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## Gantt Defeated; Helms to Remain

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Election Day. Nov. 6, 1990. Students and North Carolina residents alike gathered around their television sets and radios awaiting the results of the heated election battle between Senator Jesse Helms and challenger Harvey Gantt.

Students congregated in the Underground for most of Tuesday evening expecting a Harvey Gantt victory party. However, their enthusiasm rapidly dropped as the first percentages of tallied votes were announced. A few students were holding Gantt posters; another student was sitting next to a bunch of red and blue balloons.

By the time 71 percent of the results came in to a local news station, most of the Gantt supporters in the Underground had meager hopes for any chance of victory. "I'm going to go live in another state," one student said as he left the room.

There was a feeling of frustration as the Helms campaign headquarters was shown on television. As Helms climbed atop the makeshift stage among chants of "Jesse, Jesse, Jesse," his first comments were, "There is no joy in Mudville tonight!" Helms supporters responded with a cheer of anticipated victory. Guilford senior Amy Fox said, "Helms makes a stand, but Gantt just gives lip service."

The feeling at Guilford was different. "Helms represents everything this country is trying to work against," said 18-year-old freshman Eric Kaplan.

As Gantt presented himself to the crowd gathered at his campaign headquarters he was greeted by chants of "Harvey, Harvey, Harvey." Gantt's spirits seemed yet to be dampened by the losing battle the polls were presenting.

Even though final results were not in until the early morning hours, most Gantt supporters realized defeat by 11 p.m. When 99 percent of the votes being recorded were in, the networks were

proven correct. Senator Helms will remain in the position which he has occupied for the past 18 years.

The final tally result reflected a 52-48 percent victory for Helms.



Students enjoy fall colors and leafy walk from Founders Hall to King Hall /Photo by Charles Almy

## Senate Votes, First Time in 16 Years

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Last Wednesday, for the first time in at least 16 years, Senate could not reach consensus at its weekly meeting. It was forced to open the floor up to a vote, deciding by a 20-8 margin not to allow a major change in the Student Union's constitution.

Senators clashed over the issue of Union's proposal to add an elected Public Relations Committee to its constitution. After over a month of deliberation, they could not come to an agreement over

whether Union should be allowed a campus-wide election for members of the Public Relations Committee in addition to the elections for its executive officers.

According to Senate's by-laws, the president may use parliamentary procedure when "[it] cannot reach an acceptable decision with a reasonable length of time."

At the beginning of the deliberations in September, Union executive officers officially brought forth a proposal to add a 14-student elected committee which would represent students' opinions and concerns about Union events.

Some senators objected to the proposal

on the basis that Union is open to all students anyway and that elections would only increase bureaucracy. Others expressed concern that the addition of an elected board would be the first step toward Union gaining autonomy.

The meetings were both tense and unproductive, according to senators.

"During four long, bloated meetings," said one senator, "the same people continued to rehash the same arguments, and we basically got nowhere. I think the underlying facts were that 1) some senators do not want Union to have any more power and 2) many constituents don't really care what happens."