

## CITY and STATE

# Blacks, Democrats increase registration

**From Associated Press reports**  
GREENSBORO — Registration for those who want to vote in the Nov. 6 election closes Monday, but an informal newspaper survey found an increase in the number of registering blacks and Democrats.

The last official tally of voter registration was taken in April, before the May primaries.

Since then, black voter registration has increased 10 percent in Wake County, compared with a 3 percent increase in the number of white voters. The number of Democrats increased 3.7 percent compared to 2.9 percent for

Republicans.

In Pasquotank County, in the northeast, the number of black voters has increased 9 percent compared with a 1.5 percent increase for white voters.

"Elizabeth City State has been very strong," Catherine Perry, the county elections supervisor, told the Greensboro News & Record.

"They have done a lot of canvassing at the school and are getting the students there registered," Elizabeth City State is a historically black university.

"They have had very effective registration drives at N.C. A&T State University, and the numbers reflect that,"

said George Gilbert, Guilford County elections supervisor. A&T is another of the state's predominantly black schools.

In Mecklenburg County, blacks have increased their registration nearly 11 percent, while white voter registration increased 3 percent.

"It's been very, very up," said Nancy Starnes, deputy elections supervisor. "We did over 8,000 to 10,000 (new registrations) in September. That's very (many) for a non-presidential year. It's almost like a presidential year."

Rena Murchison, elections supervisor in Alamance County, said voter registration activity has been very heavy.

"People are just registering everywhere — the churches, schools and neighborhoods. Up until this week voter registration had been split 50-50 between Democrats and Republicans. But now we have more blacks registered, mostly with the Democratic Party."

Contributing to the voting furor is the Senate race between three-term Republican Sen. Jesse Helms and his challenger, Harvey Gantt. Gantt is the first black Democratic Senate candidate nominated in this century.

While getting voters registered is important, the emphasis lies in getting them to the polls, officials said.

# Electronic house arrest to ease jail population

**From Associated Press reports**  
WINSTON-SALEM — Within a few months, N.C. judges may send up to 3,000 criminals home with transmitters strapped to their ankles as a means to combat prison overcrowding.

They can go to work and to school. But if they wander away from home for more than five minutes, a computer operator will call a probation officer to track them down.

Forsyth County was the trial ground for the state's first experiment with electronic house arrest in 1987.

"We keep up with these people a lot closer, and it helps with the regular caseload. We really have a lot more control over these individuals," said

William Bell, the branch manager for the North Carolina Division of Adult Probation and Parole for Forsyth, Guilford, Stokes and Rockingham counties.

House arrest was extended to Wake County in 1988, and to 12 other areas in 1989. This fall and winter, electronic house arrest will be implemented statewide.

One reason, state correction officials say, is that house arrest costs much less than incarceration. It costs an average of \$50 a day to keep a prisoner in jail, but putting them under house arrest costs about \$6.50 a day, according to George Barnes, the assistant director of the North Carolina Division of Probation and Parole.

And, Bell said, people under house arrest can still work, support their families and pay taxes.

The statewide system will be operated out of base stations in Wake and Forsyth counties that will monitor the east and west halves of the state, said John Pateavouras, the state Director of Adult Probation and Parole.

The two computer complexes will be

the largest house-arrest monitoring stations in the country, he said.

"Other states are going to it but not on this scale," he told the Winston-Salem Journal in an interview published Sunday.

The two regional base stations each will be equipped with 15 NCR computers and manned by 12 house-arrest specialists working eight-hour shifts to monitor 1,500 clients.

## Campus Calendar

**MONDAY**  
10 a.m.: UNITAS will have a table in the Pit until 2 p.m. Come find out what we're really all about... challenging racial and cultural barriers in our society. UNITAS applications for the 91-92 academic year go out this week! Come and fight apathy on campus!

Noon: The UNC Child Care Education Committee present "Listening and Talking," a video on language development as a medium for communicating and thinking and how adults can help, in 205 Union until 1 p.m.

3 p.m.: Study Abroad will have an information session for students interested in studying in Tubingen, Germany, in the Study Abroad Office, Caldwell Hall.  
4 p.m.: The Dept. of Statistics presents "The Hajek - Le Cam Asymptotic Minimax Theorem and Some Applications," in 324 Phillips. Reception to follow.  
AAF Advertising Club will have a meeting in 204 Howell. Way big fun.

5 p.m.: The Elections Board announces that campus elections will be Tuesday, Oct. 16. Open districts are 13 (E-haus/Hinton James) and Graduate District 2 (Computer Science/Education/Social Work). Interested students should attend mandatory candidates' meeting in 215 B, Suite A of the Union.

Human Rights Week invites all interested parties to attend an informational meeting in Gerrard Hall.  
6 p.m.: The Presbyterian Campus Ministry will have a graduate dinner at the Presbyterian Student Center, 110 Henderson St.  
7 p.m.: Tar Heel Recycling Program will present "The Mountain In The City," a film about NYC's solid waste crisis in 103 Bingham.

7:30 p.m.: CGLA will have a speaker on "Coming Out" issues and we will discuss National Coming Out Day activities. For more info call 962-4401.

8 p.m.: SEAC invites you to come celebrate catalyst and plan the student environmental strategy for next year in 211 Union.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**  
The Tar Heel Recycling Program announces that it is Recycling Week! Stop by the Pit to learn more about what you can do to reduce waste, and where you can recycle on campus.

