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Dickey asks runoff with Epps

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A runoff election between student body presidential candidates Richard Epps and Pitt Dickey will be held Tuesday according to unofficial election returns.

Dickey called for the runoff after the unofficial results of Tuesday's election were announced at 2 a.m. Wednesday. The unofficial results show Epps receiving 46 percent of the vote to Dickey's 25 percent.

Elected in other races were Fred Davenport, vice president, Steve Saunders, chairman of the Residence College Federation, Evans Witt, editor of The Daily Tar Heel, Susan Case, chairman of the Association of Women Students and Todd Turner, president of the Carolina Athletic Association.

The referendum supporting a constitution and a \$1.50 per semester fee for the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group (NC-PIRG) passed overwhelmingly while the referendum calling for the reorganization of Student Government failed by 54 votes to win the necessary two-thirds.

Dickey said he decided to call the runoff because "I owe it to the student body."

"The election shows people feel the same way I do—that Student Government is a farce," he said. He said his main aim if elected would be to abolish Student Government.

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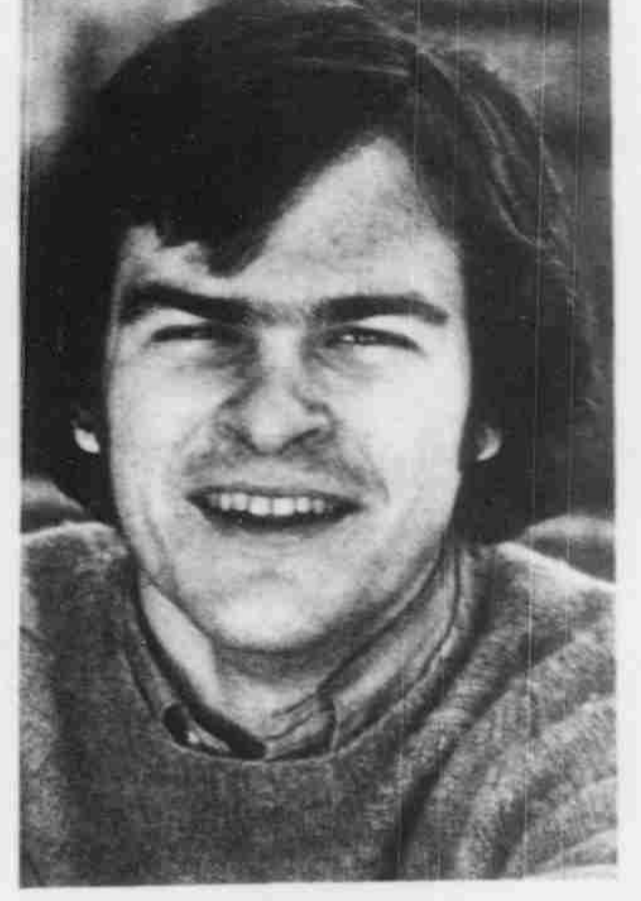
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Bob Slaughter, who ran third in the race for president, gave his support to Epps. Slaughter said he will support Epps "because he is the more qualified candidate."

"I intend to talk with my supporters and get them out to vote for Epps," Slaughter said.

The other candidates for president, Robert Grady and Dan Lewis, said they have not yet been contacted by either of the candidates and would not make any

announcement of support until they had further considered the matter.

The unofficial results of the election, released Wednesday by the election board, are as follows:

Student body president: Epps, 2,450; Dickey, 1,453; Slaughter, 593; Grady, 548; Lewis, 296.

Student body vice president: Fred Davenport, 2,858; Chris Callahan, 1,274.

Daily Tar Heel editor: Evans Witt, 4,216; write-in candidates, 304.

Residence College Federation chairman: Steve Saunders, 2,329; Gary Kesselman, 1,189.

Association of Women Students chairman: Susan Case, 668; Dee Christy, 627.

Carolina Athletic Association president: Todd Turner, 2,916; Frank McNair, 1,342.

Senior Class officers: Morey Lampley, president; Alan Mann, vice president; Robin Zalkin, secretary; Don Hill, treasurer; Pharis Lamberth, social chairman.

