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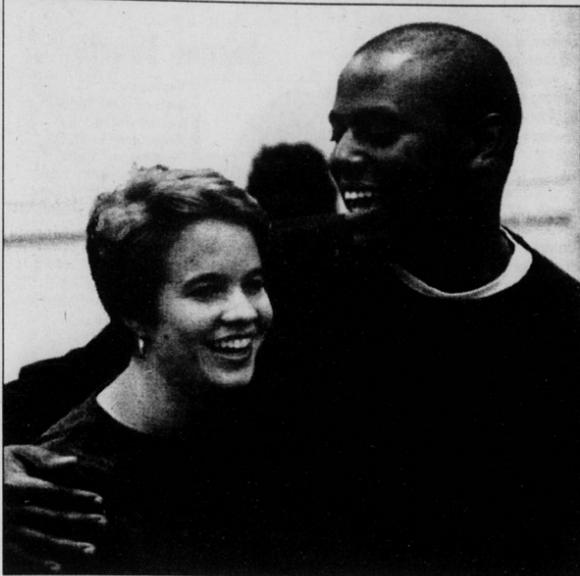
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Author Christine Carter read from her book on rape victims and rapists Tuesday. Page 5



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The city is gearing up to deal with the traffic that will be generated by millions of visitors this summer. Page 7

Today's Weather
Partly cloudy, high in low 50s.
Thursday: Cloudy, high 50s.

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Ladell Robbins and Amelia Bruce celebrate their victory as Senior Class president and vice president Tuesday night in Carroll Hall. The pair won the run-off election by 53 votes.

Robbins, Bruce Win Final Senior Class Race

BY MARVA HINTON
STAFF WRITER

Ladell Robbins and Amelia Bruce defeated Katie McNerney and Minesh Mistry for Senior Class president and vice president by a vote of 485 to 432 in the final round of elections Tuesday.

"We'll get started immediately on senior class activities," Robbins said. McNerney and Mistry would not comment on the results.

Tuesday's elections marked the third time students voted for president and vice president of the Senior Class.

McNerney and Mistry won the first election on Feb. 13, but did not receive a majority of the votes.

In the run-off election Feb. 20, the Elections Board reported that McNerney and Mistry had won by two votes. However, Bruce and Robbins called for a recount, which showed Robbins and Bruce the winners by a vote of 367 to 366.

McNerney and Mistry filed a suit in the Student Supreme Court against the Elections Board and Robbins and Bruce. The court ruled March 18 in favor of McNerney and Mistry, and scheduled a re-election.

Bruce said she thought the closeness of the first run-off election caused more students to vote.

"When everyone saw how close that (the last election) was they realized that every vote counts," Bruce said. "We called a lot more people, too."

Voter turnout Tuesday was higher than expected, with 917 students voting. In the Feb. 13 race, 995 rising seniors cast votes; in the Feb. 20 run-off, 713 votes were tallied.

The Elections Board handcounted the votes Tuesday night in 106 Carroll in front of both sets of candidates and their supporters. The board made three changes to the ballot to make the vote totals more

Senior Class President Run-Off Election



Ladell Robbins & Amelia Bruce
485
53 percent



Katie McNerney & Minesh Mistry
432
47 percent

secure. The board added a place for the poll tender to name the pollsite and initial the ballot and took a sequential count of the number of ballots they delivered.

The board also kept a count of how many ballots were given out. This number was checked against the pollsite log-in.

Annie Shuart, chairwoman of the Elections Board, said the changes were enacted to make candidates feel more secure.

"Initiating the ballots was a good precaution of keeping ballots from being stolen," Shuart said. "The Elections Board was not concerned that errors were occurring. The precautions we took solved the concerns of others involved. The counting went fine."

Interim Vice Chairman of the Elections Board Scott Barnett said the changes gave the board added confidence in their counting. "It made us feel more secure in our final count," Barnett said.

The election results are not final until they are certified by the board today.

Zaffron Survives; Recall Attempt Fails

Alex Zaffron will remain on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen after an attempt to oust him was quashed in a landslide election.

BY TODD DARLING
STAFF WRITER

In a landslide election Tuesday night, an attempt to recall Carrboro Alderman Alex Zaffron failed by a vote of 1,008 to 395. It took the five voting precincts approximately an hour to tally their votes by hand.

"I felt pretty good when I first heard the results," Zaffron said. "I'm glad it's over and we can move on."

Supporters of Zaffron waited anxiously as the individual precinct tallies were called in.

"We won!" Allen Spalt, member of the Friends of Alex Zaffron Committee, screamed as he received the final vote tally by phone from the Hillsborough Board of Elections.

