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Ferrington Village residents vote to maintain 'small' status

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Residents of Ferrington, a small community south of Chapel Hill, voted Sunday against incorporating their village into an official town.

Alice Huston, former president of the board of directors of the Ferrington Homeowners Association, said the proposal was defeated by a large margin. The final vote was roughly 85

percent against and 15 percent for incorporation, she said.

According to Huston, if incorporation had been approved, the village could have had a post office in addition to fire and police services.

"The major reason (for incorporation) would be to prevent being annexed by another city," she said.

The population of Ferrington Village is presently about 1,000 people, but

Huston says the community is growing quickly and that incorporation could help accommodate that increase.

"We would be better prepared for growth in the village," she said.

If Ferrington would be incorporated, the state would return tax money to the village, and residents could possibly elect a mayor and a city council, Huston said.

Huston said residents voted down

the plan because they wanted the community to remain the same.

"My guess is fear of change and fear of higher taxes discouraged voters," she said.

Huston added that residents had been discussing the idea of incorporation for about 10 years, but that most homeowners disliked the idea. Only residents who own homes in Ferrington Village are allowed to vote on such

issues, she said.

Gene Moriarty, a Ferrington resident and newly elected board member, said "there is no advantage to incorporation." He added that the village is "just as well the way it is now."

Board members Ken Bevan and Rita Spina also voted against the proposal, saying the time is not appropriate.

"For the moment I am opposed," Bevan stated. "We have enough services

that are adequate to the needs of the community."

Spina added that the issue "may have caused difficulty and uncomfortable feelings for a while, but it made us think about where we are right now and what we want."

Huston said the Board of Directors was composed of seven volunteers elected by the residents.

Helms, Gantt campaigns finalize long-awaited end of competition

From Associated Press reports

RALEIGH — Sen. Jesse Helms wound up his re-election battle Monday against Democrat Harvey Gantt and said he was forced into a negative campaign by liberal interests, including pro-choice advocates.

Gantt said his campaign had taken the high road during the five-month campaign, which included a sharp exchange of television attack ads.

"We had hoped we could run a positive campaign, but from the beginning they came in with slashing commercials paid for by People for the American Way and NARAL," Helms said during an airplane tour of the state. "I regret his tone," Helms added. "It has been a spirited debate, albeit a vicious one."

Gantt told more than 1,000 people at a rally in downtown Raleigh that he had campaigned on values that are important to the state.

Gantt, 47, is the first black Democrat to be nominated for the Senate.

"We've said it was important for us to care about our children, to care about the environment, to care about health care, to care about the human condition," Gantt said. "We've kept to the high road. We're going to win on tomorrow, that's right. How sweet that's going to be."

"We want to turn things around," Gantt said. "We don't want to have the

divisiveness that has characterized our senior senator."

"Tomorrow is an election on the direction that North Carolina will take."

Helms' stump speeches and ads in the last week accused Gantt, the former mayor of Charlotte, of supporting "racial quotas" in jobs. Other ads accused Gantt of running a "secret campaign" aimed at getting blacks to the polls.

But Helms denied his campaign, which intensified in the final week after the late adjournment of Congress, had injected race into the contest.

"Race is not an issue in this campaign," Helms said. "I was born white and he was born black and there is nothing either one of us could do about it."

"We have not made an issue of race, but he has gone around the state pleading for the bloc vote. He has a right to do that, but he has injected race into the campaign."

Democratic Sen. Terry Sanford, campaigning with Gantt, said the election would send a message to the world.

"People all over the nation, indeed all over the world, are watching this election more than any other," Sanford said. "We now have the opportunity to let people know what kind of people we are."

"We are not a people looking back and bemoaning the past, a people dredging up the little hot-button issues

that divide us or a people dealing in fear and hatred."

U.S. Rep. David Price, who is facing Republican John Carrington in the 4th District, said Tuesday would be a new day for North Carolina.