Junior Class officers: Frank McNair, president; Richard Singletary, vice president; Ann Phillips, secretary.

Sophomore Class officers: Fred Stern, president; Bill Putnam, vice president; Robert Williams, secretary; Rickey Oakes, treasurer; David Hollar, social chairman.

Student Legislature: David Boone, David Cartner, Phil Holmes and James Ray (MD I); Harvey Kennedy, Rusty

Davis, Don Debragga and Robert Hackney (MD II); Frank Eason, Butch Gane, Bill Hawfield, John Morehead, Monte Richardson and Ed Timberlake (MD III); James Bedrick, David Crane, John Flynt, Bill Pully and Tim Tyler (MD IV); Bill Autry (MD V); David Hale and Richard Robertson (MD VI); Bill Neville, Gary Rensburg and Randy Wolfe (MD VII); Bob Arrington and Mike O'Neal (MD VIII); Ronald Cox, Hadley Whittemore and Chuck Phelts (MD IX); Doug Martin and Gary Miller (MD X); Dennis Ayers, Grover Cable and Rick Molen (MD XI); Sam Boone, Dave Gephart and Bill Hill (MD XII).

Marilyn Brock, Cathy McGuire, Yonnie Weatherly and Gail Walker (WD

I); Betsy Warren (WD II); Nita Lucas and Nancy Henderson (WD III); Julie Tenney and Faye Ashworth (WD IV); Amelia Pellows and Ellanor Graves (WD V); Stephanie Bolick (WD VI); Christina Ewendt and Laura Isley (WD VII); Victoria Robbins (WD VIII).

Honor Court: Mike Parker and David Cartner (MD III); H.G. Law (MD IV); Glenn Helms (MD VI); David McKenna (MD VIII); Bill Bracy (MD XI) and Peter Van Tyle (MD XII); Martha Wilkins and Barb Spencer (WD I); Jo Andrews (WD II); Lynn Lavelle (WD V) and Lynn Briggs (WD VIII).

Some results for Honor Court are unavailable due to the fact that possible runoffs may be held.

Each get 3,286 votes

PIRG passes; SG revamp fails

by Jessica Hanchar
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Both referendums before the student body in Tuesday's elections received the same number of unofficial votes for passage: 3,286.

However, the NC-PIRG proposal passed, but the Student Government reorganization amendment failed.

The PIRG vote needed only a simple majority vote to pass. The Campus Governing Council amendment needed a two-thirds vote for passage since it was not approved by Student Legislature (SL).

The PIRG vote received 1,820 votes against it.

The Campus Governing Council amendment, which received 1,723 votes against it, was 54 votes short of passage. It failed by less than one percent,

receiving approval by 65.6 percent of the voters.

Students United for Reorganization (SURE) announced immediately after the results were known that they would bring the issue before the campus again this spring.

"I feel as if we have really won a victory and have educated the campus about the shortcomings of the present student governing structure," Cam West, spokesman for SURE, said Wednesday.

The student constitution amendment proposed to set up a Campus Governing Council in place of the present Student Legislature. Guarantees for representation of graduate students, both sexes and both races were included in addition to several structural changes in the legislative and executive branches of Student Government.

The NC-PIRG referendum called for

approval of a constitution for the group and the assessment of \$1.50 per semester in student fees to help finance a staff of lawyers and researchers for consumer protection issues.

The Campus Governing Council amendment will be introduced into SL after spring break, West said. If approved by SL, the amendment will need only a simple majority vote from the student body.

"Student Legislature should realize that 65.6 percent of the student body is a clear mandate for reform and should place the amendment on the ballot," West said.

"Although the reorganization proposal failed to get a two-thirds majority by only a few votes, I was extremely pleased with the response the student body gave to the issues," Student Body President Joe Stallings said. "There is no question

that students are ready for a change and it seems only a matter of time before restructuring is a reality."

"I think many students realize now that the restructuring plan was a valid and very worthwhile attempt to improve the present situation," Jay Strong, chairman of the Presidential Commission on the Goals and Organization of Student Government which proposed the amendment, said.

