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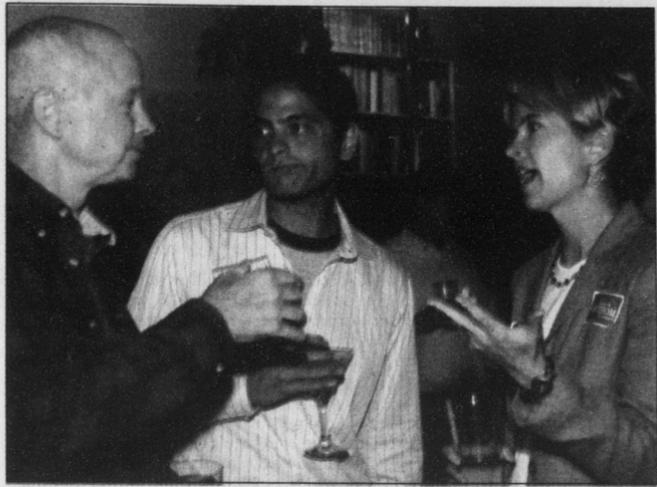
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THE FINAL TALLIES

Council election sees familiar faces

Foy coasts to 3rd term



Council members-elect Mark Kleinschmidt (center) and Laurin Easthom, the top vote recipients, talk to former council member Joe Capowski at The Library on Franklin Street.



Mark Kleinschmidt won re-election to the council Tuesday.



Ed Harrison recaptured his seat on the council after one term.



Bill Thorpe was voted back on the town council after terms in the 1980s.

Incumbents retain seats

BY KATHY CHO AND JAKE POTTER
STAFF WRITERS

Three familiar faces were returned to the Chapel Hill Town Council in Tuesday's election, along with a newcomer who bested them all.

Incumbents Ed Harrison and Mark Kleinschmidt both succeeded in their bids for re-election. Bill Thorpe is coming back to the council after an 18-year absence. Laurin Easthom, in her first time running for elected office, will join them.

Easthom topped all candidates with 3,774 votes, edging Kleinschmidt at 3,757 votes. Harrison and Thorpe came in with 3,098 and 3,030 votes, respectively.

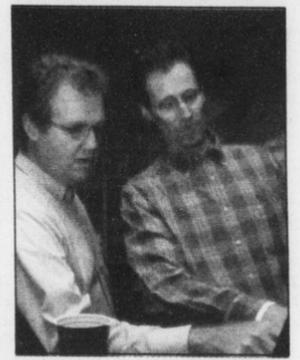
Easthom and Thorpe will replace Dorothy Verkerk and Edith Wiggins' seats on the council.

Easthom, who led the pack for nearly the whole time the votes were tallied, said she was ecstatic.

"I'm going to do what I said. I'll be a voice for all residents of Chapel Hill, be very accessible and reasonable and listen to all points of view."

She said she reached out to voters by addressing a broad spectrum of issues, such as Carolina North,

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Mayor Kevin Foy (left) looks at the final results with Robert Dowling at Foy's election night party Tuesday.

Chilton emerges as new mayor



Mayor-elect Mark Chilton reacts to confirmation of his landslide victory at the Open Eye Café in Carrboro.

Trounces Zaffron to win 1st term

BY MEGHAN DAVIS
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

In a race that some expected to be much closer, Mark Chilton won the mayor's seat in Carrboro on Tuesday, leaving opponent Alex Zaffron to serve out the remainder of his term on the Board of Aldermen.

"I'm really grateful to the voters of Carrboro and to those who worked on my campaign, especially my mother, who came out and knocked on doors with me," Chilton said in a statement made after Zaffron conceded defeat.

Unofficial results show that Chilton carried the race with 1,331 votes — more than 62 percent of the votes. Zaffron garnered 770.

Chilton edged out Zaffron in each of Carrboro's seven voting precincts, as well as absentee ballots.

