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Election 2000: More Votes to Count

Better Turnout, Presidential Toss-Up Generate Increased Ballot Tallying

Orange County Participation Reflects Heightened Interest

By AMY DOBSON
Staff Writer

Of all local parties, the Reform Party showed perhaps the greatest democratic spirit Tuesday with perfect attendance of voters at the polls.

All of the party's registered voters cast ballots on Election Day.

All two of them. But the high proportional turnout among the Reformers was indicative of heightened interest across the board in this year's election.

According to the Orange County Board of Elections, about 54 percent of registered voters cast ballots, as opposed to 46 percent in 1996, making for long lines at many polling places.

Mary Andrews, a Chapel Hill resident, said she thinks voting is an important chance to take advantage of living in a democracy. "I'm aware that there are people around the world who yearn to have the right to vote," she said. "This is an opportunity we should never take for granted."

Of all registered voters, 34 percent showed up at the Westwood precinct, 30 percent at Greenwood, 29 percent at Fetzer Gym and 27 percent at the Lincoln precinct.

The Weaver Dairy precinct recorded the highest turnout in the county at 84 percent.

In Orange County, Democrats outnumbered Republicans in registered voters and in turnout percentage.

Of 51,733 registered Democrats, 29,633 voted, averaging a 57.3 percent turnout.

Of the 22,444 Republicans, 11,211 voted, giving them a 50 percent turnout.

Unaffiliated voters, numbering 20,391, charted a 43 percent turnout countywide.

Homer Tapp of Chapel Hill said the county commissioners race was especially important to him.

"I'm born and raised in Orange County," he said. "The commissioners can make a big difference in the lives of farmers and landowners here."

Tapp's polling site, Coles Store at 6407 Union Grove Church Road, was one of the 15 precincts in Orange County to serve more than 1,100 voters.

"I went to vote at 10 a.m. but left because the lines were too long," he said. "I came back later and things had died down a bit."

People who were new to the area or who had recently moved within Orange County might have encountered some difficulty finding their polling sites.

Cass Swing, who recently moved to Chapel Hill, said someone from the community called her at home last night to tell her where her polling site was.

"Without that call, I wouldn't have known where to go," she said.

But voting was not as easy for Carisa Showden, a graduate student in political science.

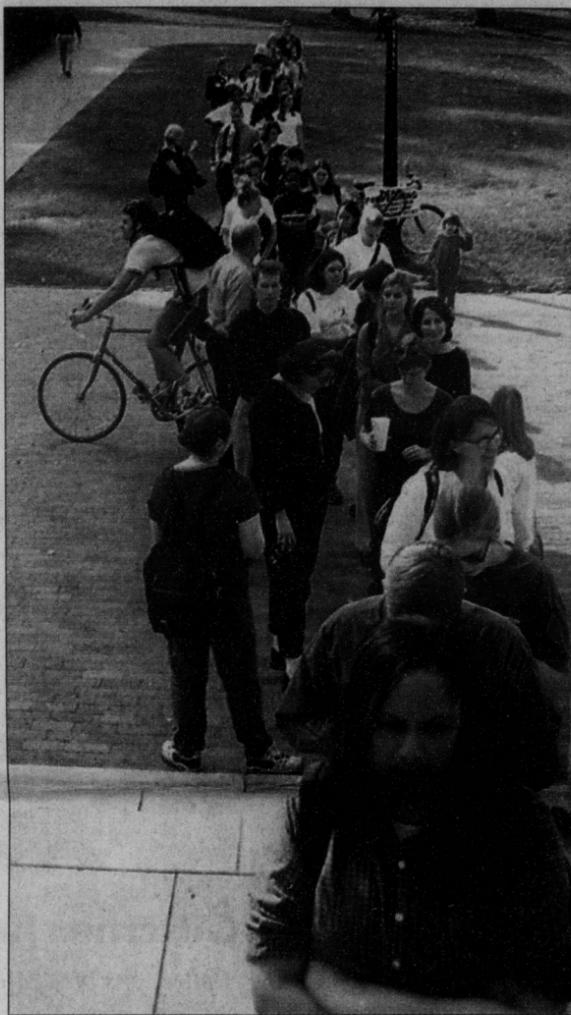
She said she had to spend about an hour looking on the map for the White Cross Recreational Center, her precinct.

"I finally found it," she said. "I voted in the morning, and I'm going to be glued to my television until the (presidential race) results are posted."

The issues at stake in the elections convinced Orange County resident Shawn Hamner that voting was essential.

"I thought this was one of the most crucial elections in recent history," he said. "It's great to make people know it's important to vote."

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Students wait to vote at Morehead Planetarium's satellite voting site Friday afternoon. Overall, 54 percent of county voters went to the polls.

A Nation on Edge: Bush, Gore Await Fla. Recount Results

The Associated Press

In an election for the history books, George W. Bush cautiously declared victory Wednesday over Al Gore and promised to "unite the nation" after the wildest White House finish in decades.

Gore promised to abide by the final results but insisted, "We still do not know the outcome of yesterday's vote."

It was a fitting finale of tumult and tension for two men who spent eight months and \$240 million on the campaign trail, only to finish less than 2,000 votes apart in a single pivotal state.

If Bush ends up winning Florida and Gore's lead in the national popular vote holds, Bush would be the fourth man in history — the first in more than a century — to win the presidency despite coming in second in popular votes.

