its endorsement of Wallace and by printing a letter to the editor critical of Berger. "The saddest thing of all is that *The Daily Tar Heel* set the tone for McCarthyism with its vicious attacks on my character and credibility," he said.

Despite his loss, Berger said his campaign was far from a failure because he gained widespread support as a progressive candidate and brought important issues to light.

"I think it is clear that my candidacy transformed the campaign from a traditional personality contest into an issues-oriented, educational campaign," Berger said.



DTH/Larry Childress

### The final vote

Patricia Wallace receives a hug from a supporter last night in the Great Hall as she celebrates her victory in the race for student body president. Below at left, Black Student Movement President Sherrod Banks discusses the BSM's defeated bid for constitutional funding.

## BSM funding fails again by narrow margin

By KELLY SIMMONS  
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After a reprieve from last week's defeat, Black Student Movement constitutional funding failed to pass again last night by only 94 votes. The unofficial count was 2,350-2,256.

"I hope the student body realizes the signal it has sent to black students on this campus and to potential black UNC students," said BSM President Sherrod Banks. "The student body has said that philosophical arguments against constitutional funding are more important than ensuring an institution that recruits minority students for the purpose of true integration."

The BSM referendum was back on the ballot this week because of polling disparities and illegible ballots during last week's elections.

Although the student body voted down the referendum again, Banks said the efforts of the BSM had increased recognition of the organization.

"Some students within the BSM might think their labor was in vain; that's not true," Banks said. "Before this year a lot of students didn't know what the BSM was."

Banks said he felt negative campaign literature distributed Monday night about student body president candidate

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Doug Berger affected the BSM vote because Berger associated himself with the BSM.

The posters read, "Vote Doug Berger the socialist candidate for student body president."

"It's really, really sick that people would print it. That's more frightening to me than the defeat of BSM constitutional funding," Banks said.

Berger also said he thought the attacks against him hurt the BSM. "People strongly associated me with the BSM," he said. "People voted against me and the BSM."

"I think traditionally red-baiting and race-baiting go hand in hand," Berger said.

Berger also blames *The Daily Tar Heel* and current SBP Paul Parker for the BSM loss. "The *Daily Tar Heel's* failure to come out in full support (from the beginning) hurt its passage," he said.

"From the first editorial against BSM funding, they created a self-fulfilling prophecy that since there's a white majority on campus, there was no way BSM funding could pass."

Berger said that if *DTH* Editor Jeff Hiday and Parker had not "waffled" on the funding issue, it could have passed.

"Both Paul Parker and Jeff Hiday should carry this issue on their conscience for the rest of their lives," he said. "They contributed to the fostering of racial division on this campus as a result of their inconsistent and weak leadership."

Hiday called Berger's remarks unfounded after the *DTH* had supported BSM funding. "I'm surprised Doug would go so far as to call me a racist, especially considering that we strongly endorsed BSM constitutional funding," Hiday said.

"I very much respect Doug and his

candidacy, and I hope his harsh words simply reflect his frustration at having just lost two important elections (his and the BSM's)."

Parker echoed Hiday, attributing Berger's remarks to his bitterness after the defeat. "I am disappointed that the vote failed, as I supported BSM funding and I voted for it; I know Jeff did as well. I don't think that calls for a character assassination, and I think everyone but Doug knows that," Parker said.

BSM Central Committee member Tonya Smith, a junior, said the BSM's work for the funding would make the BSM even stronger next year, even though Banks would no longer be at UNC.

"A lot of people have the idea that since Sherrod is leaving the power of the BSM will go down," Smith said.

That won't happen, she said. But she added that the campus did not provide an appropriate atmosphere for minority students, a fact proven by decreasing minority enrollment.

"If someone black asked me if they should come here, I would say no," she said. "Carolina, for blacks, is not the place to be."

"That's why we have to come back even stronger next year."



DTH/Jeff Neuville

## Davidson leaves intensive care; condition improving steadily

By RUTHIE PIPKIN  
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After almost four weeks in the neuro-intensive care unit at N.C. Memorial Hospital, UNC junior varsity cheerleader Robin Davidson was moved Thursday to a private room and was reported to be in fair condition.

Davidson, who fell while dismounting from the top of a pyramid stunt before a women's basketball game Jan. 15 in Carmichael Auditorium, sat up in a chair Monday for the first time since her accident. Davidson's mother, Diane, said in an interview at the hospital yesterday, "She walked from the bed to the chair — it was just three steps — but they (her therapists) were real pleased she even put her weight on her feet."