"It's a new day because tomorrow we're going to turn this state around," he said. "We're going to leave behind the politics of hate, the politics of divisiveness, the politics of setting people against each other."

Federal drug czar William Bennett, who accompanied Helms on his flying tour, said he wanted "to try to prevent this national mugging organized by liberals from taking place."

"The people of Boston and New York have nothing to teach the people of North Carolina about race," said Bennett, who said he had lived in both cities as well as North Carolina. "This is the most harmonious place I've been for race relations."

Helms has sponsored several unsuccessful attempts to make virtually any abortion unconstitutional. Gantt has supported leaving state laws on abortion as they are, and says abortion is a personal choice that should be made without government interference.

The Gantt campaign took out full-page ads restating its themes that Helms has not done enough for education, farmers, the elderly, or in opposing a regional hazardous waste incinerator.

Republicans win in campaign court case

From Associated Press reports

NEWARK, N.J. — The Republican National Committee was not involved in efforts aimed at intimidating black and elderly voters in North Carolina's close Senate race, a federal judge ruled Monday.

"The Democratic National Committee has not been able to establish that the Republican National Committee is involved directly or indirectly with activities taking place in North Carolina," said U.S. District Judge Dickinson Debevoise.

The election-eve ruling centered on mailings sent by North Carolina Republicans that warned voters in predominantly minority districts that it was a federal crime to provide election officials with false information.

"But that doesn't mean the North Carolina Republican Party wasn't responsible — they were," said Lawrence Davis, chairman of the state Democratic Party.

"We tried to pin it on the national party because it was coming up not just in North Carolina but also such tactics were being used elsewhere, such as Texas. Also, the national (Democratic) party had commenced litigation on this already," Davis said. "It's much quicker and simpler where the parties involved had already debated this issue," he said.

National party officials, both Republican and Democratic, hailed the ruling.

"What the judge did today was stop a fishing expedition," said Thomas Kirby, an attorney retained by the RNC. "There was no indication that we were involved in what was going on in North Carolina."

Democrats also were quick to claim victory.

"I'm satisfied because I want the RNC to know that we're watching," said Bob Bauer, the Democrats' counsel. "We will be watching every county and precinct in North Carolina for minority disenfranchisement."

Democrats had accused the national GOP of indirectly aiding a "ballot security" program for Republican Sen. Jesse Helms, who is locked in a neck-and-neck race with Democrat Harvey Gantt, who is black.

At issue are 150,000 postcards that the North Carolina GOP sent to predominantly minority Democratic precincts.

Labeled "Voter Registration Bulletin," a portion of the card told voters it is a federal crime "to knowingly give false information about your name, residence or period of residence to an Election Official."

Also at issue for Democrats is whether Helms and his campaign were aware of the mailings, Davis said.

"Helms campaign literature was asking for money back in September of this year for the ballot security program, and that's what this is," Davis said. (GOP Chairman) Jack Hawke has said this is part of the ballot security project, so we have Helms raising money for

this purpose, so the question is, did the Helms campaign know about this postcard and did Helms know about it?" Voter mailings also have been distributed to mostly elderly Democratic voters in Texas to encourage them to forego absentee ballots.

The hearing did not address the Texas mailings.

Debevoise found that Republicans had failed to inform their staff and state campaigns of a 1982 consent decree that bars voter intimidation. The decree was issued after the party reportedly hired armed guards to watch over various polling places in New Jersey.

Debevoise ordered national Republicans to remind their campaign staffs not to violate the decree, and suggested that Democrats should turn to North Carolina courts if they were not happy with the voter mailing.

"You're going to have to go to North Carolina to get any significant relief," he said.

North Carolina GOP Chairman Jack Hawke and state Democratic Party leader Lawrence Davis did not immediately return calls for comment.

In the Helms-Gantt contest, Democrats also have charged Helms with playing on racial stereotypes in television advertisements.

