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## Nelson wins re-election in Carrboro

■ Mike Nelson defeated Judy Anderson and David Collins to remain mayor.

BY HUGH PRESSLEY  
STAFF WRITER

After months of campaigning that culminated in winning yesterday's race for mayor in Carrboro, Mayor Mike Nelson said he planned to do one thing. "Sleep."

Nelson won the election with 1,491 total votes, 591 more than the next closest candidate, David Collins. Candidate Judy Anderson received 207 votes.

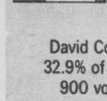
Nelson said he was pleased with the results of the election but was taking it all in stride.



### Carrboro mayor



Mike Nelson  
54.6% of votes  
1,491 votes



David Collins  
32.9% of votes  
900 votes



Judy Anderson  
7.6% of votes  
207 votes

SOURCE: ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
(AS OF PRESS TIME)

"Winning an election doesn't necessarily make you popular," he said. Nelson based his re-election campaign platform on his experience as mayor and his involvement in local issues.

A 10-year resident of Chapel Hill, then a member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen from December 1993 to December 1995, Nelson said he was surprised by his convincing win.

"I'm overwhelmed with the size of the victory," he said.

"I'm touched with how much support the people of Carrboro have shown to me as mayor."

Besides sleeping, Nelson said he planned to spend the next few days reading the election results and figuring out the margin of victory.

As for his goals for his second term, Nelson said he would begin to work on the problem of affordable housing in the area.

Candidate David Collins said despite losing the election, he had a valuable experience in participating in the race for mayor.

He said he would continue to support Nelson.

"It has been fun," Collins said. "The only regret I have is not winning."

"I congratulate (Nelson) on a job well done."

Collins said he had some issues he would like to see Nelson focus on during his second term.

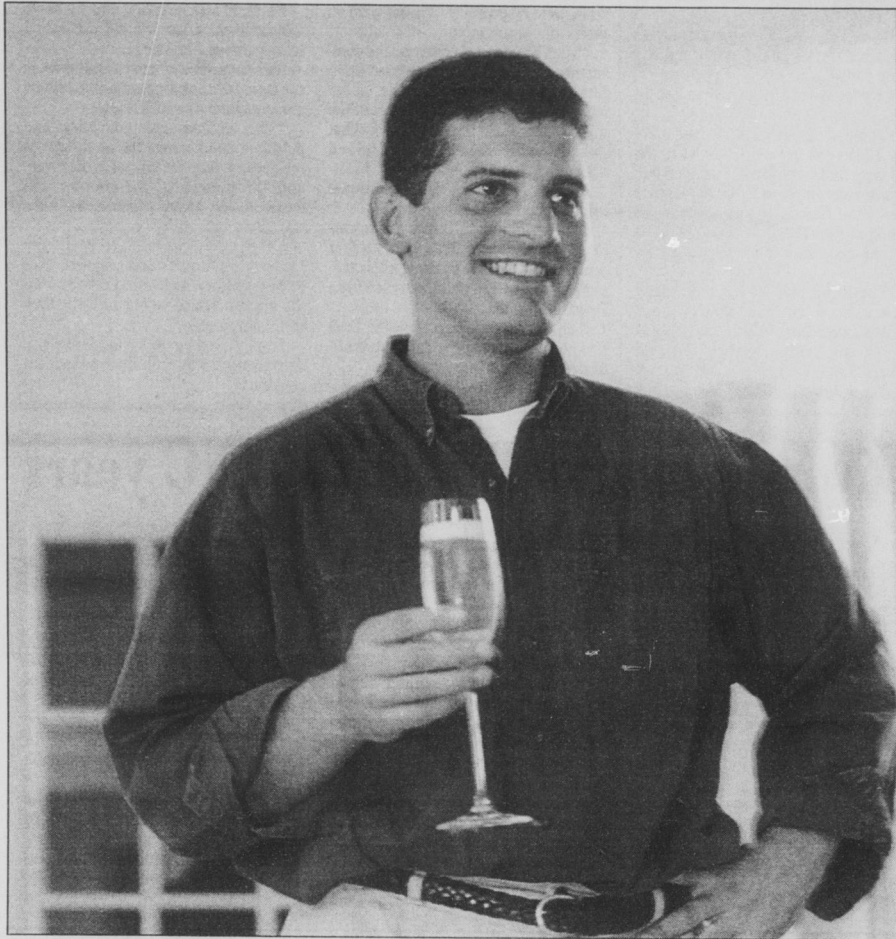
"I'd like to see him concentrate on the recruitment of business to Carrboro and on remembering the old Carrboro," Collins said.

