

Voter registration local political focus

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The "new politics" which frustrated party regulars at the Democratic National Convention in Miami four weeks ago will exert its influence in Chapel Hill this fall - primarily in the form of voter registration.

Backers of Democratic Presidential nominee Sen. George S. McGovern and Democratic gubernatorial nominee Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles claim to have more pledges of volunteer help on campus than other candidates at the present time.

However, Robert Grady, president of the UNC Young Republicans Club, said the club had over 200 members last spring and will represent a viable political force this fall.

The voter registration efforts on campus include a goal by UNC Students for McGovern of 3,000 additional student voters on the registration books before the Nov. 7 election.

Grady said his organization would "welcome the opportunity" to work with other groups in voter registration.

Student Body President Richard Epps said Student Government will work with residence colleges in efforts to get

students registered.

Last spring, Student Government helped sponsor bands and refreshments to attract potential student voters to the registrar's office at the Chapel Hill Municipal Building, and Epps said he hopes a similar program can be conducted this fall.

Deadline for registration for the Nov. 7 election is Oct. 9, and absentee ballots must be filed with county boards of elections before Nov. 4. Applications for absentee ballots will be available Sept. 23 through Nov. 1.

The Orange County Board of Elections will conduct registration on campus two days this fall - Sept. 25 and 27 from 1 to 9 p.m. - in Woolen Gym. Registration will also be held at the Chapel Hill Municipal Building from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays until Oct. 7.

"Our main concern is to recruit enough volunteers for registration work and for getting out the vote around the Second Congressional District," said Charlie Dean, coordinator of the McGovern organization.

Spokesman for Bowles, Republican gubernatorial nominee Jim Holshouser, Democratic senatorial nominee Nick

Galifianakis and Republican senatorial nominee Jesse Helms also said their campaign staffs would work in voter registration.

Dean said the campus McGovern group has already enlisted 400 student volunteers who will be canvassing dormitories, maintaining information tables at various places on campus and soliciting support at other university campuses during the campaign.

Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee will speak Saturday at the McGovern campaign kickoff at the University Methodist Church, Dean added, and several other organization meetings will be held during the first weeks of classes.

Local McGovern supporters will also go to other campuses and counties in the state to organize workers and to canvass different areas, Dean said. He added that 250 summer school students at East Carolina University have already signed to work for McGovern this fall.

"The state McGovern committee expects Chapel Hill to provide a large number of volunteers for the North Carolina campaign," he said. "Students will be working with the rest of the party and the rest of the state."

Gerry Cohen, voter registration coordinator for the Orange County

Democratic Party and a member of the steering committee of the McGovern group, said, "If McGovern is to carry North Carolina, the major part of the work must be done by students."

"That's why we're trying to get at least 2,000 students to devote one day of time to his campaign."

Grady said he knew of no concrete plans of any campus group to work for the reelection of President Richard Nixon, but the Young Republicans Club will meet at least three times before Nov. 7.

The club will canvass dormitories for all Republican candidates, conduct polls to determine support for various candidates and invite Republican candidates to speak on campus, Grady said.

Jim Van Hecke, state youth coordinator for Bowles, said at least 200 UNC students have signed to work in Bowles' campaign and the local organization will distribute pamphlets and work "to get out the vote for ourselves and other Democratic candidates - in a united effort."

Bowles will definitely appear on campus this fall, Van Hecke said, but no date has been set at this time.

"I feel state government has

degenerated to a point where young people don't think it is responsive to the people's needs," he said. "Skipper Bowles is a businessman and he knows how to operate government efficiently and extend services to the people."

Bill Deal, state youth coordinator for Bowles' opponent, Holshouser, said 40 to 50 UNC students worked in Holshouser's campaign last spring and "we will run a rather extensive organization in Chapel Hill this fall."

Holshouser volunteers will work on campus and in the Raleigh campaign headquarters, Deal said.

"If you look at the legislative records," Deal said, "Holshouser has been much more progressive. He helped pass the state law which allows a person picked up for the first time for possession of marijuana to have the charge erased from his record after the probation period."

