

Vote recount to decide Senate race

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More than a week after election day, the race for the 16th District N.C. Senate seat is still up in the air, with both a Democratic incumbent and his Republican challenger confident the final outcome of the dispute will be in his favor.

On Nov. 8, the residents of Orange, Chatham, Moore and Randolph counties voted for two candidates to represent the 16th District in the N.C. Senate, but because the vote was so close, the final results of the election will not be announced until early December.

In the four-candidate race for the two seats in the district, Wanda Hunt of Pinehurst finished first. The controversy has developed between Russell Walker, the Democratic incumbent from Asheboro, and Republican challenger Max Gardner Reece of Siler City.

According to the final election returns, Walker finished just 192 votes ahead of Reece, who came in third in the four-person race, with Republican Robert Crump trailing in fourth place.

Walker's small margin of victory over Reece inspired the Republican challenger to request a recount.

Hunt, who will return to the Senate after serving four previous terms, said that according to state law, any candidate who is defeated by less than 1 percent of the total votes has the right to request a recount.

When asked what he expects from the recount, Walker said, "Well, I think I feel very good about it, and I'm very confident about the results."

"I think that most election boards are pretty efficient and they've been compiling election results for a long time, so I am confident that the final count is correct."

Reece, the Republican challenger,

said, "Naturally, we wouldn't file the request for the recount unless we expect to be victorious."

One voting site in Randolph County had a faulty voting machine, possibly resulting in a straight Republican vote being counted as a straight Democratic vote, Reece said.

One reason the race was so close could be related to a lack of effort from Walker to win votes, he said.

"Mr. Walker did not campaign heavily in the district because of the strong Democratic tradition in Orange and Chatham counties, and he thought this was all he needed to win," Reece said. "It's time to tell him there are no more easy wins."

"I'm just happy to see people getting out and voting and whatever the outcome of this election it is good to see voters participating in the political process."

Walker also said the close race reflects a high voter turnout by both

Republicans and Democrats.

"When I first ran for Senate office 14 years ago, there were more registered Democrats in the 16th District, but over the past few years Democrat and Republican voter registration totals have been getting closer," Walker said.

The recount of the 16th District votes cannot take place until after the State Board of Elections meets on Nov. 29, to certify all the votes cast throughout the state on election day, Walker said.

Hunt said, "It was a tough election and both sides campaigned hard, but Russell is a longtime senator and I'm sure the recount will return him to the Senate."

The large increase in Republican support in the 16th District can be attributed to the growing number of retired people settling in Randolph and Moore counties, Hunt said.

Minority recruitment programs on target

By SARAH CAGLE
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The minority recruitment process is largely responsible for the 2.8 percent increase in minority undergraduate enrollment this year, according to administrators and students involved in the recruitment efforts.

"If you look at the increase in the number of black students especially who have enrolled, one can conclude that the recruitment has been fairly successful," said Herb Davis, associate director of undergraduate admissions.

The Tar Heel Target program, sponsored by the Black Student Movement and student government in conjunction with the Office of University Affairs, is the newest part of the undergraduate minority recruitment process.

"There are a number of factors that have had an impact on minority enrollment," said Archie Ervin, assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs. "Certainly Tar Heel Target is one of them."

UNC officially sanctioned Tar Heel Target in January. The program, which is in its third year of operation, is the only student-run minority recruitment program at UNC, said Alan Younger, executive assistant in charge of minority recruitment.

The UNC students who participate in the program first undergo a training program, said Tonya Blanks, BSM vice president. When they go home for fall break, they go to high schools in their hometowns and talk with juniors and seniors interested in attending UNC.

They also provide literature on UNC, including post cards requesting applications, financial

aid information, housing information and information about other minority programs, Younger said. "The approach is different from the other programs," he said. "Hopefully the students feel more comfortable."

The program offers an advantage over those conducted by adult recruiters, Blanks said.

"I think the fact that the recruiters are closer in age to the students makes a difference, especially if they graduated from their respective high schools," she said. "They find it easier to ask questions."

Cindi Gibbs, a sophomore from Winston-Salem, said she enjoyed working with the program. "It was a great experience," she said. "You can really tell them what it's like to be in college."

Tar Heel Target is a supplement to the other minority recruiting programs, Younger said. Recruitment begins with Project Uplift, a summer program that invites 800 outstanding North Carolina high school students recommended by their guidance counselors to visit UNC for a four-day introduction to college life, he said.

High School Honors Day is held Nov. 5 for the top 15 percent of students who attended Project Uplift. Minority students whose PSAT scores make them National Merit Semifinalists and those who could not attend High School Honors Day come to National Achievement and Scholars Day Nov. 19.