"Those are the folks we're in danger of losing to high-priced development."

Collins said he was very pleased with how the candidates ran their campaigns and how Carrboro handled the elections in comparison to Chapel Hill.

"What you see in Carrboro is the way elections should be run," he said. "It never got personal like it did in

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Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson celebrates his victory with friends Tuesday night. The incumbent received more than 54 percent of the vote.

## Major power loss places UNC in dark

■ The blackout left several students stuck in elevators and darkened traffic lights.

BY B. FORREST ANDERSON III  
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SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS EDITOR

A blackout hit much of campus for about an hour and a half Tuesday night, causing minor disruptions at a polling site, knocking out traffic lights and stranding several students in elevators.

The power outage, which lasted from about 5:50 p.m. until about 7:10 p.m., was caused by a fallen power wire near Boshamer Baseball Stadium. Many South Campus residence halls were left in the dark.

Danny LaDuke, service supervisor at Chase Hall, said he had just walked out the back of the building with a co-worker when he saw a flash above the baseball field.

"I heard a boom, or a crash. We could see the big glow from what it was," he said. "It just looked like a bolt of light hit it, and then there was a glow."

LaDuke said he let students eat for free during the blackout because juice and soda machines were not working. They ate by candlelight, he said.

The outage appeared to be caused by the primary power line that crossed the baseball field, said Physical Plant employee Everett Newton. The line fell, causing sparks to ignite the side of the transformer and blow the fuse, he said.

"Oil is on the side of the transformer, (which) looks like it's been leaking for a while," he said.

It appeared the transformer had not been checked for some time, he said.

Jerry Lloyd, a Physical Plant supervisor, said said power was out between Ridge Road and Stadium Drive.

"We just got it isolated so we could get the main sector (Ridge Road and Stadium Drive) back on," he said.

During the power outage, students studied by hallway emergency lights in Morrison Residence Hall, where students were stuck in elevators for almost an hour before firefighters freed them.

Zephyr Mays, a freshman from Chapel Hill, was riding an elevator with two other people after returning from Air Force ROTC exercises at about 5:50 p.m.

"I thought it was stopping at the fifth floor and then zumph — the lights went out, and we're like, 'It's not supposed to do that,'" he said. "I was in my ROTC uniform, and I was dying to get out of it."

Friends told Mays jokes through the elevator doors until firefighters pried the

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## 3 incumbents, Foy win spots on council; Franck loses seat

BY NICOLE WHITE  
STAFF WRITER

Voters returned three incumbents to the Chapel Hill Town Council and supported one newcomer in a race dominated by growth and environmental issues.

Joyce Brown, Edith Wiggins and Lee Pavao will return to their seats on the council. Kevin Foy will join them for his first term as a council member.

Only one incumbent, Richard Franck, lost his seat.

Pavao said he was excited to be returning to the council and would focus on representing all of Chapel Hill.

"I think the voters feel comfortable with returning three incumbents to the board," Pavao said.

"When you assume a responsibility such as this, you have to keep the whole community in mind," he said. "You



Lee Pavao, winner of a seat on the Chapel Hill Town Council, celebrates with his friend, Dick Matthews.

can't just concentrate on one group because now you represent all the people."