"I couldn't believe it was so overwhelming," said Shirley Marshall, chairperson of the Friends of Alex Zaffron Committee. "I'm pleased that Carrboro made such a resounding statement."

The recall election was held due to a petition initiated by Carrboro resident Sheryl Baker after Zaffron was charged with driving while intoxicated on Nov. 27. On Jan. 23 the Orange County Board of Elections confirmed the required 931 signatures needed to hold the election.

"The people have a right to make an informed decision," Baker said in an earlier interview.

Spalt said that a charge of a DWI, while a serious mistake, was not enough to justify a recall election.

"The DWI charge is an inappropriate use of a recall. It didn't make him unfit to serve as an alderman," Spalt said.

The election turnout of approximately 1,403 voters was good for a single issue election, Zaffron said.

"It showed that a majority of the community felt that way," Zaffron said. "I was really surprised by that large of a majority." Spalt said he thought the election turnout was higher than expected. He said while it was difficult to get people interested in an "off" election he thought the turnout was excellent.

Election volunteers at poll sites reported a fairly constant level of voters. Despite a fire drill at Culbreth Middle School causing two voters to vote outside of the polling site, election procedures went smoothly.

"It was a good turnout," Marshall said. "We obviously caught people's attention."

Zaffron supporters felt the vote from the North Carrboro precinct, the largest voting precinct including the Cates Farm and Wexford neighborhoods, was especially crucial due to the level of opposition on the connecting road which Zaffron supported as Transportation Advisory Board chairman.

Zaffron supporters were amazed when he won in North Carrboro by a vote of 476-203.

"This is great!" exclaimed Carrboro resident and Zaffron supporter Carrie Monette.

Marshall said she felt campaigning her and her group did the weeks prior to the election helped bolster support in this area



Brian Taylor, 34, of Carrboro spent Tuesday campaigning for Alderman Alex Zaffron. Zaffron was recalled by concerned residents after he was charged with drunk driving.



Results from Alex Zaffron's Recall Election

Zaffron should remain in office:	Zaffron should not remain in office:
1,008	395
72 percent	28 percent

for Zaffron.

"It was good information that we got out. North Carrboro is such an enormous precinct," Marshall said.

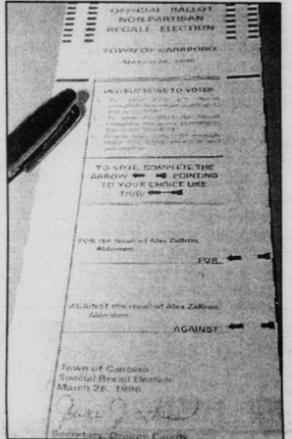
As he heard the results after the meeting, Zaffron thanked Marshall and her workers for their effort and support. About 125 people offered support for the Friends of Alex Zaffron.

"It was such a spontaneous and immediate outpouring of support from the community," Monette said.

"I was incredibly gratified by all this," Zaffron said.

With the winning results of the election and his job secure, Zaffron said he would continue working on issues affecting the town such as affordable housing and area zoning.

"I'm just going to keep on working on the same issues. I'll manage to keep busy."



Carrboro residents voted with ballots like this one in Tuesday's recall election of Alex Zaffron.

Gun Sculpture Project Faces Changes

BY LESLIE KENDRICK
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill Town Council members made changes Monday night in recommendations for the controversial downtown "Gun Sculpture" project by the Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission.

The original sculpture proposal was called "621 yards/69 seconds," a reference to the time it takes for a bullet to travel from the Post Office on Franklin Street to McDonald's, both of which were sites of deadly incidents involving guns. Five pieces of sculpture made of melted gun parts were to be positioned along Franklin Street.

After public hearings in November where Chapel Hill residents voiced their opposition to the project, the council asked the Arts Commission and artist Thomas Sayre for a revised proposal.

On Monday, Council members accepted the Arts Commission's recommendation that the proposed public sculpture addressing Chapel Hill and street violence be rethought so that it would no longer be referred to as the "Gun Sculpture" and would instead reflect positive community values.

However, council members asked for several amendments to the Arts Commission's seven recommendations before approving them. Mayor pro-tempore Joyce Brown and



Council member JOE CAPOWSKI said the sculpture's theme should be altered.

council member Joe Capowski asked that the sculpture reflect "community values" rather than "community concerns regarding violence on our streets," as the Arts Commission's report states.

"I think people in Chapel Hill have spoken about this issue," Capowski said. "If the statue is still about violence, people will have the same problems with it as they would have about a statue about guns."

Letters from citizens presented at Monday's meeting expressed continued concern about gearing the project toward the issue of street violence.

