

Runoff upcoming in senior class race

By WILL SPEARS
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Bobby Ferris and Greg Zeeman, who waged a write-in campaign for senior class president and vice president, will oppose Danny Rosin and Bryan Brayboy in a runoff on Tuesday.

Ferris and Zeeman received 38 percent of the vote, Rosin and Brayboy received 33 percent, and Peter Hancock and Ranchor Harris received 29 percent in unofficial returns. Seniors cast 1,273 ballots in the president/vice president race.

Ferris and Zeeman did not appear on the ballots because they filed their petitions after the 5 p.m. deadline on Thursday, Feb. 9. Wilborn Roberson, Elections Board chairman, told the candidates they could not appear on the ballot. The Elections Board overturned Roberson's decision, and after a series of appeals by all of the senior class candidates, the Student Supreme Court ruled last Thursday that Ferris and Zeeman could not

appear on the ballot.

The voters who wrote Ferris and Zeeman in on their ballots had to list the two candidates and their offices separately. Roberson said Tuesday night that he would rule Wednesday on whether Ferris and Zeeman would be listed separately on the runoff ballot. Ferris received seven more votes than Zeeman.

Brayboy said he was not surprised at the success of the Ferris-Zeeman team.

"They were candidates from the beginning and they campaigned from the beginning," Brayboy said. "They did a fantastic job. We've got to commend them on that."

Ferris said the people who supported their campaigns are responsible for their success.

"I just want to thank the people that helped us out," he said. "At this point we can't really take credit for it. They deserve the credit for whatever success we've achieved."

Because the Rosin-Brayboy team finished in the middle of the three-team field, it has a good chance to win in the runoff, Rosin said.

"We're right in the middle of the two camps," he said. "I think we have a great shot at it. . . . We're psyched."

Ferris and Zeeman said they think they can win the runoff.

"Our chances are good," Zeeman said. "But we have to keep it in perspective. If all the people who supported us this time support us next time, our chances are very good."

Ferris also said he feels good about the runoff, but they'll have to continue to campaign hard. "Our chances are just as if we'd come in second," he said. "We need to run this race like underdogs."

Hancock said the campaign was fair and the Ferris-Zeeman team deserved a great deal of credit. "I'm impressed by their tremendous write-in campaign," he said. "They had tremendous grassroots support and

they had lots of people working for them."

George Saad and Anna Baird will compete in a runoff for the office of senior class treasurer on Tuesday.

Saad received 37 percent of the vote, Baird received 35 percent and David Bull received 19 percent in unofficial returns.

Baird said she was pleased with the election's outcome.

"I was absolutely thrilled at how things went tonight," she said. "I'm looking forward to the runoff."

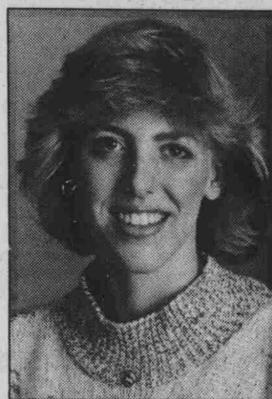
Saad said he plans to campaign hard for the next week, but getting people to vote in the runoff is the key to winning.

"I'm going to run my campaign very hard and try my best to get people to vote," he said. "If seniors want to have a part in the next year here, they have to get out and vote."

Jeannie Gontram ran unopposed for the office of senior class secretary and received 1,011 votes.

Kebschull wins DTH editorship

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Sharon Kebschull

Sharon Kebschull, running unopposed for editor of The Daily Tar Heel (DTH), swept the editor's race Tuesday with 4,376 student votes, based on unofficial election results.

Kebschull said she wanted to begin to implement several of her ideas as soon as possible when she assumes the role of editor this weekend.

"My first priority is to get out the Monday paper, prepare the Monday editorial pages and to get the staff set for the next week," Kebschull said Tuesday night during the election results returns.

"As soon as we get through the first couple of days, I can start to emphasize the changes in coverage," she said.

"I want to do what I campaigned on, which is to do two pages of business news per week, features pages, and to continue the Sports Monday page."

Kebschull said she wanted to increase the amount of academic issues covered in the paper, along with more coverage of events occurring at other colleges in the nation. She also said she hoped to add more Associated Press reports in sports and state and national coverage.

Kebschull said she ultimately hoped to publish the paper in several complete sections.

The only problem she foresees is the transition period, because the new DTH staff will have to

take over and publish its first paper on Monday, Kebschull said. But "I'm definitely ready to get started," she said.

Kebschull said she thought the election went smoothly. "I really appreciate getting the number of votes I did. I really appreciate the students not writing in candidates."

Jean Lutes, current DTH editor, said she thought Kebschull would do a good job. "She has very solid experience and a very good staff to work for her," she said.

"I'm really excited she wants to carry on some of the things I have started, and I'm happy she has some good ideas of her own."

Victors declared in congress elections

By BRENDA CAMPBELL
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Students elected Student Congress representatives from 18 districts Tuesday during campus elections.