When asked if the national GOP had asked Helms to stop his mailing campaign and similar tactics, RNC counsel Ben Ginsberg replied, "I don't know."

Students with learning disabilities can receive help from University services

By BETH TATUM
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A student settles down to study — opens a textbook and pops a tape into the tape player. Only this is not her favorite Indigo Girls tape, but a tape of the textbook. The student has a learning disability in reading.

An estimated 1.5 percent of the people at UNC have a learning disability, said Dennis Steil, psychologist and coordinator of learning services. Specifically, that means 100 to 110 students use the learning disability services on campus.

But what exactly is a learning disability?

"Someone with a learning disability has average or above average intelligence, but their performance in certain subject areas is not in keeping with what you would expect," said Margaret Saleeby, coordinator of learning disability services.

A learning disability is not an uncommon problem. It is estimated that anywhere from 5 percent to 15 percent of the general population has one, and the number of college students with learning disabilities has risen.

"We started the services with two students," Saleeby said. "Now people are beginning to realize that high school

does not have to mean the end of education."

Difficulties with math, language (both reading and writing), memory, attention and perception are some of the types of learning disabilities. The most common ones are with written language, Saleeby said.

But Steil also believes there are more problems with math than are reported. Not being good at math is more socially acceptable, he said. For instance, people make jokes about not being able to balance a checkbook.

Realizing that people had legitimate learning disabilities did not occur until the late 1970s. Therefore, most people were not diagnosed until they were adults, Steil said.

"Most didn't experience academic difficulty until their higher education. The level of academic demands caused

them to recognize that they might have a learning disability," he said.

Assessment of a disability comes in three stages, Steil said. The first step is to assess individual intellectual functioning, basically in the form of an IQ test. The second is to look at the individual's basic academic achievement. If there is a significant discrepancy between expected ability and actual academic achievement, then a search for the cause is on.

In order for someone to be declared learning disabled, certain causes must be ruled out as the reasons behind the discrepancy. Bad teaching, vision or hearing problems and emotional or family problems are some things ruled out. Then cognitive processing problems are ruled in.

But the process of assessment is far from perfect. "It's a little like trying to

hit a moving target in the dark with your eyes closed," Steil said.

Having recent documentation is necessary in order to receive University services for the learning disabled. If anyone wishes to find out the reasons for their learning problems, they can make an appointment at the University Counseling Center.

The way to serve learning disabled students is to help them figure out how to accommodate themselves so they can learn. These accommodations may take the form of extended time for tests, taped textbooks, assistance with the written language or learning how to use aids like spell check on computers, Saleeby said.

Jane Byron, educational therapist at the University Counseling Center, called this type of help self-advocacy. "We want to assist students toward indepen-

dence, both academically and personally," she said. "We want them to be independent learners."

Some students come from high schools where the learning disability was handled by tutoring, Byron said. It became a case of dependency to get through the course. Instead, students need to learn strategies to help them cope with the disability and do the learning on their own.

"There's no reason why students can't own their own work," she said.

The University is required by federal law to provide services for the learning disabled. But Steil said the University was committed to providing for those students anyway. The University does not want to let learning disabilities interfere with their education, he said.

"There's more support than meets the eye," Steil said.

For the Record

In the Nov. 5 article, "Senate candidates fight tight race for 16th District seats," the raised quote was incorrectly attributed. The correct attribution, found

in the body of the story, should have been made to Republican challenger Max Reece. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

Campus Calendar

TUESDAY
3:30 p.m.: Career Planning and Placement Services will hold Job Hunt 101: Basic information on how to use the UCPPS office for seniors and graduate students, in 210 Hanes.
4 p.m.: Duke/UNC Program in Latin American Studies Working Groups: "Reading Culture in Texts" with Maria Salgado in the Union.
Study Abroad will hold an informational session about Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia in the basement of Caldwell Hall.
4:15 p.m.: UCPPS will hold Job Hunt 102: Resume writing workshop for seniors and graduate students, in 210 Hanes.
UCPPS will hold Internships 101: Introductory sessions on the basics of internships and experiential learning, in 306 Hanes.
5 p.m.: The Carolina Association for Israel Support will meet in 205 Union to discuss upcoming events and Human Rights Week.
The Juggling Club will meet until 9 p.m. in the Carmichael Residence Hall ballroom.
5:30 p.m.: Student Television asks if you were on Franklin Street on Halloween. Our cameras were! Watch for yourself on "Campus Profile." Carolina

