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Technical Woes Void Class Gift Election

By JEFF SILVER
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Student government officials voided the online election for the senior class gift Tuesday night after a software glitch blocked some seniors from voting.

The election was rescheduled for Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The vote for Homecoming king and queen was unaffected, and the results

New Voting Date

The senior class gift will be voted on Wednesday online from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The three choices are:

- Artistic glass etching on the windows of the Campus Y building memorializing Sept. 11
- Special-needs scholarship to pay for incidentals
- Undergraduate Library endowment of at least \$20,000

SOURCE: ELECTIONS BOARD

and were unable to vote for the class gift.

He said that almost 40 seniors e-mailed him throughout the day and that many others stopped by the senior class office to let them know about the problem.

Rouhanifard did not know the exact number of seniors who could not vote for the gift. "We don't know how many votes we lost," he said.

Board of Elections Chairman Brian Fauver said the problem was that the class standings used for the vote were from February. He said only students who held senior standing for the spring 2002 semester were able to vote Wednesday.

Rouhanifard sent an e-mail to the senior class Wednesday morning, writing that the problem was occurring for people trying to vote at off-campus locations.

But student government later discovered that some seniors could not vote on campus either.

Rouhanifard encourages all seniors to vote next week and said he is happy that everyone should get to cast a ballot.

"There are a lot of people who really cared and couldn't vote," he said.

The three options for the senior class gift are an endowment of at least \$20,000 for the Undergraduate Library, an artistic glass etching on the windows of the Campus Y building memorializing Sept. 11, and a special-needs scholarship to pay for students' incidental costs.

Publicity efforts will be stepped up to make sure turnout doesn't suffer from the delayed vote, Rouhanifard said.

"We're going to have to turn it into a different gear," he said. "We hope everyone will come out and vote again."

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SEXUALITY FACTORS INTO ADMISSIONS GAME

Officials say the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students have become an issue in college admissions, prompting some students to proclaim their sexuality in their application essays and others to seek gay-friendly schools.

By JENNIFER SAMUELS / Assistant State & National Editor



UNC Admissions Guide

For students whose high school years are characterized by an emotional experience with sexuality, their struggle might seem like an ideal way to express uniqueness in 500 words or less.

But many experts say that despite increasing support across the country for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community, a prospective student's sexuality does not play a major role in the application process.

Officials said that, although a student's sexual orientation might reflect a diverse perspective that can add to campus life, it is not a factor that is usually taken into explicit consideration, although officials often do try actively to attract LGBTQ students to campus.

"We are looking for the best people in the world," said Marlyn McGrath Lewis, director of admissions at Harvard University. "We don't think there's an ideal ratio."

Lewis said Harvard does not use any specific goals for its classes. Despite a lack of quotas, most officials agree that the key to a successful college experience is creating a balance between traditional and alternative ideas.

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Although many universities say they do not base admissions decisions on sexuality, some are trying to make their promotional materials appeal to a wider variety of students by including images and information that address their campuses' LGBTQ climates.

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Ray Farris was one of the few BOG members to vote against raising tuition to fund enrollment growth.

BOG Could Limit Reasons For Increases In Tuition

By CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.
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A preliminary draft of the UNC-system Board of Governors' tuition policy — which could go into effect as early as next academic year — aims to address several of the most contentious issues that have surfaced during the board's long-standing debate on tuition.

One of the key changes to the policy could be the addition of a clause stating that the board will not increase tuition to fund enrollment growth. In March, the BOG approved a systemwide 8 percent in-state and 12 percent out-of-state tuition increase to provide \$33 million in enrollment growth funding.

The tuition increase — the first of its kind ever approved by the BOG — was prompted by the state's gloomy fiscal outlook, which made most board members believe securing the funds from state revenues would be nearly impossible.

BOG member Ray Farris said that if the board refuses to fund enrollment growth, the N.C. General Assembly will feel pressured to provide funding. "It's very unlikely that the legislature will stop funding enrollment growth," he said. "I don't think they would allow that to happen."

