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Code violations compel re-elections in 8 districts

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The race might not be over for some Student Congress candidates.

Because the Elections Board broke certain Student Code laws, graduate-student districts 2 through 9 will have a re-election Tuesday, the same day as run-off elections.

Student Body President Aaron Nelson issued an executive order Tuesday identifying two violations — missing deadlines for candidates' financial statements and for certification of elections results — as reasons for a re-election.

"It was because I needed to act immediately to make sure no elections laws were violated," Nelson said. "As the chief executive officer of student government, it is my responsibility to enforce laws passed by Congress — including Title VI."

Title VI of the Student Code governs elections laws. If broken, any student can bring a case before the Student Supreme Court asking

that a race be nullified.

"The onus is on an individual to call (the Elections Board) on what happened," Student Congress Speaker Jamie Kilbourne said.

The board must announce certified results within 96 hours of the elections, according to the Code. A single, 72-hour extension is possible if the board approves.

The board never voted to extend the deadline, Dicks said. It considered the results certified Saturday, even though all financial statements had not been verified.

"When we certified we didn't realize that there could have been a mistake," she said.

But Nelson said the board could not certify results until all financial statements were verified and the information was given to him.

"They were headed towards screwing up, and I stopped them from screwing up," he said.

At 3 a.m. Tuesday — about 16 hours before the extended deadline for certified results — Nelson wrote the order requiring the board's compliance with the laws. "I didn't realize the extent of the problem," he said.

Dicks said, "We didn't find out until Monday afternoon that there was a problem."

With Nelson's executive order, the deadline for results was informally extended to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Nelson stated that computer problems necessitated re-elections in select graduate districts.

Changes in those districts last year were not updated in the computer databases used to identify voters at poll sites. So some graduate students could have voted in the wrong district, violating general election laws.

Only District 1, the School of Law, which used a printed out roll of students, avoided the problems and will not face a re-election.

Nelson also reversed a decision made last week to extend the candidates' financial statement submission deadline until 5 p.m. today.

He stated that the board must disqualify students who had failed to meet the Code's deadline of 5 p.m. the day after the elections.

"Ange made a good decision but one that

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1 step over the deadline

According to the Student Code, the Elections Board must meet deadlines. They did not meet two of them, resulting in an executive order overruling the board's decisions.

	By Student Code	Before executive order	By executive order
Financial statement due	5 p.m. Feb. 12 or 5 p.m. Feb. 13 with special approval	5 p.m. Feb. 19	Disqualifies candidates failing to meet Code deadline
Final results posted	8:30 p.m. Feb. 15 or 8:30 p.m. Feb. 18 if the board approves	After 5 p.m. Feb. 19*	8:30 p.m. Feb. 18

SOURCE: STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Court affirms community service hours

■ The class of 1997 will have to complete 50 hours of service to graduate.

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' graduation requirement mandating all students to complete 50 hours of community service before receiving their diploma was upheld by the United States Supreme Court on Tuesday.

The court, without comment, rejected Chapel Hill High School student John Reinhard III and his family's appeal that said such mandatory community service violates the rights of students and parents.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Board of Education requires, starting with the graduating class of 1997, that all high school students complete 50 hours of community service before receiving a graduation diploma.

In response to the Court's decision, John Reinhard, father of John Reinhard III, said the Court missed the heart of the issue by upholding community service.

"This was not just about mandatory community service," he said. "Unfortunately the Supreme Court did not deal with the issue of whose children are these anyway. This is about parental rights and respect."

Reinhard said the board believes parents have no fundamental rights when it comes to their children's education.

He said he thought the school system was trying to take on too many duties by trying to teach moral education as well as traditional education.

"The schools are faced with an incredible plate that is one of their own choosing," he said. "They have loaded more things on their plate than they are prepared to handle."

CHHS Principal Butch Pattenon said he was glad to hear the Court's decision.

"Anytime you're going to require something, students tend to question it, but people are doing their service learning and doing quality service work," he said. "I'm hoping from this ruling we can build a better service program."

Reinhard said his son would not attend CHHS next year. "Our son has

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Spangler's comments spark reaction

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In the face of recently mounting criticism, UNC-system President C.D. Spangler defended his active role in town government as upholding his duty to the students he serves.

"The UNC system hired me in full knowledge that I don't mind doing and saying what I think is right," Spangler said.