Calling it an "extraordinary moment in our democracy," Gore noted that the Constitution awards the presidency to the Electoral College winner, not necessarily the leading vote-getter.

"We are now, as we have always been from the moment of our founding, a nation built on the rule of law," the vice president said.

Bush was looking ahead to his transition to power, preparing to announce key roles in his administration for retired Gen. Colin Powell and former Transportation Secretary Andy Card.

"It's going to be resolved in a quick way," Bush said of the Florida recount set to be finished Thursday. Joined by running mate Dick Cheney in Austin, Texas, he added: "I'm confident that the secretary and I will be president-elect and vice president-elect."

Florida was a state of chaos, its 25 electoral votes the margin of victory as both Bush and Gore were agoniz-

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U.S. PRESIDENT



GEORGE W. BUSH (R)
48,234,493 VOTES
48.35 PERCENT
246 ELECTORAL VOTES
2,909,465 POPULAR
VOTES IN FLORIDA



AL GORE (D)
48,437,330 VOTES
48.56 PERCENT
260 ELECTORAL VOTES
2,907,722 POPULAR
VOTES IN FLORIDA
19 of 67 Florida
precincts reporting

UNC Students, Faculty Welcome Bond's Promised Funds



DTH/LAURA GIOVANELLI

UNC-system President Molly Broad chats with Gov. Jim Hunt at the bond rally Tuesday night. The bond passed with 73 percent of the vote.

Optimistic officials plan to use UNC's \$500 million for the Master Plan and other campus renovations.

By LOREN CLEMENS
Staff Writer

Now that the \$3.1 billion higher education bond referendum has been passed by N.C. voters, UNC administrators are going to be very busy.

The University will receive roughly \$500 million in funding, which officials say will be put to use renovating, updating and constructing campus facilities. Students and faculty alike expressed virtually unanimous approval that UNC will reap the benefits of the bond.

"We will be working overtime, but we don't mind," said Anne Cates, chairwoman of the Board of Trustees. She said the trustees are extremely grateful to the people of North Carolina who worked to pass the bond.

UNC officials also are pleased that the bond received such strong support. "To do it 3-to-1 is just remarkable," said Master Plan Director Jonathan Howes, referring to the 73 percent voter approval. "It's a mandate from the people of this state — now the real work can begin."

Howes said the increased funding means the Master Plan can continue into its next phase of development, which includes the new science complex and the demolition of Venable Hall.

Many chemistry students were whole-

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Passage of \$3.1 Billion Package Means Improvements Can Start

By AIMEE BROWN
Staff Writer

University administrators and some N.C. legislators — still basking in the overwhelming passage of the \$3.1 billion higher education bond Tuesday — now face the challenge of managing the massive construction and renovation project.

More than 73 percent of the state's voters approved the bond, possibly due to an intense information and get-out-the-vote campaign from bond supporters ranging from students to alumni.

The bond will fund capital improvements at UNC-system schools and N.C. community colleges.

But some bond opponents say the bond package also will raise taxes and increase administrators' reliance on the state for funding.

Board of Governors member John Sanders said he was pleased by the outcome. "I fully expected victory, but not one of this magnitude," Sanders said.

He added that campus and state officials would be a success in future elections. He said, "This was the first time it ran, and I don't imagine (problems) happening again."

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Homecoming Online Selection Brings More Voters, Software Malfunction

By PAIGE AMMONS
Staff Writer

Some students who logged on to Student Central on Wednesday to vote for Mr. and Ms. UNC in the Homecoming elections were disappointed when a minor glitch shut them out of the system.

But student officials said the foul-up is not indicative of a larger problem.

Student election officials reported a

temporary software glitch in the new online voting system that was used Wednesday and will be used for the general elections of student body officers in February. "It was only down for about 15 minutes," said Elections Board Chairman Jeremy Tuchmayer.

He said the problem was a misunderstanding of how a certain part of the software worked. "It wasn't a problem with the voting program or anything technically wrong with (Academic Information

Services)," Tuchmayer said.

Student Body Secretary Michael Woods said he was impressed with the quick response to the glitch.

"As soon as it was reported by a student, Jeremy Berkeley-Tuchmayer called (the company that provides the software), who called AIS and then (AIS) took care of it," Woods said.

The problem occurred because the program has 100 megabytes of memory, but the system was only using 1 percent

of that storage capacity. An AIS technician inadvertently set the memory capacity at the wrong setting. Despite the problem, Woods said he felt the new voting system was still successful because of the increased voter turnout.

Tuchmayer said the total number of people that voted exceeded last year's total of 400 by far, with 1,865 students logging on to vote.

"It was extremely successful — it was almost a 500 percent increase in voter

turnout," Tuchmayer said. "We credit it solely to the ease of our elections."

Woods said the February elections will run smoothly after this test run with the Homecoming elections.

"Basically, (assistant student body secretary) Fred Hashagen and I have been working since this summer to create a simple and completely secure voting system, and it was a success on that front," Woods said.

Woods said one of the advantages is

that voters could vote from a variety of locations. "Students can vote in Raleigh or Burlington as long as they have a PID and a PAC," he said.

Tuchmayer predicted the voting system would be a success in future elections. He said, "This was the first time it ran, and I don't imagine (problems) happening again."

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Effort only fully releases its reward after a person refuses to quit.

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