Cable Channel 11, today through Thursday. Also at 10 p.m.
6 p.m.: Students for the Advancement of Race Relations and the Soviet Exchange Program will hold a panel discussion on racism vs. nationalism, in the Union Auditorium. All are welcome!
7 p.m.: Carolina Fever will meet in 100 Hamilton. Targeted volleyball game vs. NCSU following at 7:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.: Cine Hispanico: La Sociedad Hispanica Caroline presents "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown" (Mujeres al borde de un ataque de nervios), in the original version with English subtitles. Everyone is invited. In 330 Dey Hall. FREE!
Sigma Theta Alpha — Health Occupational Students of America (HOSA) will meet in 209 Union. New members are welcome.
The Student Government Tutoring Program offers free tutoring in ECON 10, STAT 11 & 23, Math 22, 30 and 31, Spanish 1-4 and French 1-4. Come to third floor Greenlaw every Tuesday night until 9:30 p.m.
8 p.m.: Campus Scouts will meet in the South Gallery Room of the Union.
ITEMS OF INTEREST

Carolina Fever Members: Check the list outside of the office for UNC vs. Jacksonville tickets.
Human Rights Week: T-shirts (\$10) and raffle tickets (\$1) will be on sale through Friday in the Pit (10 a.m.-2 p.m.). More than 15 great prizes are being raffled off. Monies are used to pay for speakers such as Randall Robinson and Winnie Mandela during Human Rights Week.
The Elections Board announces that positions are now available for Student Congress candidates for an open seat in Undergraduate District 15 (Northeast, Off campus), which is east of Airport Road and north of Franklin Street. Stop by the Elections Board Office for details.
Tar Heel Recycling Project announces that the mobile drop-off site for today is behind the dumpster between Davis Library and Hamilton Hall.
Campus Y announces Pit registration for Footfalls, a 10K road race and two-mile Fun Run on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. Runners of all abilities are welcome, and prizes will go to the top runners and teams. All proceeds go to the Campus Y. Please sign up!
GPSF offers information on the application process for in-state tuition. See the bulletin board outside Suite D of the Union.
The 1991 Yackety Yack, UNC's official yearbook, is on sale now through Friday, Nov. 9, in the Pit, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Order your copy today!
UCPPS will have a resume drop 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday for students interested in interviewing (at their expense) in New York City on Feb. 11, 1991.

Employers in advertising, publishing, law, non-profit and other organizations will be participating. Check the office in 211 Hanes for further information.
UCPPS is sponsoring a Law School Exploration Day tomorrow, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., in Great Hall. Representatives from 32 law schools will be available to talk to all students interested in law school.
SAFE Escort needs you! Applications now available at Union desk and in the Steele Building basement. Return or mail to SAFE Escort, CB# 5100, 13 Steele Building, ASAP.
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. For more information, call 962-PLAY. We need ushers for these performances. Usher sign-up sheets are located outside 203 Graham Memorial building. For more information call Mary at 962-2489. PlayMakers will also present "The Nutcracker: A Play," Nov. 28-Dec. 22 at the Paul Green Theatre.
The Department of Dramatic Art presents "Hogan's Goat," by William Alfred, Nov. 7-11 in the PlayMakers Theater. Call 962-PLAY for more information.
SENIOR CLASS 1991
The Senior Class of 1991 is sponsoring an Election Night Return Party at Four Corners today starting at 8:30 p.m. Drink specials apply to all 21 or older.

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