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Few students vote

By Kim Burns

Approximately 300 students voted in fall elections for a turnout of roughly 3.5 percent of the eligible UNCC student population.

In the race for commuter representative, 14 students vied for six seats. Top votegetters were: Michael Kemp - 75, Elaine Howell - 71, Darrell Cook - 65, Bruce Ferguson - 59, Graham Alexander and David Gay, tied with 57 votes each.

Scott Hall representative race with three candidates was won by three votes. Rosalind Small won with 18 votes over Jim Austin and Doug Phillips, who had 15 votes each.

Holshouser Hall representative had two contenders for this position. Karen Houston with 16 votes defeated Alice Beck who received six votes.

In freshman class president race,

Dan Robertson defeated Ricky Barger, 44-23.

In the four other races, candidates were unopposed. Each were placed on a for/against ballot.

On campus apartment representative, David Perry won with 13 votes for, one against. Graduate representative Robin Hoerber won with six votes for, none against. In Sanford Hall, Lynn Black was reelected with 29 votes for, three against.

New editor of *Rogues 'n Rascals* Jeri Ingram was elected with 229 votes for and 51 against.

Moore Hall, who had no official candidate running received several write-in candidates. Tom Chumley said, "I will announce the winner, if any, of this race after qualifications of the candidates have been checked."



Seldom was there a line of students waiting to vote during last week's election. Less than 3.5 percent of the student body voted. (photo by Bob Henderson)

Proposal puts more control over salaries

By Nancy Davis

In the Oct. 20 meeting of the Student Activity Fees Commission (SAFC), a recommendation concerning stipends was made by SAFC chairperson, Tony Taylor. The recommendation will affect all stipends presently funded through the student fees in all three divisions of Student Body Government (SBG), University Program Board (UPB) and Student Media Board (SMB).

In essence, the proposal categorizes the positions within the Student Association into three categories: elected heads, permanent staff and contractual services.

Taylor recommended "Elected Heads" be defined as "officials elected to Student Body Government, University (properly Student) Media Board and University Program Board during the spring semester of each academic year." There would be two divisions under this category, "Grade 1" and "Grade 2." Any positions having duties consisting of "general administrative, managerial and supervisory functions" would consist of "specific areas of management within each divisional area" would be Grade 2.

Examples of Grade 1 positions are student body president, media heads and the UPB chairperson. Their compensation would be in the form of a \$500-\$1,200 scholarship. An example of Grade 2 would be chairperson of Student Legislature who would receive a \$500 scholarship.

Taylor defined "Permanent Staff" as "those persons appointed to chair various committees or assigned control and duties within predefined areas." Their compensation would be

\$100-\$500 scholarship for positions such as UPB committee chairpersons, attorney general and specific editors.

"Concentrated Services" would be defined as "those individuals whose work is measured in quantatative terms (e.g. meetings attended, hours worked, product output)." The compensations for these positions such as legislators, tellers and typesetters would be a fixed wage set according to the particular type of job involved.

There was brief discussion following the recommendation. Michael Evans, observer and past member of the old Student Fees Commission, questioned the idea of scholarships, feeling "you would lose your control" in overseeing the work done by these people. He argued the scholarship would be given without consideration of the work done. Evans also made the point most students needed a regular paycheck rather than a scholarship received at the end of each semester.

SBG representative Matt Barhydt felt it would be difficult to "equate the various positions in three divisions." Instead, he feels it would be better to leave them up to each division.

James Kirkpatrick, SMB representative, questioned the "need for doing this, period." The SAFC already controls the money with the responsibility of allocations. He made the point there should be no need to set another ceiling.

All commission members are to come up with alternative suggestions to discuss at the next meeting. More information on the recommendations concerning stipends will be reported in the next *Carolina Journal*.

Springs "veto president"



"Some people see me vetoing for the sake of vetoing." — Larry Springs, UNCC Student Body President.

By Nancy Davis

Never before in the history of UNCC student government has a student body president vetoed as many bills and motions as this year's president, Larry Springs. Beginning in the summer, Springs froze student government's funds, a power not used in any recent student government administration and from there has exerted many of the powers untouched by most presidents.

The Student Legislature, responsible for the bills and motions vetoed by Springs, has been unhappy with the numerous vetoes. Springs says he too has been unhappy with the lack of thought he feels legislature is putting into their motions. "Some people see me vetoing for the sake of vetoing," Springs says. He also believes legislature sees these acts as "vindictive."

According to the Student Body Constitution, Springs has "10 class days after the bill is placed in the executive offices" to veto it. He says he takes five days at a minimum to make his decision. Springs compares his decision to that of the Supreme Court of the U.S. He asks for opinions and advice without letting his opinion be known. Then when he has decided, he announces it.

Usually, Springs has announced his vetoes during Student Legislature meetings, but he has also sent out memos. He has always called someone to let that person know a veto has occurred and dates all vetoes to verify the veto.

After a summer legislature meeting in which business was conducted without a legal quorum, Springs froze the student government funds. Legislature was two short of having a quorum and according to Springs, "allowed proxies without prior consent." At the meeting, stipends were allocated along with travel and discretionary funds. Springs charged the meeting as being in violation of the by-laws and froze the funds until the business in the meeting was redone.

Members of the legislature argued according to the constitution, Springs could not freeze one division's funds without affecting the Student Media Board and University Program Board divisions also. His decision to freeze the funds involved his own stipends he had planned to use to attend summer school.

Along with freezing the funds, Springs also vetoed a bill passed in that meeting budgeting for over a \$1,000

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