

Campus News

From the Editor Ballots are not all that have been skewed in Florida

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Editor in Chief

Imagine yourself trying to influence your child to be involved in the political process.

He is very adamant about taking part because he feels he will not make a difference, but you tell him that every vote counts and to make his best effort to encourage him to have faith in our governing body.

At the age of 18, you have him register to vote, and on Nov. 7, both of you stand in that long line to mark the ballot for your favorite candidate.

Then imagine that both of you are residents of Palm Beach County, Florida, where voters' ballots were discarded from the presidential election.

What would you say to that child to whom you were urging on? What would you do to prove that your point is still valid?

This is a situation that someone may be experiencing in Florida, and an acceptable answer may be difficult to find to alleviate their frustration.

When Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris announced Texas Gov. George W. Bush as the state's winner, many individuals were unhappy —not because of the outcome, but by how the Florida election was executed.

Historically, elections have been identified with the rise of democracy, but when officials ignore the voices of its foundation, where does the idea of suffrage come in, and how does this affect the public opinion of its citizens?

Think about it.

Martin's board memberships bring WSSU to the forefront

By Joy Scott
Argus Reporter

Juggling the duties as chancellor of Winston-Salem State University is a job that requires the wearing of several hats.

But Harold Martin takes his job 10 hats further with memberships on 10 Winston-Salem/Forsyth County boards.

With his extensive background in engineering and education, Martin said he has been invited to sit on several boards. "It means a lot to be thought of enough to be asked to serve on these boards," said Martin. "The big challenge is balancing that many boards on a very, very busy schedule," said Martin.

According to the chancellor, his typical working day runs from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, sometimes extending into the weekend.

Martin said that while he spends 50 percent of his working day on-campus and the other half off-campus, the time spent is a part of his strategic plan to ensure that WSSU is prevalent and well-represented in Winston-Salem's economic and corporate development ventures while contributing to organizations "generating a quality of life."

"I have attempted to be

very strategic in my participation on boards," he said. "The economic development boards are very important to the community."

Martin said that his membership on the boards not only benefit him by making himself a public figure in the city, but also the university.

"You have to establish the reputation of absolute academic excellence in your programs," he said. By networking with people in power who may be future employers of WSSU graduates, Martin said that his participation on the boards puts him in a position to do so.

"It creates an opportunity for me to enhance relations," he said. "The reason people are going to come to the university is because they feel they can get the very best grads from this university."

Though Martin has been sitting on the United Way board for only a short time, President Ron Drago said he has already taken the task of serving on a committee to help the medically uninsured.

"He represents a very important institution in this community. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge," said Drago. "Having someone like Martin is a real benefit to us."

Board Memberships

* Winston-Salem University Foundation Inc. — The university-based board was created in 1970 to generate money in addition to state funding for the university through private donations. (Jan. 2000)



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* Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce — The focus of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, a leading business organization in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, is to establish Winston-Salem as a technology-driven economic center. The chamber represents more than 2,000 area businesses in services to strengthen existing businesses and encourage small business creation and develop a talented work force. (Jan. 2000)

* Forsyth County United Way—The organization's primary focus of volunteerism to enrich the community and to maximize funding for its outreach programs beyond the growth of Forsyth County 50 to 100 percent. (May 2000)

* Idealliance Board — The goal of the International Digital Enterprise Alliance (IDEAlliance) is to satisfy the objectives of the Graphic Communications Association (GCA) dedicated to providing leadership for all industries benefiting from information standards developed for the graphic communications industry. (May 2000)

* Winston-Salem Arts Council — The mission of the Council is to enrich the cultural life by supporting excellence in the arts and providing opportunities to experience the arts. (June 2000)

* Forsyth County Infant Mortality Rate Reduction Coalition — The Coalition focuses on supporting and developing community resources to improve the health and well being of women of childbearing age in order to improve birth outcomes in Forsyth County. (June 2000)

* Piedmont Club Board of Directors (August 2000)

* Winston-Salem Dilliance

* Novant Corporate Board — The corporation, serving more than 2.2 million people in 18 counties across three states, provides health care through the Piedmont from southern Virginia to northern South Carolina.

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Time	Course Sequence	Date
8 to 9:30 a.m.	Class meeting at 9 a.m.	MWF Mon, Dec. 11
	Class meeting at 11 a.m.	MWF Tues., Dec. 12
	Class meeting at 1 p.m.	MWF Wed., Dec. 13
	Class meeting at 3 p.m.	MWF Fri., Dec. 14
9:40 to 11:10 a.m.	Class meeting at 3:30 p.m.	TR Mon, Dec. 11
	Class meeting at 2 p.m.	TR Tues., Dec. 12
	Class meeting at 12:30 p.m.	TR Wed., Dec. 13
	Class meeting at 11 a.m.	TR Fri., Dec. 14
11:20a.m. to 12:50 p.m.	Class meeting at 10 a.m.	MWF Mon, Dec. 11
	Class meeting at noon	MWF Tues., Dec. 12
	Class meeting at 2 p.m.	MWF Wed., Dec. 13
	Class meeting at 4 p.m.	MWF Fri., Dec. 14
1:30 to 3 p.m.	Class meeting at 9:30 a.m.	TR Mon, Dec. 11
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