"He was one of the early fighters for the 18-year-old vote, and he is against the state referendum to prohibit 18 to 20-year-olds from holding public office," he said.

The state college coordinator for Galifianakis, Peaches Gunter, said the Chapel Hill organization, which includes about 20 persons from last spring's campaign, will keep an information booth

in the Student Union and try to organize in the dormitories.

Gunter said Galifianakis workers will distribute pamphlets during registration, explaining absentee ballot and voter registration procedure.

Pete Broadmill, a spokesman for Helms, said a campus coordinator, Doug Martin, has been named for Chapel Hill and the local campaign group is still in the organization stages.

Epps said all candidates for major state and national offices have been invited to speak on campus, but none have made definite commitments. "We want to try to get as many of the candidates for state and national offices as possible to come," he said.

Cohen said McGovern is tentatively scheduled to be in North Carolina a day and a half, and his vice presidential running mate, Sargent Shriver, plans to spend three days in the state, possibly including a stop in Chapel Hill.

Claiborne Jones, assistant to the chancellor, said Chancellor Ferebee Taylor has not yet taken action on a recommendation by the Chancellor's Calendar Advisory Committee to request professors not to give exams or quizzes on election day, but he will probably take up the matter later this week.

Housing crisis plagues University

by Mike Fogler
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Students looking for housing, either on or off-campus, are finding themselves in what has become an annual crisis - the shortage of housing.

The University is plagued with a housing shortage again this fall, and the apartments in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area are nearly all filled to capacity, many with long waiting lists.

The housing problem is slightly less severe than it was last fall, partly because a smaller freshman class was admitted for this fall, according to Director of Residence Life Robert Kepner.

Approximately 7,000 students will be dorm residents this year, making almost 500 students live in an overcrowded situation, that is, a single room made double, a double room made triple or a triple room made quadruple.

Kepner expected an over-occupancy of only about 300, but the demand for housing was more than he had expected. However, the figure of almost 500 compares favorably with the 560 students over-occupancy at this time last year.

About eight per cent of the men students are over-occupancy, and about six per cent of the women students are. If Ehringhaus dorm and more of Morrison had not been shifted to co-educational housing this fall, the shortage of women's

housing would be far too great to control, explained Kepner.

Anyone who has been placed in an over-crowded situation should have been so notified by mail during the summer. However, there is no guarantee that if a student has not been notified, he or she has not been put in an over-crowded room.

Judging from previous years, Kepner expects a drop in the number of dorm residents from the first day orientation to the first day of classes. He has found that many students find places to live off campus or even choose not to attend UNC at the last minute.

Kepner said his department has already begun to "un-triple" dorm rooms. He has started a list of the people who personally request at the Housing Office in Bynum Hall to be relieved of an over-crowded situation.

Kepner expressed confidence that there will be no unnecessary over-crowding by the beginning of the spring semester. Many students, however, wish to remain in an over-crowded room if a vacancy available to them is not desirable.

The Department of Residence Life has been better prepared for the over-crowded campus this year than last year, Residence College Federation (RCF) chairman Steve Saunders said.

For example, Residence Life has tried

to use larger rooms for the triples, and they have also spread the triples throughout campus and spread them within the dorms, according to Saunders.

This has been done so over-crowding would not be concentrated in any one area of campus or any one dorm, he said.

The apartment complexes in the Chapel Hill area are so filled that the overflow is being sent into Durham.

In contacting several apartments in the Chapel Hill area, the DTH received comments such as the following:

"We have more applications than we'll ever be able to fill."

"If I get all these names, what am I going to do with them?"

"I can take your name, but I don't know if it will do any good."

Some places will not take any names for a waiting list while other apartments carry lists of about 40 to 50 people. One complex has a waiting list of 350.

Three new apartment complexes are being built at this time.

The Bolingwood Apartments are due to be completed by the middle of September. They are located on Umstead Drive off Airport Road.

These apartments accept no undergraduate students.

Roberts Associates is building a new complex at Estes Park in Carrboro. They are already two-thirds rented, and the first eight buildings are due to be ready for occupancy on Sept. 1.

A third complex consists of four expensive, luxury townhouses. They are located on Franklin Street halfway between town and Kroger Shopping Plaza.