Orange Water and Sewer Authority officials said Spangler stepped over his bounds last week by suggesting that OWASA reduce or eliminate sprinkler fees for fraternity and sorority houses.

Earlier in the week, town officials and residents criticized Spangler for lifting a long-standing ban on jet landings at the Horace Williams Airport.

The Chapel Hill Town Council learned two weeks ago that Spangler lifted the ban last November. The council drafted a letter to Spangler asking him to rescind his decision.

Town Council member Julie Andresen said Spangler's lifting of the jet ban was the first such action she had seen in her years of residence in Chapel Hill. "I can't think of an instance where a university president initiated a directive affecting the UNC campus and

community."

Spangler suggested that OWASA should reduce or eliminate fire protection fees, which include sprinkler-system charges, for fraternity and sorority houses.

Barry Jacobs, chairman of the Board of Directors for OWASA, said he thought Chancellor Michael Hooker's administration should have made the suggestion, instead of Spangler. "It would be better to do this through the proper channels," Jacobs said. "The people in South Building could be in the discussion and make substantive changes."

Spangler disagrees with Jacobs' analysis that it is not his place to make suggestions to OWASA. "I'm sorry that the chairman feels the way he does, but I think he's confusing financial income with student safety," he said. "If he thinks that protecting students is not the president's job, then he doesn't understand what my job really is."



UNC-system President C.D. SPANGLER has garnered criticism from town officials for lifting a jet ban and making comments about sprinkler fees.

OWASA attorney Bob Epting said he thought Spangler had every right to express his opinions about the University and community, but that his remarks, as they have been reported, overlooked the fact that OWASA is a nonprofit public agency operating on a balanced budget. "If rates are decreased for sprinklers, they must be increased somewhere to make up the shortfall," he said.

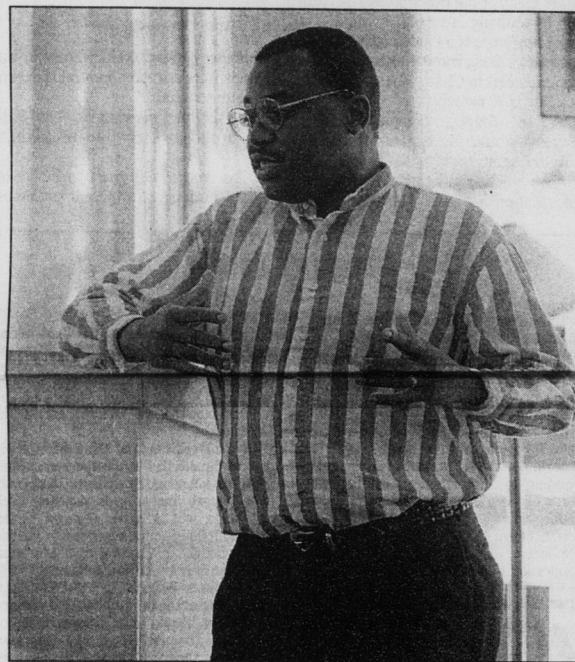
Spangler said it has always been his job to look out for the students of all 16 system schools, and he takes that role very seriously.

He cited his involvement in a broken water main in Elizabeth City several years ago, which sent Elizabeth City State University students home for almost a week, as an example of his relationship as a student advocate to state and local government. "When students at Elizabeth City were inconvenienced, I went to the mayor there, and in conjunction with the state legislature, we worked together to install a water tank which could supply the campus with water for a week if pipes ever burst again," he said.

Andresen said she had heard some speculation that Spangler had become more vocal recently, in part because of