In March, minority students who have been accepted at UNC come to Decision Days. Once they decide to attend UNC, the students come to Pre-Orientation, which takes place one and a half days before Freshman Orientation.

South African discusses black health care

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The world must learn about the human rights abuses of the white South African government in order to fully understand the oppression of blacks, said Guma Mthokeli, a UNC doctoral candidate in anthropology from South Africa.

Mthokeli spoke Thursday to about 40 people as part of Human Rights Week, sponsored by the Campus Y.

Mthokeli lectured about the basic history of apartheid in South Africa. "The settlers began by isolating people with leprosy," he said. "That idea of isolationism has carried through the years from disease to race and now to class."

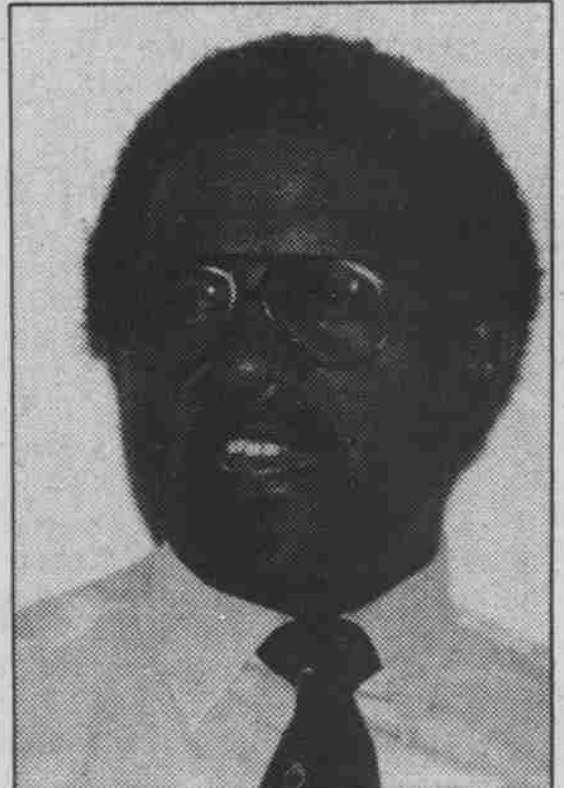
The lack of quality health care for the majority of South Africans is one of the most basic aspects of human rights abuse, Mthokeli said. "Black nurses and doctors have to be put in different hospitals (than the white nurses and doctors)," he said. "In 1983 there were 1,000 black doctors for 24 million black people."

Human Rights Week

Crowded conditions in certain areas and the lack of proper facilities are largely responsible for the health problem, Mthokeli said, because of sewage and sanitary problems. "People flock to Cape Town and squatter areas like Crossroads, an area about seven miles from Cape Town, with 45,000 people packed into a very small area," he said. "The only service the government provided was sewage. Crossroads, along with the church, was forced to supply their own services."

Whites attempt to keep blacks from ever being able to control their destiny by contaminating their health, Mthokeli said. "Areas that are used as dumping grounds for chemical and nuclear waste are eventually developed as dumping areas for the black community," he said.

The South African government



Guma Mthokeli

persuades blacks to participate in a family planning program, which consists of a sterilizing injection, but does not tell them what the consequences will be, Mthokeli said. "They

tell the girls that the program will postpone birth at that moment, not that it will sterilize them," he said.

Any successful effort to change the South African apartheid system must come from within, Mthokeli said. "The struggle is never fought from the outside, but rather from the inside, by the people," he said.

Similarities to the South African system exist here in America, but are more subtle, Mthokeli said. "In America, racism is not legalized, but the disparities are on a more economic level," he said.

Mthokeli said he came to the United States after being detained three months and waiting 12 years for a passport. "I finally was allowed to leave when the vice chancellor at the University of Chicago called and asked if I was being a 'good boy,'" he said.

Mthokeli said he will never live in fear again. The South African blacks will eventually be liberated because they have not yet been conquered by the system where "blacks make the cake but don't eat it," he said.

Sophomores

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move off campus," he said in the proposal. "Rather than create undue stress for these customers, we will honor squatters rights to the rising sophomores who choose to return to their current hall."

The governing board was concerned that losing in the lottery could be more stressful to older students, who may have built up a strong sense of community in their halls and areas, than to younger residents.

One alternative Randolph suggested was to educate rising sophomores about off-campus alternatives so that finding an apartment would

be easier for those closed out of their current residence halls by the lottery.

The governing board is meeting early next week to discuss other alternatives and study the proposal in more detail, Randolph said.

The Housing Advisory Board will review the proposal, as well as RHA's suggestions, at its meeting on Dec. 8.

Wayne Kuncel, director of housing, said he will carefully consider the board's opinions on the proposal before deciding whether to implement it.

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