All results are unofficial, but the ballots will be rechecked by the Elections Board and finalized by Wednesday afternoon, Elections Board Chairman Wilborn Roberson said early this morning.

Representatives from 18 districts make up the legislative branch of student government. The first seven districts represent graduate students, and the remaining 11 represent undergraduates.

Roberson said he did not know for sure if there would be any runoffs but was confident that candidates who received the most votes in districts with two seats will be officially confirmed as winners.

In districts with two seats, candidates win by gaining a plurality instead of a majority, he said.

District 1 will be represented by Gary Morris, who defeated his opponent, B. Joseph Causey Jr., 67-44.

William John Brown was elected in District 2 with 15 votes.

Jurgen Buchenau and Carlos Cerezo-Suarez filled the two seats in District 3. Buchenau received 54 votes and Cerezo-Suarez received 27 votes. There were no other candidates for the positions.

District 4 was open, but was filled with a write-in choice. Jacquelyn Clymore won the legislative seat with five votes.

Jim Taylor ran unopposed in District 5, winning with 32 votes.

The newly elected representative in District 6 is Ram Ramachandran. Ramachandran defeated his opponent, Tom Elliott, 31-26.

The two open positions in District 7 were filled by Sonia Abecassis and Jeffrey Beall. Abecassis received 46 votes and Beall received 54 votes.

Ken Costner and Jonathan Martin defeated Scott Shelton and Mark Teague for the two representative positions in District 8. Costner received 397 votes, Martin received 319, Shelton received 95 and Teague received 160.

Danielle Adams won the position in District 9 with 192 votes over Shilpi Somaya and write-in candidate Chris Osborn. Somaya received 147 votes, and Osborn received 28.

District 10 will be represented by

Donnie Esposito, who received 128 votes. He defeated four opponents, Shawn Gilbert, Alan Martin, Deanna Ramey and Bill Rubin.

District 11 will be represented by Matthew Heyd, who received 304 votes, and Shane Johnson, who received 241 votes. The pair defeated Philip Baddour, with 220 votes, and Kerry Stützing, with 201 votes.

Mindy Dawn Friedman, with 381 votes, and Mark Bibbs, with 323 votes, defeated Scott McDonald, who received 206 votes, for the two available positions in District 12.

John Lomax, with 362 votes, and Dave Davidson, with 248 votes, won the two seats in District 13. They defeated Ian Schiller, who got 183 votes; Jill Nystrom, who received 154 votes; and Edward Fischer, who received 100 votes.

Samuel Bagenstos and Phillip Thompson filled the two seats in District 14. Bagenstos received 343 votes and Thompson received 306. There were no other candidates for the positions.

Peter Hans, who received 125 votes, and Bill Stallings, who received 175 votes, will represent District 15. There were no other candidates for the positions.

Gene Davis and Gerry Hayes filled the two representative seats in District 16. Davis received 64 votes and Hayes received 47 votes.

The two seats in District 17 were filled by Jill Gilbert, who received 220 votes, and Chris Peeler, who received 138 votes. They defeated Bret Batchelder, who received 106 votes, and Kimberly Hight, who received 56 votes.

Thornton Long and Carole Yost filled the two seats in District 18. Long received 131 votes and Yost received 136. There were no other candidates for the positions.

Counter breakdown slows results

From staff reports

The first election results came in about an hour later than expected last night because of problems caused by basketball traffic and a malfunction in the Elections Board's vote-counting machine.

Traffic from the basketball game between UNC and Nevada-Reno caused poll tenders to be late returning ballots from South Campus districts to the vote-counting site, said Wilborn Roberson, Elections Board chairman. Officials could not begin

counting the ballots until they all were in, he said.

Also, the mechanism that feeds ballots through the vote counting machine malfunctioned, and Daily Tar Heel production manager Stacy Wynn repaired the mechanism.

This is the second year in a row Wynn has saved the day for the Elections Board. Last year, the machine also broke down, delaying the results of the senior class races until the next day.

The problem wasn't as difficult to

fix this year, Wynn said.

"We knew what we were doing this year," he said. "We went straight to the heart of the problem."

Also, a student had a seizure and passed out during the posting of results in 209 Manning, delaying the process about 30 minutes. The student recovered and was taken home.

Roberson also attributed the delay to the large number of ballots to be counted. "It seems like a lot more people voted than last year," he said.

Drug test regulations proposed

By GLENN O'NEAL
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A bill to regulate drug testing in the workplace has been proposed in the state legislature, despite strong objections from members of the industry community.

Sen. Frank Block, D-New Hanover, sponsor of the bill, said "the bill prescribes what is going to be a proper drug testing procedure, what qualifies as a state accepted testing mode."

"The provisions protect the constitutional rights and the dignity of employees," he said, adding that a certain due process must be used in drug testing in the workplace.

The bill requires an employee to be given a chance to explain himself if he tests positive for drugs. It also states that if a screening test shows positive drug use, a confirming test must be done before action against the employee can be taken, he said.