UNC-system Association of Student Governments President Jonathan Ducote, a nonvoting member of the BOG, said legislative leaders assured board members that enrollment growth would be provided by the General Assembly in the future. "We're pretty much banking on that promise," he said.

A BOG ad hoc committee on tuition and fees drafted the proposal change, and it could reach the entire board by February, Ducote said.

If the proposal is enacted, system officials also would be required to consider if tuition rates would be in the bottom quartile of rates across the nation.

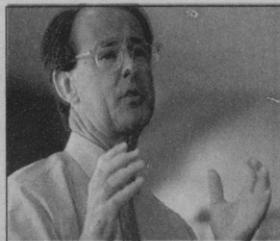
Ducote said mandating that tuition stay in the bottom quartile would allow

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Bowles Finds Success in Business, Service

By ELYSE ASHBURN
State & National Editor



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Erskine Bowles, a successful investment banker, has dedicated much of his life to public service.

Oversized glasses, a quickly thinning hairline and an open — if not somewhat awkward — smile might not seem to be the characteristics of a man who's made a fortune among polished businessmen from Charlotte to New York City.

And it certainly doesn't seem the description of a man who can move with ease among the elected aristocracy of Capitol Hill.

But in both cases, Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Erskine Bowles breaks the mold. In fact, success in business and government seem Erskine Bowles' destiny — perhaps brought on not only by his will but by a family name, inherited talent or even circumstance.

Erskine Bowles was born in 1945 in Greensboro to civic-minded parents — Jessamine and Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles. Skipper Bowles was a businessman and an ardent Democrat

who served in the N.C. General Assembly and made a failed bid for governor.

As fate would have it, Erskine Bowles would follow in father's footsteps in both career and public service, though his early years seemed to indicate he would do neither. "There is not a soul in the class of 1967 that thought I'd be up here at the front of the class instead of way in the back," he said in August during a speech at his alma mater, UNC.

Erskine Bowles — always up for a good time during his college years — often neglected his studies and left even those who knew his influential family wondering if he would be a success, he says.

But he earned a business degree from UNC in 1967 and began to explore his more studious side. After briefly serving in the Coast Guard reserves, Erskine Bowles enrolled in Columbia Business School, receiving a mas-

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Drive, Faith Propel Dole to High Positions

By ELYSE ASHBURN
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Elizabeth Dole has held powerful positions, such as president of the American Red Cross.

Salisbury, nestled in North Carolina's Piedmont, boasts quiet living, traditional family values and thick Southern draws.

The seat of Rowan County, with its walkable downtown, laid-back Sunday barbecues and about 26,000 residents, is certainly no hotbed of politics.

But Elizabeth Dole — Republican nominee for North Carolina's U.S. Senate seat and one of the foremost political figures in the nation — calls the city home.

Elizabeth Dole was born into Salisbury society in 1936 as Elizabeth "Liddy" Hanford and spent her formative years learning to be a proper Southern lady. But when the small city's horizons became too cramped, she made her way down the road to Duke University, a trip that launched her on a journey, bringing her back to her native city infrequently at best.

After graduating from Duke in 1958, Elizabeth Dole earned

a degree from Harvard Law School in 1965 and almost immediately became involved in government. She served under the Nixon and Reagan administrations during the politically turbulent 1970s and the economically challenged 1980s.

President Reagan, under whom Elizabeth Dole became the first female secretary of transportation, largely shaped her political philosophy and reinforced her traditional values, she says.

On the night of North Carolina's 2002 primaries, she told of Reagan's lasting impact on her approach to public service. "(Reagan) told me, 'Elizabeth ... I couldn't go another day in this office if I didn't know I could ask God's help and it would be given,'" she said. "I have never forgotten those words. And as I look ahead — I promise you, I will also be looking up."

The same night she spoke of her religion, Elizabeth Dole

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'Tis the night — the night of the grave's delight, and the warlocks are at their play.

Arthur Cleveland Cox