Gradually, as the number of incoming freshmen is controlled each year, the demand for housing both on and off campus may be less. However, presently there are large sophomore, junior and senior classes.



Be you from out-of-town or a local, you may find freshman opinion, just passing the time in front of the Franklin Street orientation either very exciting or rather dull. Whatever your Post Office can offer a brief respite.

Student Affairs Division New dean heads change

by Winston Cavin
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The elimination of the offices of dean of men and dean of women was included in a reorganization of the Division of Student Affairs this summer.

The revamping, which was supervised by new Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton, also created ten separate departments under Boulton's office.

The new division has ten associate deans, who oversee the various departments, and an associate dean to work with Boulton in running the entire operation.

Boulton replaced Dean C.O. Cathey,

who stepped down to return to teaching.

"I'm reorganizing the division around functions that will stand the test of time," Boulton said. "Twenty years from now, there will still be a Department of Residence Life, and so on."

The restructuring is designed to accommodate long-range planning and will try to meet long-range as well as short-term needs of students, he said.

The new chief also pointed out that he will leave each department's operation largely up to the associate deans. "Each department head carries the title of associate dean," he said. "They can organize their own departments. They'll have freedom to run their departments."

Boulton said another reason for the revamping is to avoid overlapping of duties and needless duplication of functions. He said he felt this new system will be more responsive to student needs as they develop.

James O. Cansler serves as associate dean of student affairs under the new structure. He will work with Boulton and will be more than just an administrative assistant, according to Boulton. He will function as a sort of vice-president who will be an integral part of the teamwork within the division. "He's almost like another dean of students," said Boulton.

Cansler agreed with Boulton on the purpose of the revamping. "It has the basic purpose of enabling the division of student affairs to function better in serving the needs of students. It is designed to reflect the realities of work relationships now."

Cansler assisted Boulton on formulating the restructuring. He said he had been aware of the need for some changes, and he and Boulton were quickly in agreement on the changes.

Another change will take place in the location of the division of student affairs. The entire office will be located in O1 Steele, where the deans of men and women were formerly located. The dean of student affairs' office was located in South Building.

One of the most noticeable changes is the elimination of the offices of dean of men and dean of women. The two offices are replaced by the new department for student life.

Former Dean of Men Fred Schroeder Jr. heads the new student life office, while ex-Dean of Women Katherine K. Carmichael directs the new department of supportive services.

Boulton and Cansler both agreed overlapping of interests of the two deans necessitated the consolidation. Cansler pointed out the equalization of the sexes which has progressed in recent years as a reason for the change.

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Moving into a dorm room is a lot of trouble anyway and, if they put three people in your two-person room, there are even more problems. So why not just sit down and think it over? (Staff photo by Tom Norby)

University may sell utilities

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The town of Chapel Hill and private enterprise may take over the water, telephone and electrical utilities presently owned and operated by the University if a state study commission report is approved.

The State Utilities Study Commission recommended the sale in a report completed this summer.

A committee appointed by the UNC Board of Governors is presently considering the recommendation, according to Joe Eagles, UNC-Chapel Hill vice chancellor of finance.

A subcommittee formed by the UNC-CH Board of Trustees has already endorsed the report.

If the Board of Governors does approve the report, the study commission will begin to "take bids on an objective basis, probably selling to the highest bidder," according to Grey Culbreth, director of utilities.

Culbreth said that although Duke Power Company and General Telephone

Company have expressed interest, no deals have been made.

As the recommendations now stand, not all of the utilities would be sold.

Although the University would sell the filtration and water distribution systems, located off campus, it would retain University Lake with provisions to sell the water for local use.

Eagles said the massive power plant at the western end of Cameron Street would not be sold by the University. The plant provides all campus heating and 10 per cent of campus electricity. The other 90% is currently purchased from Duke Power Co.

Eagles expects a similar arrangement for the future.

The telephone exchange for on-campus, located on Manning Drive, would be leased from the Chapel Hill Phone Company.

The prospect of changing ownership of the utilities has caused a degree of concern among many utilities employees. University officials met with some of the employees earlier this month to discuss the possible effects of any sale.