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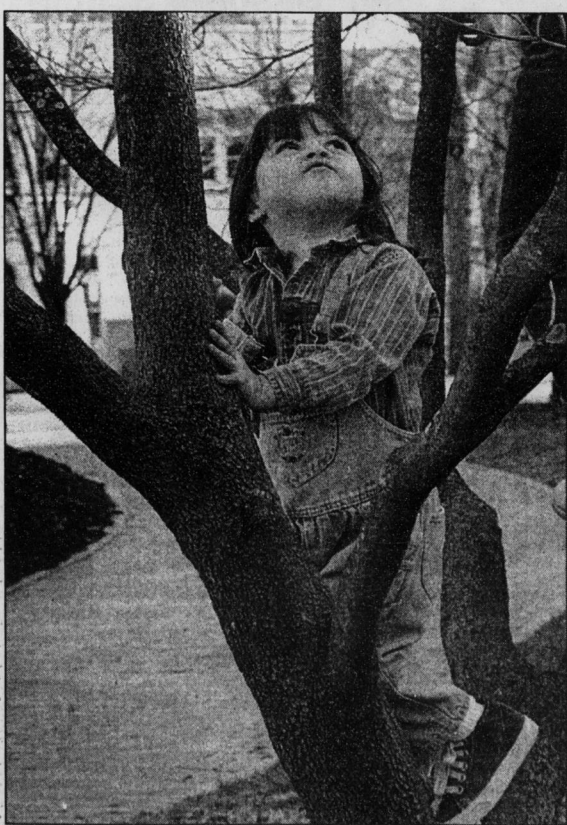
MAKING AFRICAN HISTORY



Julius Nyang'oro addresses those who attended his discussion held Tuesday in the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center. See story, page 2.

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LOOK UP IN THE SKY



DTH/JENNIFER GUTHRIE

Monica Balderas climbed a tree beside the Old Well on Monday with her sister and cousins. Monica could not climb as high as her older sister.

Sophomores gain vote in rating UNC system

■ The Board of Governors will distribute surveys to sophomores and seniors.

BY VALERIE BREZINA
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UNC-system students with complaints against their schools now have another opportunity to voice their opinions.

This year, the UNC Board of Governors plans to distribute its annual survey to sophomores, as well as seniors.

The survey allows students at each school to rank their institution's services.

Gary Barnes, UNC-system vice president for program assessment and public service, praised the program as an excellent way for universities to gauge student reaction to the services available through the university.

"The survey is part of university institutional assessment effort," he said. "The administration system can look at the results and determine where they can have the maximum effect on what needs improvement."

Last year, only a little over half of the students completed and returned their surveys. Because of the relatively low rate of return, administrators plan to

devise a way to involve more students in the survey.

John Dervin, president of the UNC Association of Student Governments, said low response rates were unacceptable because the survey helped the universities improve for the general good of all students.

"This is definitely helping students see how campuses compare to one another," he said. "Our goal is to all be above 75 percent in terms of student satisfaction."

Many suggestions were made to raise the response rate. Those ideas range from free parking pass incentives to withholding pin numbers until the surveys have been received.

"Conditions vary from campus to campus," Dervin said. "What this comes down to is whether institutions will use the carrot or the stick."

Robert Thompson, director of planning and research at East Carolina University, agreed that the survey helped institutions recognize any problems the students might have with the system.

"We have used the survey results to focus on areas that needed help," he said. "For example, our registration system rated low, so now we are in the process of instituting a better system of online or telephone registration."

Thompson said sophomore input was useful to judge how the university meets general college needs.

"The Board of Governors decided to do the sophomore survey because the

If we could just ask you a few questions ...

Administrators will use the Institutional Evaluation Form for Sophomores, which arrives at UNC-system schools this week, to determine whether programs serve students' needs.

Please evaluate the extent to which the faculty members at this campus do each of the following:

- Set high expectations for you to learn
- Respect your diverse talents and learning styles
- Care about your overall academic success and welfare

Do you feel that the school provides has adequate provisions in the following areas:

- Do you feel safe on this campus?
- How many of your classes, if any, do you feel have been too large for you to learn effectively?
- In how many classes have you had difficulty understanding the spoken English of a graduate teaching assistant or a regular faculty member?

How satisfied have you been with each of the following:

- Registration process
- Campus food services
- Campus health services

Please state your opinions about the school's educational environment in the following areas:

- How would you characterize the intellectual environment on this campus?
- How satisfied have you been with the overall quality of instruction?
- If you could start over again, would you still choose to attend this institution?

SOURCE: UNC-SYSTEM GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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second year is the breaking point," he said.

"Many sophomores have not yet decided on a major, and the aspects of the university that are most pressing on their minds would be different than the problems seniors would be interested

in," Thompson said.

Dervin agreed that sophomores should be surveyed as well.

He said, "It's good to survey students while they are still using the services, rather than when they are ready to graduate."

The press are good guys. They are helpful with their questions.

Richard Nixon