The bill also states that the employee cannot be fired if he or she is only guilty of testing positive for drug use and has not committed any other infraction against company policy.

If an employee tests positive, he must enter an Employee Assistant Program, paid for by the employer. The EAP is not a drug treatment program; if an employee enters a drug treatment program, Block said, he or

she must pay for it.

Sen. William Barker, D-Pamlico, said he favors the concept of the bill that states no one is required to have a drug testing program, but if there is a program, then it must be fair for employees and employers.

He said he is concerned that a person who turns up positive for drug abuse could not be fired for that reason. "Also, the small businesses ought to be exempted outright," Barker said. "It's too much red tape for them."

The provisions requiring businesses which use drug testing to set up EAPs, and to hold an employee's job open while he or she is in EAP, has raised many objections from the industry community.

Marc Finlayson, government relations director of the N.C. Textiles Manufacturing Association, said the bill tends to discourage drug testing due to added costs, extra liability and extra requirements.

"The bill requires that you have EAPs set up," he said.

Most companies already have EAPs set up, but the Department of Labor must set the standards under the new regulations. Some companies might not meet these standards, and they would have the extra costs of bringing them to the department's standards, he said.

Finlayson is also opposed to the bill's provision requiring employers to hold open an employee's job while that employee is in an EAP.

"It is a definite problem in practical terms. You are going to have to hire a temporary worker while the other employee is in treatment," he said.

Finlayson said he was also opposed to the bill because it is "a blatant interference in the traditional N.C. employer-employee relationship."

Susan Valauri, state director of the North Carolina chapter of the National Federation of Independent Businesses, said the provision requiring an employee's job to be held open while that employee is in an EAP would pose a hardship for a small employer. That employer would have to go without an employee or have to find someone else to take the person's place, she said.

Valauri said she agreed with the intent of the bill but not with its specific requirements.

She said she didn't believe EAPs were universally available because they are usually found only in urban areas. Also, she said, "When the government mandates a benefit, the costs of that benefit rise."

Valauri said the bill, which is intended to regulate drug testing, could actually have an adverse effect on testing.

"If they made the bill too complicated, small businesses would fire employees they suspect of drug use instead of testing them," she said.

UNC housing lottery canceled; room supply exceeds demand

By SIMONE PAM
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Enough spaces are available in the residence halls for every student who turned in a housing application, so no residence hall drawing will be held.

"There were less applicants than number of spaces available," said Collin Rustin, associate director of contracts and administration for the Department of University Housing. "So we won't have to close anyone out."

The drawing, which was supposed to be held Tuesday, was canceled because the housing department received 1,193 applications and had 1,293 spaces available. All students who submitted their application to compete in the current residence hall drawing or were unsuccessful in the preliminary drawings are assured a room in their current residence hall, Rustin said.

Students who did not request a specific room or requested a room number change will be assigned a room by their area director sometime before spring break, he said.

"This is the first year that we have had more spaces than people," Rustin said.

The new guaranteed sophomore housing policy is largely responsible for the difference between the number

of available spaces and the students requesting space, Rustin said.

According to a data sheet compiled by the housing department, 2,592 freshmen were eligible for guaranteed sophomore housing. About 70 percent, 1,797, accepted the guarantee.

Rustin said he wished the University had started using this process three years ago. "We haven't had that many people want to live on campus in the past three years," he said.

Students said Tuesday that they were surprised by the way the new policy worked out.

Mary Hart Oswald, a senior from Wallace, said she did not expect the results to be so positive. "Especially, since the guarantee, we thought there would be no way we would get back in Kenan."

Mac Strause, a sophomore from

Henderson, agreed. "The way it (the current policy) looked on paper, it looked like it was against upperclassmen. But in practice, it was quite fair."

"I think it worked out great," said Tammy Vaughan, a sophomore from Wendell. "It definitely beats having to go through the lottery. We were really scared about competing with the entire campus rather than our dorm."

But the process will probably not work so smoothly next year, Rustin said. Most likely, more people will apply to stay on campus as a result of the success of the process this year.

A hundred spaces are left unoccupied as a result of the hall drawing. These spaces will be distributed between the waiting list drawing and the spaces allocated for incoming freshmen.

CAA

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contribute in the CAA, but he feels that many CAA members who opposed him in the election may not want him in the organization.

"As far as working with the CAA in the future, that's really not my call," he said. "I'd love to see some of my ideas pass through, and I think Lisa will do a great job."

Saldi said the good election turnout increased student awareness of the CAA, but that a runoff might have meant more publicity.

"I'm glad we had a really good

turnout. I think the most important thing is bringing publicity to the CAA," Saldi said. "I knew she (Frye) would be in the lead; I just didn't know by how much. I really thought there'd be a runoff."

Saldi said she would like to continue to contribute to the CAA by becoming vice president, but that work with homecoming would be her second choice.

"(Lisa) did a very good job in getting her people out to vote," she said.

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