Chapel Hill resident Linda Mews said she was pleased with the town council's revisions.

"I was concerned by the Arts Commission's recommendations because

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BCC Close to \$3 Million in Donations

BCC Director Gerald Horne said Tuesday that he would announce a large donation to the BCC soon.

BY LILLIE CRATON
STAFF WRITER

In the wake of BCC Awareness Week, the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center is well on its way to reaching the \$7.5 million needed to build a freestanding center, BCC director Gerald Horne said Tuesday.

"Soon we will be close to \$3 million in donations," Horne said. Horne said the BCC had received a large donation that they would be announcing soon.

"We're expecting to announce any day now an anonymous donation that will knock your socks off," he said. Horne said he thought the BCC Awareness Week activities and the numerous student fund-raising efforts helped to publicize the fund-raising campaign.

"There are all sorts of grassroots fund-raising projects going on," he said. "Even if they don't amount to very much towards the overall goal, they are very good for public relations."

"They show the alumni that the students here really value this project," Horne said.

Dawnielle Gladden, BCC student fund-raising intern, said many student organizations had become involved in the fund-raising efforts.

"Delta Delta Delta sold 13 BCC T-shirts," she said. "Unitas has also rallied around the BCC."

Gladden said the Unitas program had sponsored a dance and was planning to donate some of the proceeds to the BCC project.

Several campus singing groups, including

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Healing a Divided Campus

Local students and leaders over the last week have been asking how to unite UNC after a series of events that have raised the specter of hate crimes and hate speech.

As a community, we must look ahead and find ways to bring people together in response to recent events.

The Daily Tar Heel will sponsor a public roundtable discussion Friday at 4:30 p.m. to bring together people with different viewpoints and ideas. Gerald Horne, director of the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center, will moderate the conversation.

If you think you might be interested in participating or just in watching, please stop by the DTH office in Suite 104 of the Student Union to pick up an information packet and sign up for the roundtable.

We would like to see a variety of opinions represented Friday, so if you have something to say about the issues of free speech and hate, and if you have some ideas about how to face such issues in the future, please come by and sign up.

— The Editors

Women Match Men in Writing Senior Honors Theses

BY GINGER MASSEY
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Early this week stark posters appeared in women's bathrooms around campus decrying the low number of minority women faculty members on campus. The statistics the posters presented highlighted a problem attracting and keeping women scholars that University leaders agree exists and are trying to address.

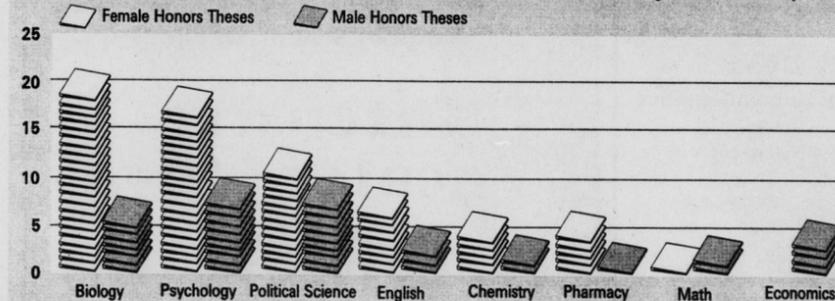
But at the same time, there are indications that women are making significant progress toward being equally represented in the top echelons of University life. According to a study by the Honors Office, about the same proportion of undergraduate women are writing honors theses as their male colleagues.

Associate Dean of Honors Robert Allen said in 1995 some members of his department were concerned that women were not receiving as much encouragement from the faculty as men, and therefore did not write as many honors theses. Allen said the department did research in 1995 to see if this was the case.

The department looked at the 1994 calendar year, which included graduation dates in May, August and December. Allen

Women Who Write Honors Theses

An Honors Office analysis of students who completed honors theses in May, August and December 1994 showed that proportionally women completed as many theses as men, but that there were variations among some individual departments.



SOURCE: ROBERT ALLEN, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF HONORS

said they were pleased with the outcome. "It did not bear out the hypothesis that more males write honor theses than females at all," Allen said.

According to research conducted about the 52 departments in which students can write honors theses, about 60 percent of those who graduated with honors in 1994

were female. Women made up about 60 percent of the undergraduate population in 1994.

The biggest surprises for the 1994 data were in the biology department and pharmacy school, Allen said.

In 1994, 29 undergraduates in the biology department wrote honors theses. Of

this number, 21, or 72.4 percent, were female.

Of the undergraduates in the pharmacy school who turned in a thesis, seven, or 77.8 percent, were female.

However, not all departments followed

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If I had to live my life over, I'd live over a delicatessen.

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