## Student Congress faces Nichol on list for presidency a growing party divide

**BY JOHN RAMSEY** 

Student government officially is a nonpartisan organization, but that didn't stop the largest politi-cal groups on campus from throw-ing their weight behind specific candidates in Tuesday's Student Congress elections.

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The next Congress will feature eight representatives backed by the College Republicans and eight supported by the Young Democrats a move that could intensify a divide that at times has pushed the body toward a standstill.

During the past term, debate in Congress sometimes has stalled on issues with a conservative-liberal split. These include a resolution to condemn the selection of a speaker with ties to Planned Parenthood as well as another resolution against

flag-burning on campus.
Congress Speaker Charlie Anderson said that though politics sometimes plays a part in discussions, he does not believe party affiliations will be a big issue in the chamber next year.

"Ninety-five percent of what we do in Congress is devoid of poli-

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Of the 40 seats in Congress, 10 now belong to conservatives, said Luke Farley, an incumbent Student Congress member who was elected Tuesday to represent off-campus students.

"We were trying to add some balance to the debate in Congress next year," he said.

College Republicans Chairman Jordan Selleck said endorsing candidates increases the organization's influence in student government. This sway can be particularly key in the Finance Committee, which has the first say when it comes time to allot student fee money.

"Their conservative values pro-vide another view when it comes to

spending," Selleck said.
Young Democrats based its endorsements on candidates' responses to a written application, said Jason Baker, director of cam-

pus political affairs for the group.
"Having members in Student Congress helps our organization by giving us a voice with students," he said. "This is something we can do locally."

Robert Austin, Lindsay Johnson, John Linkous, Jordan Myers, Meghan Paul, Paige Shetley,

1 in 3 wins a free song on iTunes

Younts won seats with the support of the College Republicans.

Young Democrats endorsed Kris Gould, Emma Hodson, Dustin Ingalls, Anisa Mohanty, James Riley, Chase Tweel, Blakely Whilden and James Williams.

Williams said he decided to run for Congress when doing research last summer. For her part, Johnson said she found out about the open seats in Congress through a message on the CR listserv.

And Shetley said a College

Republicans representative approached him less than a week before the election and asked him to run.

He said he agreed so the organization could have better represen-tation in Congress, but he stressed that he doesn't plan on letting his

politics trump his duty.
"We can't let ideology overcome us," Shetley said. "We're going to have to reach across the aisle to the Young Democrats to compromise and get things done for the

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The dean of UNC's School of Law now is in the spotlight as one of the final five candidates in the College of William and Mary's

search for a new president. Gene Nichol, law school dean and Burton Craige Professor of Law, was named as a top contender Tuesday and will visit William and Mary's campus later this month.

Nichol said that although he enjoys his job at UNC, the search committee encouraged him to apply for the presidency, forcing him to consider the opportunity.

"I agreed after a lot of thought," he said. "I love it here, but I also have a long relationship with William and Mary."
Nichol worked as J. G. Cutler

Professor and director of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law at the William and Mary School of Law from 1985 to 1988.

He said serving as president of a strong public school like Virginia's William and Mary would present

many challenges and opportunities. Provost Robert Shelton said he received the news of Nichol's candidacy Wednesday morning, and while he was not expecting the

at the East End Oyster and Martini

Bar at 201 E. Franklin St. after he

resulted from Davis' conduct fol-

Davis was issued a secured

\$50,000 bond and is scheduled

to appear March 7 in Orange

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Gene Nichol is a finalist for of the College of William and Mary.

development, he was not shocked.
"Gene is a very visible dean,"
Shelton said. "It's not surprising that other schools are looking at

Shelton said Nichol has made great contributions to the school, increasing national visibility and hiring top faculty members. He recently led efforts to recruit John Edwards, former vice presidential candidate and U.S. senator, to the school.

But Shelton also added that he is leery of conducting yet another dean search at the University.

During his tenure as provost, Shelton has hired nine deans, out of the 15 total, and now is in the midst of searching for a dean for the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

"I hope (Nichol) stays," he said. "But this is what happens when you have great faculty." William and Mary's search

for a new president began when current chief executive Timothy Sullivan announced last summer that he would step down next July. Sullivan has served as president for the last 13 years.

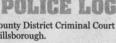
Nichol will compete against four candidates for the position. They include Roger Hull, president of Union College and chancellor of Union University in Schenectady, N.Y., and Lester Lefton, senior vice president for academic affairs, provost and professor of psychology at Tulane University in New

The other two candidates already hold leadership positions at William and Mary. Virginia McLaughlin is chancellor, dean and professor in the School of Education, and Taylor Reveley is dean and professor in the college's law school.

William Walker, associate vice president for public affairs at William and Mary, said officials are optimistic about the search.

"We feel that we have a good field, and we're looking forward to meeting with the candidates," he said.

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County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough. Chapel Hill police arrested a local man at 1 a.m. Wednesday and charged him with one felony

■ The Church of the Holy count of malicious conduct by a Family at 200 Hayes Road was prisoner, one misdemeanor count the victim of larceny and breaking and entering with no force at 9 a.m. of disorderly conduct and one mis-demeanor count of resisting arrest, Monday, Chapel Hill police reports According to reports, David Ishmael Eli Davis, 25, was arrested

Reports state that the suspect entered the business and stole a \$1,500 Dell Latitude D500 laptop.

exposed himself to women and other patrons. ■ A UNC student was the victim of larceny, damage to property and Reports state that Davis verbally breaking and entering into a vehiabused officers and spit on one of cle at 9 p.m. Tuesday at his home on Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro Police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the prisoner charge police reports state.

Reports state the subject entered the victim's unlocked vehicle and stole a \$200 CD player, \$500 in CDs, more than \$230 in speakers and a \$50 toolbox and damaged the dashboard.

A local woman was the victim of larceny and breaking and entering into a vehicle at 7 a.m. Tuesday at her home on Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro police reports state.

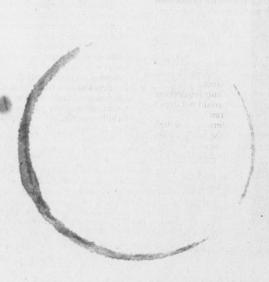
According to reports, the subject broke the victim's back window and stole a \$300 stereo between the hours of 9 p.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Reports state that prints were lifted from the vehicle.

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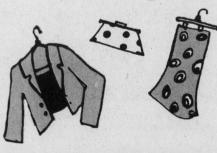




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