

Delayed outcome

Due to computer error, senior class election results inconclusive

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Due to a computer malfunction, the results of the election for senior class officers were inconclusive, Julie Miller, Elections Board chairwoman, said early this morning.

"The senior class computer card is not being properly read," Miller said. The reason for the malfunction was not discovered until the results for all but one precinct were reported.

"The senior class computer card was misprogrammed," she said. "It was an easily correctable error, thank goodness."

Unofficial results for the senior class officers election were re-tabulated early this morning, Miller said.

The preliminary results showed Steve Tepper and David Adams as the unofficial winners for the office of senior class president and vice president. However, the preliminary results may not indicate the race's final outcome, Miller said.

The candidates for president and vice president said the preliminary results did not at all indicate the true outcome of the race.

"I think they're (Tepper and Adams) strong candidates, but in some way we all are strong," presidential candidate Todd Sparger said.

There will definitely be a runoff, Sparger said, and he hopes he and his running mate, Anita Gillis, will be in it.

Many of the candidates for senior class offices said they thought the results were obviously wrong.

"The computer system is completely messed up," presidential candidate Pat Sarsfield said. "Kim (Jordan) and I figured that Lewis and the North Campus area would be our

strong point. We only got one vote at that pollsite. Obviously we have no way of knowing if these results are indicative."

Anna Shedden and Jamie McLawhorn said the Campus Y should have been their strong area.

"We know five to six times that number (recorded for the Campus Y pollsites) would have voted," Shedden said.

Elections Board officials said this morning that the races for senior class secretary and treasurer were too close to predict.

Representatives voted into Student Congress

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Student Congress positions in 20 voting districts were filled with choices from the ballot as well as with write-in choices Tuesday night during campus elections.

These results are unofficial, but the ballots will be rechecked by the elections board and finalized by Thursday evening, Julie Miller, Elections Board chairwoman, said early this morning.

Representatives from 20 districts make up the legislative branch of Student Government. The first nine districts represent graduate students, and the remaining 11 represent undergraduates.

The newly-elected representative in District 1 is Jamie Thomasson. Thomasson defeated her opponent, David Edquist, 123-78.

Scott Dratch, a write-in candidate, won the legislative seat in District 2.

Gillian Floren won the District 3

seat, also as a write-in candidate.

Jurgen Buchenau, who ran unopposed for the District 4 seat, was elected with 111 votes.

Curtis Small ran unopposed in District 5, winning with 54 votes. Jim Mock won the uncontested District 6 seat with 46 votes.

Write-in candidate Susan Kirshner was elected to the District 7 position. Pablo Valencia won in District 8 as a write-in choice.

Another write-in candidate, M. Maderia, was elected to the District 9 seat.

David Turlington and Ken Costner defeated Rob Benton in the contest for District 10, which has two representatives. Turlington received 86 votes, Costner received 68, and Benton received 41.

Carolyn Corr ran unopposed for the seat in District 11. She received 228 votes.

District 12 will be represented by Neil Riemann, who received 99 votes,

and Donnie Esposito, who received 54 votes. The pair defeated Paul Holcombe, who had 38 votes.

Brock Dickinson ran unopposed in District 13 and received 276 votes.

Stephanie Ahlschwede and Bobby Ferris filled the two seats in District 14. Ahlschwede received 132 votes and Ferris received 94. There were no other candidates for the positions.

Jay Horton won the position in District 15 with 186 votes.

The three open positions in District 16 were filled by Laura Snideman, Gavin Sundwall and Robert Beatty. Snideman received 85 votes, and Beatty and Sundwall each received 50 votes.

Shellie Berlin, with 30 votes, and Katherine Hortenstine, with 29 votes, defeated Mary Lisa Pories, who received 10 votes, for the two available positions in District 17.

Gene Davis was unopposed on the ballot, and received 71 votes in District 18. The district has two representative positions, and write-in

candidates J. McCall, M. Lotspeich and A. Hodges tied for the other positions, with two votes each.

Harry Bleattler and David McNeill filled the two available representative seats in District 19. Bleattler received 38 votes, and McNeill received 58 votes.

District 20 was open, but was filled with write-in choices. Lisa Madry received 12 votes. Gretchen Knight and C. Rouse tied for the other spot, with five votes each. Ties can be eliminated in several ways, Miller said. Candidates may be disqualified if they do not file a financial form listing campaign expenses with the Elections Board by 5 p.m. today, she said.

If the person chosen for the office was a write-in candidate, they may not be interested and may resign, Miller said.

If ties are not eliminated in these ways, the candidates will be involved in next Tuesday's runoff, she said.

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centrated on. I attribute a lot of my success to the people working for me."

Martin said he thinks he will be able to do well against Yelverton.

"He's a real strong candidate, that's obvious, but I think I'm a real strong candidate too," Martin said. "We have some momentum going."

Poston said although he is very excited about finishing third, he is planning to appeal the outcome because of an article that appeared in Tuesday's Daily Tar Heel that he said misrepresented him.

"I think that my finish is a major

victory for the conservative movement on this campus," Poston said. "But I'm planning to appeal this election since the article in today's paper unfairly attacked me."