Foy said his election was a statement

from the voters.

"The voters said, 'No, we don't like the way things are going so we're going to replace the old with someone new,'" Foy said. "Voters want a different direction, and they're going to get it."

Wiggins said she was looking forward to her first full term on the council. "I had a wonderful experience learning about serving the community this past year," Wiggins said. "Now I'm happy to be serving as the result of winning an election."

Wiggins was appointed to fill a vacant council seat in November 1996.

"Now I am happy to be serving as the result of winning an election," she said.

Wiggins had the second-highest vote tally in the council race.

"I had no idea I'd run as strongly as I have," she said. "I thank all of the voters who supported me. I'm just ready to do the best I can in the next four years."

Brown brought in the most votes of any candidate, a victory she attributed to her views on growth, environmental

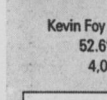
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### Chapel Hill winners

Chapel Hill Town Council



Joyce Brown  
56.2% of votes  
4,375 votes



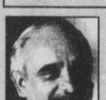
Kevin Foy  
52.6% of votes  
4,095 votes



Edith Wiggins  
55% of votes  
4,285 of votes



Rosemary Waldorf  
63.2% of votes  
4,921 votes



Lee Pavao  
46.6% of votes  
3,630 votes



Richard Franck  
41.1% of votes  
3,200 votes

SOURCE: ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS (AS OF PRESS TIME)

### Four out of five bonds pass

Fifty-six million dollars in bonds passed in Tuesday's elections. Only the public building bond failed to pass.

Issue	Passed	Percentage of Votes	Result
Schools	✓	58.4%	Forty-seven million dollars will be used for present and anticipated problems including the construction of new schools and renovation of current schools.
Parks	✓	54.6%	Six million dollars will be allocated to purchase new land and build new facilities as well as renovated the existing facilities.
Buildings	✗	44%	The \$4.6 million dollars to build a new senior citizens center and other county buildings will not be part of the bond package.
Housing	✓	53.8%	Families and individuals with less than 80 percent of the median income of the area will be eligible for part of the \$1.8 million available.
Sewer System	✓	55.2%	The Efland Community Sewer System will be expanded to central Efland with the \$1.2 million bond.

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## Public building bond falls short in election

■ Voters passed \$56 million in bonds for schools, parks, housing and sewer work.

BY REYNOLDS RICHTER  
STAFF WRITER

Orange County voters reached into their pockets to support four bond initiatives worth \$56 million.

Bonds allocating \$47 million for schools, \$6 million for parks and recreation, \$1.8 million for affordable housing and \$1.2 million for the Efland sewer system were passed.

Over 17,000 Orange County residents voted on the bonds.

Alderman Hank Anderson said he was pleased with the outcome of the referendums. "The park and affordable housing and school bonds were the ones I was most concerned with, and those came through."

Newly elected Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education member Roger

Waldon said he applauded the approval of the \$47 million school improvement bond. "If they would have failed, we'd be in a heap of trouble, with very serious overcrowding in the next five years," he said.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, who was re-elected Tuesday, said the affordable housing bond could have been bigger. "I wish there was more money allotted to the low-income housing bond, but it's a decent start," she said.

Only one bond out the five on the ballot failed to pass Tuesday night. The \$4.6 million public buildings bond was voted down by 1,907 votes.

Town Council member Edith Wiggins, also successful in her re-election bid, said she was disappointed the bond failed. "I supported all of the

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## INSIDE Wednesday

### Students hit the polls



Students made their voices heard Tuesday in the local elections. They voted on the Chapel Hill and Carrboro mayor and town government seats. Page 2

### High-tech health care

East Carolina University is one of several places taking advantage of video conferencing to improve efficiency and patient care. Page 5

### Today's weather

Partly cloudy; upper 50s  
Thursday: Mostly cloudy; mid 50s

*All free governments are managed by the combined wisdom and folly of the people.*

James A. Garfield