"The student body clearly demonstrated their support despite attempts in the closing days of the campaign by opponents to the proposal to imply the proposal was a political move by Joe Stallings, which it is not," Strong added.

Student legislator Marilyn Brock, leader of the opposition to the reorganization amendment, said Wednesday she is "still opposed to the present reorganization plan." Her main objection is that the Campus Governing Council "consists of too few people."

"The vote indicates students are not happy with Student Government as it is, and I agree that we need something to work at, but the answer is not this plan," she said.

West reacted to "two misunderstandings injected into the campaign by the opponents of reorganization. First, no one has singled out SL as the only area within SG that has worked inefficiently."

He noted sections of the amendment reducing the student body president's veto power, placing him on the council and filling all council vacancies by election instead of presidential appointment as ways "to improve legislative-executive cooperation and lessen political cronyism."

He also objected to opponents labeling the amendment "The Stallings Plan."

"The commission was appointed by Stallings last summer and it draws its membership from all campus groups," West said.

The commission introduced its proposal independently of the president.

Dickey versus Epps: SG put to the test

by Karen Pusey
Staff Writer

The runoff election for student body president Tuesday pits the pro against the con in a debate over the worth of Student Government.

Pitt Dickey, running for student body president on a platform of abolishing Student Government, and Richard Epps, first black ever to run for student body president and defender of the institution, will vie in the runoff.

Epps received 46 percent of the vote to Dickey's 25 percent in Tuesday's election.

Following a Wednesday conference with members of the Blue Sky Party, Dickey announced his decision to go ahead with the runoff.

"I talked with some big political plums, pears and rutabagas, and decided I owe it to the student body to ask for the runoff," he said.

"The election shows people feel the same way I do—that Student Government is a farce," he said.

Dickey said he plans to abolish

Student Government if elected. But the first thing he plans to do if elected is let the contract for a weatherproof dome to cover the entire campus. "We could probably have it finished by the first session of summer school," he said.

Dickey also plans to ask students to come back to school two weeks early in order to make a trail ride back from Arizona with some horses from his uncle's farm.

Dickey said there will probably be another rally in The Pit Monday and his running mate, Sage, who according to Dickey received 632 write-in votes, will perform his famous cup-eating trick.

Commenting upon Dickey's call for a runoff, Epps said he would like to have taken the election on the first ballot, but thinks he will win the runoff.

"I'm sorry Dickey decided to call for a runoff," Epps said. "He should realize he got his point across by the votes he got."

"A candidate running on the abolition of Student Government is a good joke, but I think students are now more willing to be serious and take positive steps

toward improving Student Government," he said.

Epps plans to talk to many groups of people before the runoff to find out what areas they think Student Government should work on and what it should be doing.

He said he hopes students will see Student Government has provided many services and has stood up for student interests in the past.

Epps said he will continue to support the Student Government restructuring proposal which was defeated by one percent of the vote.

"Sixty-six percent of the students voted for restructuring," he said. "I hope to convince those who voted against it that it is viable and workable for restructuring to come through."

Epps said his main concern was the preservation of Student Government.

"I hope we will get as many voters out in the runoff as we did yesterday (Tuesday)," he said. "It's just as important, if not more, than in the original election."



Margaret Anne Gwynn was among the more than 5,000 students who voted Tuesday in campuswide elections. The poll tender at right is Student Legislator Gerry Cohen. The other was not identified. (Staff Photo by Leslie Todd)

How did you do? Aw geez, we lost...

The counter at the Computation Center was crowded.

The people who wanted to get to the counter to turn in their computer cards were having a tough time getting around all the student politicians.

The event? The student elections held Tuesday.

Or so everyone thought.

The people at the Computation Center

kept trying to get people to move back, but no one would. The casual observer would have thought everyone was really interested in the election results.

Finally, about 10:30 p.m., the counter was virtually clear of people.

The reason? Everyone had gone out to eat or get something to drink. The transistor radio on the counter had been turned off.

The UNC-State game was over.

Weather

TODAY: variable cloudiness and warm with a high around 70; low in the upper 30s; 20 per cent chance of rain.