

John Gaither Elected President In Big Vote



Bill Billups



Earleen Mabry



Cindy Trexler

John Gaither was elected president of the student body in elections held April 5, 6, and 7 last week. Gaither was backed by the University Party.

In the largest turnout at the polls ever recorded here, Gaither defeated his independent running opponent, Larry Garner, by a vote of 426 to 320.

Thus Gaither captured 57% of the total ballots to Garner's 43%. The 746 who voted represent roughly 45% of the student body.

The UP slate for the other three executive council positions ran unopposed and was elected. Bill Billups, vicepresidential candidate, received 618 votes; Earleen Mabry, candidate for secretary of the student body, 624; and Cindy Trexler, candidate for treasurer, 617.

In the race for sophomore position on the student court, Perry Moser bested Carol Haywood, 400 to 314. Moser was the UP candidate while Haywood was an independent. This was the only position other than the presidency which was contested.

Bud Stokely, the UP choice, received 595 tallies for senior position on the student court and was elected. He was unopposed.

There were three junior positions on the student court to be filled and just two candidates running. Susan Allen of the Student Party and Rodney Smith of the UP were elected. They received 530 and 379 votes respectively.

Frank Crooks, a write-in, won the third junior seat on the court. He led more than 90 write-in candidates for the position with 35 votes. His closest adversary was Tommy Thomas with 17 votes.

Two UP hopefuls ran for representative positions on the Con-

solidated University of North Carolina Student Council and both were elected. They were Larry McAfee, 576 votes, and Joe McCorkle, 504 votes.

Newly elected president John Gaither commented, "I'm looking forward to this being one of the biggest, most important years in our growth. Construction on the first dorms here is due to begin this summer. I see a rise in school spirit as a result of students living on campus.

"But many problems will be brought on by the resident students we've never had before. I hope a committee of Administration members and students can be formed next year to study these problems," he said.

Gaither also indicated he would like to see the dates of next year's elections set before the end of this semester in order to avoid conflict in the future.



John Gaither, newly elected student body president, delivers his campaign speech in the cafeteria. Picture by Fred Jordan.

Rhine Relates ESP Incidents

BY PAUL BOSWELL

Dr. J. B. Rhine, a foremost research parapsychologist of the Foundation for Research on the Nature of Man, spoke on his life's work last Wednesday in the Parquet room.

He began his lecture by calling for open-mindedness on the student's part, concerning the acceptance of the strange phenomenon, ESP.

"Do not make up your mind pro or con immediately," he said. "Take as long as you need, no one is going to ask you about this lecture on an exam."

Rhine related the incident of a Charlotte girl who dreamed of the

outcome of a basketball game the night before it occurred.

The score and starring player of the game corresponded to her dream, and the coach phoned Rhine about the event.

He recalled another incident in which a Duke professor left a pleasure trip on impulse and found his home burned to the ground.

He added, "We have a large collection of these reports. Not all have to do with the future, but about 40% of them do."

He cited the example of twins who were in separate parts of a hospital. The twins, who were very close, died unexpectedly at the same time.

"The strange thing is that the doctor had no explanation for their deaths. There must have been a telepathic rapport."

"Is there some way in which a person can influence his physical environment without the use of his muscles?" he queried.

He stressed the simplicity of a study technique of these happenings, and the difficulty of obtaining the right study attitude.

The researchers first studied clairvoyance by asking the subject to identify playing cards from a distance.

"We had one man who at the high pitch of his powers identified 40% of the cards correctly."

Chance alone could account for 20% of these answers, he said. However, in guessing 40%, the man had beat odds of billions of billions to one. "He must have used ESP," said the doctor.

The men then studied the psychokinetic effect, or the "mind over matter" phenomenon.

"Why is this so revolutionary?"

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Poet Thad Stem Jr. Speaks Next Week

Thad Stem, Jr., well-known North Carolina poet, will speak on campus next Wednesday, April 19, in C-220 from 11:30 to 12:30. This is the third of a spring series of literary lectures by authors of this state sponsored by the English Department.

Mr. Stem, a native of Oxford, N. C., is a past winner of the Albemarle-Chowan Award which is presented to the North Carolina writer who produces the best book of poetry for the preceding year. Stem achieved the honor with his latest book, SPUR LINE.

LeGette Blythe, writer-in residence here, will accompany Stem to the campus. Dr. Robert M. Wallace, chairman of the English Department, is to introduce Stem.

Mr. Blythe, a personal friend of Stem, said, "He'll (Stem) please the students because he takes cracks at poets and literary people. He has an unorthodox way of talking and he's always one of the most popular fellows to speak at the North Carolina writers conference."

A graduate of Duke University, Stem has logged over 25 years of writing experience. He has been a frequent editorial contributor to the Raleigh News and Observer and has reviewed several of Blythe's books for the Charlotte Observer.

Stem's books include PICTURE POEMS, JACKKNIFE HOUSE, PERENNIAL ALMANAC, PENNY WHISTLES AND WILD PLUMS, LIGHT AND REST, and his latest, SPUR LINE.

He is now working on two more volumes which are scheduled to be published next year.



Dr. J. B. Rhine speaks to UNC-C audience on the subject of ESP.

Senior Parks Wins \$2,500

Earl Lee Parks, a senior electrical engineering student, has become the first student from this campus to win District Rotary's \$2,500 scholarship.

It will entitle him to a year's study in electronics at a leading English university. He will apply to Leicestershire and two others which offer excellent training in electrical engineering.

"I didn't expect it," commented Parks when he heard the news.

Sponsored by the North Charlotte Rotary Club through Rotarian Bill McNeary, he was one of 12 applicants for the scholarship. Forty-one district clubs could sponsor applicants.

His wife Judy and their three-year-old daughter will accompany him to Britain after his graduation in June.

Seniors Asked To Pay Fees

The business office wishes to remind seniors who plan to graduate to pay their graduation fee of \$10 as soon as possible if they wish to be included in commencement exercises.