

Cyber voting Poses Few Glitches Activists Turn Attention To College Dining Services

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Despite some initial security concerns, N.C. State University's online voting system for student body president went off without any noticeable hitches this week.

This marked the second-year students have had the online option, and student leaders said last year's problems were addressed effectively.

Newly elected Student Body President Harold Pettigrew said most students saw online voting as a plus.

"I know a lot of students voted online because of the convenience," he said. Wes Moyer, chair of the elections board, said 2,000 of the 2,850 voters participated online.

Taking cues from N.C. State's voting tactics, UNC is slated to implement

online voting next year.

Pettigrew, who voted online himself, said voting in person was less efficient, which was why more students opted to vote via the Internet.

But convenience almost fell victim to security when President Pro Tem John Borwick discovered a problem with the software that allowed students to vote for anyone rather than the official candidates. Borwick successfully voted for The Beatles during a trial run to illustrate his point.

Moyer said all technical problems were fixed before the election, preventing the Fab Four or any other illegitimate candidate from being elected.

While UNC struggled with its own computer glitches on election night, problems at N.C. State plagued the existing system that tallied paper ballots. Student ID scanners normally used at

voting stations were not Y2K compliant, making them useless.

"Normally, you scan an ID card to vote, but because they did not have access to those (scanners), they had to find alternate means," Pettigrew said.

The alternative was connecting laptops to the Internet at the voting stations and verifying student identification numbers through a Web page.

"Online voting was several times more secure than paper voting," Borwick said. He said all that was needed to place a fake vote in-person was a social security number, an ID and a name.

Moyer was pleased with the success of online voting. "We are hoping that in the future it will be all we use."

But with the new voting system came new regulations on campaigning. Moyer said the election board ruled that computer labs would be considered poll sites and any campaign material put up in computer labs would be in violation of regulations.

Outgoing Student Body President Raj Mirchandani, who was defeated this year by Pettigrew, was criticized last year for campaigning in computer labs. No candidates were penalized, Moyer said. "All the candidates realized what they could and couldn't do."

But Mirchandani did print the Web address for voting on his handouts. "He was a lot closer online than on paper," Moyer said. Mirchandani would not comment on whether online voting helped him or hurt him.

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A national protest group alleges that college dining service Sodexo-Marriott also feeds private prisons.

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Student protesters nationwide have recently started to target their schools' dining services - for reasons other than bad food.

Students at 10 universities began protesting Sodexo-Marriott Services on Thursday, alleging that the company, which provides dining services for many colleges including UNC, also has links to private prisons.

The student protesters claim that Sodexo-Marriott's parent company invests in such correctional facilities, which are owned and operated by profit-seeking corporations.

Schools participating in the boycott include American University in Washington, D.C., the State University of New York-Albany and the University of California-Santa Cruz.

Kevin Pranis, campaign coordinator for Not With Our Money, a nationwide student protest group helping to organize the movement, said students were refusing to eat at the schools' cafeterias. The main reason for the boycott was

to show that the public's interest was not met when prisons were controlled by businesses, Pranis said.

"We think it's wrong to give a private company the power to run prisons," he said. "Sodexo-Marriott's parent company, Sodexo Alliances, is the largest investor in the United States for private prisons."

But Sodexo-Marriott has denied any ties to the prisons.

"(Student protest groups) have put out information I consider to be misleading," said Sodexo-Marriott spokeswoman Kathy Boyle.

"We have no ownership (in private prisons)," Boyle also said. Sodexo-Marriott did not have a parent company.

She said Sodexo Alliances, its alleged parent company, was only a stock investor of Sodexo-Marriott and did not have any direct affiliation with the company. In efforts to resolve the protests, students have met with individuals from Sodexo-Marriott and its alleged parent company, Pranis said.

"The demand we've expressed with the company is to end their investment in private prisons," he said.

Boyle said the company was concerned with students' interests.

But she said Sodexo-Marriott was not involved with private prisons in any way.

Pranis said Sodexo-Marriott was proving to be unresponsive so far but would eventually agree to the students' terms.

Until they do, Pranis said, Not With Our Money would continue protesting on campuses around the country, trying to increase awareness about private prisons and their connection with dining services.

"We hope to increase (participation) to around 20 campuses," he said.

Even though Sodexo-Marriott has a contract with Carolina Dining Services to operate campus dining facilities, UNC student activists have no immediate plans to protest or boycott the company.

"I don't think (a protest) will come out very strongly at this campus," said Erica Smiley, a student activist.

"But it might in a couple of years."

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Men's Tennis vs. Georgia Tech

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UNC Softball in the Tar Heel Invitational

Noon vs. Virginia at Finley Field

2:00 pm vs. Florida International at Finley Field



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UNC Softball in the Tar Heel Invitational

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