The UNC Student Agencies will be having a raffle to give away 5 free movie rentals through its movie courier service. All students, staff and faculty are encouraged to fill out a free raffle ticket. Tickets can be picked up in the UNC Student Agencies office or in the Pit all this week.

The Student Psychological Services of Student Health announces that a group is forming to talk about coping with an alcoholic parent. Come to the first meeting tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. Call 966-3658 for further information.

The Elections Board announces that candidate petitions are available in 215B of the Union, Suite A, for the Oct. 16 special elections. Open Student Congress seats are in Graduate District 2 (Ed., Social Work, Comp. Sci.) and Undergrad District 13 (Hinton James and Ehringhaus). Petitions are due tomorrow.

UCPPS announces on-campus testing for seniors interested in careers with the federal government. Test dates are Nov. 10 and Nov. 17. Registration forms and information are available in 211 Hanes. Registration deadline is Oct. 31 by 3 p.m.

The University Counseling Center announces that an Interpersonal Relationships Support Group will be offered beginning in October. Group will offer a supportive, confidential and nonjudgmental environment to explore unique issues encountered in interpersonal relationships (e.g. societal disapproval, cultural differences and similarities, conflicting feelings, etc). For more information, call 962-2175.

PlayMakers Repertory Company will present the Southeastern premiere of "Nothing Sacred," by Canadian playwright George F. Walker, Oct. 24 - Nov. 11 at the Paul Green Theatre in Chapel Hill. For more information, call 962-PLAY.

The Carolina Union Gallery Committee presents Europe 1989-90: A Collage, the color photographs of UNC Senior Stephen Culp, who spent last year in Eastern and Western Europe and Morocco.

# Arts Council awards Triangle-area artists grants, fellowships

**By MARIEL WILSON**  
Staff Writer

The N.C. Arts Council recently awarded visual arts grants and fellowships to three Triangle area artists.

Beth Grabowski, a UNC faculty member, received a fellowship for her work in printmaking, Chapel Hill sculptor Patrick Dougherty won a grant for his talent, and Durham photographer Caroline Vaughan also received a fellowship from the Arts Council.

Only six artists, chosen from approximately 195 competitors, received fellowships that each include a \$7,700 cash award. Dougherty was one of four winners of a visual artist project grant worth \$4,820.

The grant supports Dougherty's work on various projects and emphasizes the importance of professional artists across the state. The grants and fellowships are given based on many factors including quality and the most potential use in the artist's work.

The grants are given annually by the Arts Council to support and recognize serious visual artists residing in the state and to aid them in furthering their careers.

Grabowski said that most of her work "stems from personal experiences" and that it dealt with conflict and "human relationships and dilemmas that arise" between people.

Some of her work will be displayed in the glass gallery of Hanes Art Center in late October, although this showing is unrelated to her work for the fel-

lowship. Grabowski will also speak Nov. 2 in Hanes Art Center.

Vaughan said her recent work was not displayed locally because of the amount of time it takes for artwork to be published. She said she contributed two past palladium prints for auction at two fund raisers for U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Gantt. She stressed that this auction was unrelated to her fellowship and to the N.C. Arts Council, but is a personal effort.

According to Vaughan, a palladium print is "made with a precious metal emulsion. This metal is palladium coating." She explained the method was "very toxic, very expensive and very beautiful." It is slowly processed by sunlight or by an arch lamp that simulates the sun's intensity, she said.

The first fund raiser was Sept. 30, at Papagayo Mexican Restaurant, and the second auction will be in Raleigh at the Radisson Plaza Hotel Oct. 14, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Dougherty's work with woven twigs will probably begin in four to five months. He said he wanted to display it at a large business or industrial site where many people would "be aware of the process."

"People will be able to see how the work is transformed into something else," Dougherty said.

Both fellowship recipients were chosen by professional visual artists from across the nation. Grants were judged by a curator and professional N.C. artists.

## SAFE

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"The intent of this whole revision is to make sure that we develop a strong program," she said. "We're really taking some time this year so that it can stand turnover."

SAFE started working with the Residence Hall Association this summer to improve the service, Benzaquin said. "They (RHA) are interested in this issue," she said. "They assist us in recruitment and publicity."

Many students already have expressed interest in working with SAFE Escort, Benzaquin said. "People have been calling to get involved."

"Right now, I see students taking the lead on this (SAFE Escort Service) and

the University helping to make this a stronger program," she said.

The escorts will be stationed in Cobb Residence Hall, Davis Library and the Undergraduate Library Sunday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to midnight. Students can call the office at Cobb from midnight to 3 a.m. any day to get escorts.

Six students should be on call each day from 7 p.m. to midnight, Benzaquin said. Escorts for the midnight to 3 a.m. shift will be paid with the 35 cents of student fees allocated to SAFE Escort Service, she said.

Gretchan Diffendal, RHA president, said she wanted to make the campus safer for residents.

"Safety is a big concern of ours, so we're just working with SAFE to ensure that residents will have better protection," she said.

Germuth and Benzaquin said RHA had improved the organization of the program.

"RHA has been incredibly helpful in trying to help us get organized. We rely on them to help us out a lot," Germuth said.

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