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## LONON WINS SG RUNOFF

Student Government elections for president, vice-president and sophomore, junior and senior senate seats were held March 30 in front of Lipinsky Student Center to a sparse voter turnout.

While the presidential race between Kerry Lonon, Brenda Poplin and Jay Fine had results so close that a run-off between Lonon and Poplin was scheduled for April 6, the vice presidential and senate seats (which were virtually unopposed) were decided by relatively wide margins.

Rafe Allison won the vice presidential post over his opponent, David Carscaddon in that election bid.

Elected to the senior seats were Chris Frank, Mike Rusnak and Tim Volger.

Winning the junior senate positions were April Buckner, Judy Hunneycutt and Tom Krug.

The sophomore senators are Ann Cantrell, Lee Rosen and Ken Cagle.

None of the senate contests had more than the three nominees for three vacant seats. Any opposition was write-in candidates.

The only heated campaign was for the Student Government Executive seat run-off election, between candidates Kerry Lonon, a dorm resident, and Brenda Populin, a commuter student.

The April 6 run-off date saw sunny skies and a high voter turnout of 154 students.

Elections Commissioner David Bradley credited part of the high turnout on the heavy campaigning of the two candidates and the rest on the Up With People performance that coincided with not only the election time, but the location on the quad.

After the voter tallying was completed, Kerry Lonon had been elected president by 103 votes to Brenda Poplin's 51.

## Nader Slams Big Business

by Robert Koenig

Consumer activist Ralph Nader addressed a capacity audience in the Lipinsky Center auditorium on March 27. Nader's speech followed a press conference in The Phillips Administration Building. The consumer crusader of the 60's addressed the audience on the role of big business in America.

Nader prefaced his speech by relating the Reagan administrations' intention to review standards in the textile industry for worker protection against black lung. Nader lashed out at the North Carolina congressional delegation, charging them with being "more interested in protecting corporations than individuals." At several points in his address, Nader leveled heavy criticism at the delegation, particular Sen. Jesse Helms.

While politicians bore the brunt of Nader's criticism, EXXON and other oil producers also were the target of many of Nader's remarks. He charged the multinational oil companies with promoting energy inefficiency in order to maintain their sales volume. Pointing out that Canada and the U.S. are the world's biggest consumers of energy, Nader told the audience that, "Efficiency is the first priority to solving the energy crisis. It's the ethical thing to do. It's anti-inflationary. It's a fantastic alternative to what we're facing."

**"The North Carolina delegation to Washington is the pride of EXXON. Some know better but don't have the courage of their convictions. Others just don't know any better. Only Virginia has a worse delegation."**

Citing an article published in the Wall Street Journal, Nader said that the price of oil would plummet if the U.S. became self-sufficient in oil. The price of oil is determined by what Nader called the "EXXON OPEC cartel". The consumer activist charged that EXXON is dictating energy policy in the Reagan administration, as well as influencing government policy on off-shore drilling and strip mining. "If there ever was a synonym for greed, it would be EXXON. If OPEC didn't exist, EXXON would want to invent it." Nader pointed out that the company's gross revenues increased by \$24 billion between 1979 and 1980.

Nader expressed concern about the increasing share of the national economy controlled by the oil companies. "The oil companies took 40 percent of industrial profits in America last year. The oil companies are resting in an ocean of cash. They will seek to buy companies outside of the oil industry."

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Student Government President Kerry Lonon[l], and Vice President Rafe Allison[r].

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## Gullickson Appeals Forced Retirement

The Rag & Bone has learned that Professor Christine Gullickson will be forced to retire at the end of the current academic year.

Professor Gullickson, who turned 65 last year, was allowed to return for the current school year when Chairman Henry Stern of the German Department approved her application for an extension last year, under provisions for exemption from the retirement rule. Doctor Stern declined to recommend that Mrs. Gullickson be retained after the conclusion of the school year. Mrs. Gullickson has told the Rag & Bone that she has received no explanation from Stern for his decision beyond a one line statement informing her of his decision.

When asked for comment regarding his decision by reporters, Stern answered, "Because of the professional considerations involved here I don't feel I should say anything about Mrs. Gullickson."

Mrs. Gullickson, who has taught at Asheville Biltmore College and later, UNC-A, since 1965, has expressed her desire to continue teaching. Following the decision rendered by Chairman Stern, Mrs. Gullickson appealed to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Laurance Dorr, to overrule the decision. Dr. Dorr concurred with the decision of Chairman Stern.

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## Quigley Named Editor

The Student Publications Board met on March 31st and named John Quigley editor of The Rag & Bone for the 1981-82 year. Quigley won the election by a vote of 4-1 over Jim Harrison. John Edwards had also applied for the position.

Quigley is a junior and former assistant editor on the staff of the paper. The Rag & Bone will remain a monthly publication next year. The editor-elect has indicated that The Rag & Bone will devote greater attention to the university's cultural events next year. Other members of his staff have not been announced.

The student publications workshop, which began this spring, will be continued in the fall. The workshop will be conducted by Bill Moore, Associate Editor of the Asheville Citizen. The workshop is a one credit course in which students work on the production of The Rag & Bone.

## ROCKMONT

As the 1980-81 academic year comes to an end, students can see a bright spot on the horizon--Rockmont.

This year's Rockmont, sponsored by student government, is to be held Saturday, April 25th from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m., and will feature three bands to provide all-day music. The first band to play will be StateLine Band, a very versatile band that will play rock and roll, bluegrass, and country rock from 1 to 4 p.m. Silverspring, a Washington D.C. based band will play rock and roll and bluegrass from 4 to 7 p.m. Chaser will play for the dance and feature top 40 and bleach music.

During the day there will be swimming, boating, hiking, tennis, volleyball, softball, and plenty of beer and beverages available for students.

The dinner for this year's Rockmont will be catered by the Fireplace Restaurant. Everyone must have a ticket in order to be served dinner and to get into the camp. These tickets are available, in advance, from the Office of Student Activities or Student Government Offices. Tickets will be available at the gate. Tickets are free to all full time students; \$2.50 for part-time students, faculty, staff, and spouses; and \$5 for guests.



Photo by Jim Harrison