

# Dearmin nabs presidency

## Few problems in campus elections

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Feb. 16 — A year after the most prolonged campus contest in recent memory, student elections ended without a hitch.

Seth Dearmin was elected the University's next student body president Tuesday, winning 51.6 percent of the votes in a close runoff against Seke Ballard.

Dearmin received 2,602 of the 5,046 votes cast Tuesday after garnering 40 percent of the vote in the general election last week.

After hearing the results, Dearmin spent several minutes rejoicing with his supporters and taking phone calls from well-wishers.

Ballard, who picked up an additional 542 votes since the general election — when he received 27 percent of the vote — said he

believed that he did all he could to close the original 887-vote gap.

"I think it's just that the student body identified with one candidate more than another," he said.

Voter activity went down since the general election, which brought out a record 7,046 students to vote for student body president. "It's tough to get everyone to get out and vote again," Dearmin said.

In the race for senior class president and vice president, Bobby Whisnant Jr. and Jenny Peddycord narrowly took the crown Tuesday, walking away from this year's campus election season with 51.6 percent of the junior class vote.

Of the 1,584 total ballots cast in the race, Whisnant and Peddycord garnered 818, while opponents Madison Perry and Whit Walker grabbed 766, closing with 48.4 percent of the votes.

The two campaigns were forced into a runoff election after last week's general election results left neither ticket with a majority of the

votes.

Most of the student leader positions have been filled after three landslide victories in last week's general election.

Chasity Wilson secured the office of president of the Residential Housing Association with almost 96 percent of the vote in an uncontested election.

Graduate student Mike Brady also was uncontested in his run for president of the Graduate and Professional Student Association.

Brady garnered 92.8 percent of the 540 votes cast. Last year, 541 students voted for the position.

Justin Johnson coasted to victory in the race for Carolina Athletic Association president, bringing in 4,414 votes — 72 percent — of the 6,123 votes cast for the office.

It was the first election in two years where more than one candidate campaigned for the position.

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# Municipal elections see low turnout, turnover

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This year's municipal election season came to a close Nov. 8 with most incumbents retaining their seats in office and some newcomers gaining the chance to exercise political clout.

## Chapel Hill

Three familiar faces will return to the Chapel Hill Town Council as a result of the election, and they will serve with a newcomer who bested them all.

Incumbents Ed Harrison and Mark Kleinschmidt both succeeded in their bids for re-election. Bill Thorpe returned to the council after an 18-year absence.

Laurin Easthom, in her first time running for elected office, joined them. Easthom topped all council candidates with 3,788 votes, edging Kleinschmidt, who had 3,772 votes.

Challengers Will Raymond, Robin Cutson and Jason Baker, a UNC student, placed fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively.

In the Chapel Hill mayoral race, voters re-elected Kevin Foy to his seat in a landslide victory against challenger and new resident Kevin Wolf. Foy received almost 80 percent of the votes.

## Carrboro

Two incumbents prevailed and one newcomer was welcomed to

the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

Incumbents Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera and newcomer Randee Haven-O'Donnell easily won seats.

Gist, a four-time incumbent, garnered 26 percent of the total vote, or 1,545 votes. Haven-O'Donnell received 1,280 votes, 33 more than incumbent Herrera received.

Challengers Katrina Ryan, Catherine DeVine and David Marshall came in fourth, fifth and sixth place, respectively.

In a race that some expected to be much closer, Mark Chilton won the mayor's seat — leaving opponent and fellow alderman Alex Zaffron to serve out the remainder of his term on the board. Chilton carried the race with 63 percent of the vote.

## Board of Education

Only one new face joined the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education this term.

Incumbents Lisa Stuckey and Pam Hemminger held on to their seats, with the third open spot going to newcomer Jean Hamilton.

Results show that Stuckey garnered the most votes with 5,949. Challenger Jeff Danner missed the cut with 3,282 votes.

## Hillsborough

Hillsborough saw an upset in its mayoral race but reaffirmed two incumbent town board members.

Tom Stevens, the only first-time challenger in the Hillsborough races, won the mayoral seat against two-time incumbent Joe Phelps, taking more than 51 percent of the vote.

Incumbent town board members Mike Gering and Frances Dancy finished first and second with 689 and 653 votes, respectively. Challenger Paul Newton came in third with 573 votes.

## School tax

Orange County Schools district residents soundly defeated a referendum that would have introduced a special tax in the district.

The tax's proponents said it would have worked to equalize funding inequalities between the county and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, which already has its own special tax — one that generates about \$13 million annually.

By a vote of 1,156 to 4,087, the referendum was rejected.

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