Although she hasn't spoken yet, Davidson has been mouthing words and answering some questions through sign language, her mother said. "When she's awake she can comprehend what we're saying," Mrs. Davidson said. "She responds some with sign language. She said her name OK, and her boyfriend's name." Mrs. Davidson did not know her daughter knew sign language, but said she thought she might have learned

while working with handicapped children in high school.

Davidson is continuing to have physical therapy and is working on moving her arms and legs, Mrs. Davidson said.

One doctor at NCMH said Davidson's progress was astounding because there was an 80 percent mortality rate among patients suffering from her type of brain injury. "They're not treating her for a skull fracture like all the papers have been saying," Mrs. Davidson said. "It was a brain injury that caused the problem."

Yesterday marked four weeks since Davidson entered the hospital, and Mrs. Davidson has stayed with her daughter almost every minute.

Although she now is sleeping in Davidson's room, Mrs. Davidson said she and her husband stayed in special accommodations for visitors in NCMH while their daughter was in neuro-intensive care. They took turns sleeping so one would always be near.

"This is the longest I've been awake," Mrs. Davidson said. "I've gone out to eat four times since I've been here. I've been out four hours in four weeks. . . . It's hard to get your days and nights

straight."

Through the days of waiting, Mrs. Davidson said she never stopped believing her daughter would recover. "We've had a lot of support from a lot of people," she said. "A lot of people are praying for her, and that has made all the difference."

"The medical staff is great but they can only do so much, then it's up to a higher power. I really felt the whole time she'd be all right. I kept telling them the whole time she'd be all right. . . ."

Mrs. Davidson said she knew her daughter's recovery would take time, and that she didn't expect her to return to school before fall. "We're really positive about it," she said. "It's just going to take her awhile. But we never doubted."

"It's important for her to know her friends are still there. The staff, the nurses, the hospital, the students and all her friends have really been great. It's really helped us out a lot," she said. "We couldn't have made it through this critical time without them. . . . You just don't realize how many great people there are until something like that happens."

minds of men," Schroeder said. "In my 12 years on the Armed Services Committee, I never met an American who wasn't for a strong America — but what does strong mean?"

Schroeder, whose speech was the second annual Clay Price Peace Lecture, was elected to Congress in 1973 and was the first woman to serve on the Armed Services Committee. She has been an advocate of women's issues.

defense policy and cuts in military spending.

Schroeder said America became the leader of the free world after World War II, despite having only 6 percent of the world's population, but has overextended itself with military commitments to other nations.

"By 1955, a lot of our allies were starting to get on their feet (militarily), but we kept telling them we'd take care of it," she said. "Today, one-half of our military is deployed around the world — that's \$90,000 per person to deploy a person to Germany — that's too many and too costly."

"While they are our allies militarily, they are trading competitors," she said. "They can be stronger traders if they spend less on defense, and they encourage us to spend it for them. . . . Japan leads world trade but doesn't want to spend more than 1 percent of its gross national product on defense — their constitution may say not to raise an army, but there's no reason they can't pay. We have allies who could provide much more in defense, and we'd be a much stronger world for it."

Reform for the national defense budget is vital, Schroeder said. "We measure only what we put in and not what we get out — we say 'how much did they spend?' without engaging in what we need and asking how we do it." Schroeder drew laughs when concluding her point, adding, "If they'd buy elephants, we'd buy elephants."

Schroeder also said the government



Schroeder

was shortchanging readiness and sustainability by investing in new weapons programs rather than maintaining existing ones. She added that the "\$600 toilet seats and anti-tank missiles that don't work in the dark have got to go."

"For so long we have not paid attention to conventional warfare — we were always under the nuclear umbrella . . . but today we're not really under that alternative," she said. "Our weapons systems need to be brought back to where they should be — simple, numerous and workable."

Military services should have one chief of staff, rather than four, to eliminate intermilitary competition and work towards greater consistency and efficiency, Schroeder said.

Schroeder called for arms control agreements with the Soviet Union that are verifiable, saying the "John Wayne Society and 'only wimps negotiate' attitude is harmful to arms agreements. The Russians won't drop out of the arms race by our continued defense buildup — the arms race is here to stay, what's the use? There is no emergency exit from this planet — we must do all we can to end this race."

According to Schroeder, the military currently has morale problems, caused by low pay for military personnel and lack of concern for the needs of military families.

"Many military families are on food stamps because they don't earn enough," she said. "Something's wrong here. Military families move on the average of every two and a half years, which is too often and too costly. There are a lack of day care services for them. The lack of family support is the major reason they get out of the service."

*Nobody, including the Supreme Court, knows what obscenity is. — Norman Dorsen*