Beasley said that although he expected a third place finish, he was happy with his supporters' efforts. He said he was somewhat surprised that Keith Poston did so well, because Poston has little experience in Student Government.

"I'm very happy about the effort my people and I put forth," Beasley said. "It's just unfortunate that one

month means more than two years (of experience)."

Lewis said he was somewhat disappointed by the results because he thought he'd finish higher.

"I thought I would get more votes, but it is hard to tell from the inside of a campaign," Lewis said. "All day there seemed to be more people voting, but there weren't."

Rierson said she's happy with her efforts because so many good candidates ran this year.

"I could have done better, but I'm not disappointed in myself," Rierson

said. "Student Government will be in good condition next year, no matter who's elected."

Maynard said that although he thought he ran a good campaign, he was disappointed for his supporters.

Brian Bailey, current student body president, said that although he isn't surprised with the order of finish, he is surprised by the margin of victory.

"There were a lot of strong candidates in this year's election," Bailey said. "The people working the winners' campaigns is what told the story tonight."

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Cobb received the most votes in the majority of the voting districts, with strong showings in Hinton James and Granville. Zellmer took the most votes in Lewis Residence Hall and the law school pollsites, while Randolph was the clear winner in Carmichael Residence Hall.

"I'm really happy to see how things turned out in James," Cobb said. "It's good to see the voters support me in my own area. I was surprised I did as well as I did in the North Campus dorms."

"I expected Jimmy to do well in Carmichael and Paula in Lewis. That's their home territories," he said.

But he said he was surprised Zellmer did not make a better showing overall.

Cobb said he had been optimistic about the election.

"I felt I would be able to make it to the runoff," he said.

Randolph also said he was very pleased with the outcome of the election.

"We were hoping to overcome the

fact that I was not in Suite B (RHA office) this year, and I think we have," he said.

"I guess I'm definitely happy because I thought I was the underdog going in," he said. "The votes I got were because people believed in me."

Randolph said he was surprised Cobb took such a large lead in the race.

"As similar as our platforms were, we would have been looking at a three-way logjam if it hadn't been for the endorsements," he said.

Cobb said he would rather have won the election without a runoff, but he was not disappointed with the results.

"Anytime there are three strong candidates in a race like this, it's tough to come away with one winner," he said.

Randolph said he thought the number of votes he and Zellmer received was so close, the results could change once the tabulations become official.

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approved by 65 percent of voters.

Neil Riemann, chairman of the Student Congress Finance Committee, said students showed greater support for the \$1 increase because it was designated to a specific cause.

"Students don't really mind paying for a good cause," he said. "I'm glad to see that students saw the potential of STV."

A referendum limiting the student

body treasurer to an advisory role on the congress was approved by 72 percent of the voters, and 61 percent approved a referendum moving the inauguration dates for all campus officers, except The Daily Tar Heel editor, to the first Tuesday in April.

Stuart Hathaway, chairman of the Student Congress Rules and Judiciary Committee, said he was happy

the changes were approved.

"Students saw the need to change the system," he said. "I'm glad truth and justice won in the end."

The sixth referendum on Tuesday's ballot, which was approved by 75 percent of the voters, will allow six organization names to be removed from the Student Constitution. The

groups are no longer bodies of Student Government.

Hathaway said he was surprised such a large percentage of students voted against the changes.

"Why hundreds of students would vote against cutting out the names of organizations that no longer exist is beyond me," he said.

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paigned strategies, but she said campaigning door-to-door is very important.

"That's when I actually get to find out what people think of the paper," Leinwand said.

Current DTH editor Jill Gerber

said the close results were not a surprise.

"I knew there would be a runoff, but I wasn't sure who would be involved," she said. "I think we all expected it would be a tight race."

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CAA president Geer re-elected to post

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The student body re-elected Carol Geer as president of Carolina Athletic Association, based on unofficial election results tabulated early this morning.

Geer, who received about 5,969 votes, ran unopposed. About 25 percent of the student body voted in Tuesday's elections.

"I'm excited about this year and relieved tonight is over," Geer said.

She said she was glad no one ran against her because as current president she was busy with basketball season and several other special projects.

"Maybe no one else running shows that nobody wants this job or that they (other possible candidates) thought this administration did a good job last year, and they want us to continue," Geer said.

Geer still campaigned by distributing fliers and hanging posters, but she did not have as much time to campaign door-to-door.

She said she prepared for the forums and received many good ideas from interested students at the forums and would try to

implement them.

Suggestions included allowing students to wait inside the Smith Center during ticket distribution, and punching students' athletic passes before they reach the ticket window, Geer said. Now, passes are punched when the students reach the window and when they receive their tickets.

Punching tickets while students were waiting in line would speed the process up at the window, she said.

Geer said she felt differently about last night's returns than she did about last year's elections.

"Obviously, last year I wasn't expecting to win, especially without a runoff," Geer said. "This year I expected to win."

"I'm still relieved to see this night over and that people still voted for me."

Geer said she plans to spend this year solidifying current projects and implementing new ones.

"I'm in a good position, with a good working relationship with the athletic department," Geer said. "They may let me try new ideas."

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