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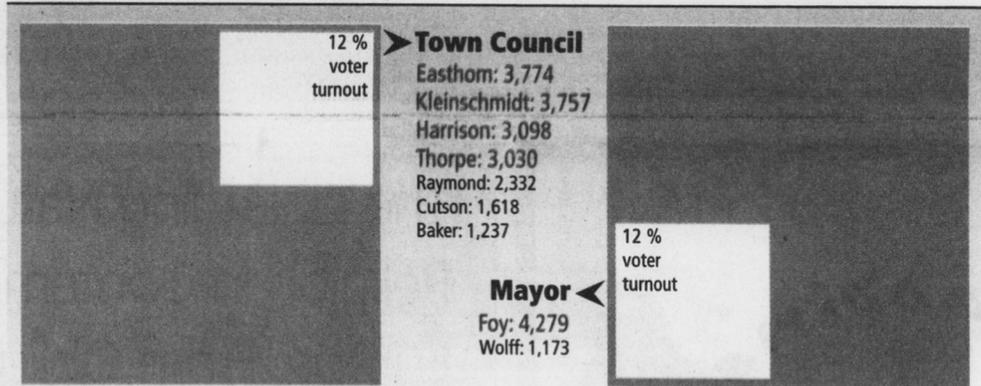
About 15 percent of voters in Orange County, 14,012 total, turned out to vote in the municipal elections.

35,485 registered voters, about 88 percent, did not vote in the Chapel Hill election.

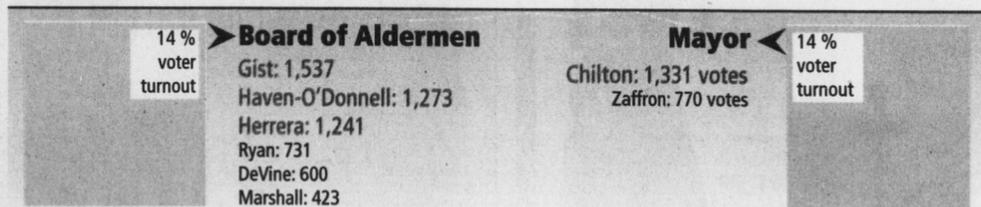
12,160 registered voters, about 86 percent, did not vote in the Carrboro election.

Red denotes election winners and their votes.

Chapel Hill



Carrboro



SOURCE: ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Wallops Wolff to win re-election

BY JAKE POTTER
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

The voters of Chapel Hill have spoken, and they want a man named Kevin to guide the town for the next two years.

Kevin Foy, that is. Voters chose to re-elect Foy to his mayoral seat in a landslide victory against newcomer Kevin Wolff on Tuesday.

With all but the provisional ballots counted, unofficial results put Foy at 4,279 votes and Wolff at 1,173.

"I've tried to be clear on what I say and what I do," Foy said. "I'm determined to keep doing that."

This will be Foy's third term. The big winner threw a lavish election night party, attended by nearly every current council member.

"Kevin is a pivotal figure," said council member Dorothy Verkerk, who will be relinquishing her seat. "Traditionally, North Carolina hasn't had a strong mayoral position. But the strength of (Kevin's) personality

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Three win big in Alderman race

Gist, Herrera, Haven-O'Donnell win seats



Alderman Jacquelyn Gist glows after receiving unofficial confirmation Tuesday that she had been re-elected to her fifth term on the Board of Aldermen.



Rantee Haven-O'Donnell was elected to her first term after service on town boards.



John Herrera, the first Costa Rican to be elected in the U.S., was re-elected to the board.

BY MEGHAN DAVIS AND JESSICA SCHONBERG
STAFF WRITERS

Two incumbents prevailed and one newcomer was welcomed to the Board of Aldermen in Tuesday's election. Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera and Rantee Haven-O'Donnell unofficially won seats on the board.

Gist, a four-term incumbent, celebrated her victory with a gathering of family and friends at her home Tuesday night. She garnered 26 percent of the total vote, or 1,537 votes, according to unofficial results.

She said that despite this being her 16th year as an alderman, she still was surprised by her re-election.

"I'm a neurotic Catholic social worker," she said. "I woke up this morning sure I was going to lose, so I'm delighted."

Across town, first-time candidate Haven-O'Donnell celebrated her election with a small gathering hosted by

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Announcement

Guest column delayed
Columnist Judith Wegner's piece will run in Thursday's DTH instead of its regularly scheduled Wednesday slot because of yesterday's elections.

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HAS IT COME YET?
Because of the unforeseen popularity of the fare-free system, residents complain that bus routes are becoming increasingly irregular.



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RAISING THE PRESSURE
The Tar Heels women's basketball team routed Athletes in Action 80-57 Tuesday in the team's second exhibition match of the year.

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