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## GOP ordered students to sway mock elections

by Mary Ellis Gibson  
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The Republican National Committee (RNC) has instructed college Young Republicans to organize and win campus mock elections in order to influence public opinion and demoralize Democratic opposition, The Washington Post reported Tuesday.

The Post based its story on what it says is a confidential RNC memorandum which was circulated at 12 regional conferences of Young Republican leaders earlier this year. The leaders, The Post said, were told to have campus nonpartisan organizations sponsor mock elections.

A mock election conducted by the Alpha Phi Omega (APO) service fraternity Oct. 14 on the UNC campus was invalidated as unrepresentative of student opinion by several research authorities.

The election indicated heavy Republican majorities. The results were

thought to be due partly to action by the campus Young Voters for the President who contacted their members by telephone the night before the mock election to remind them to vote.

Richard Robinson, the campus publicity chairman of the Young Republicans Club, stated that from his experience in the campaign, "I have no knowledge of the memorandum and am sure no others on campus have any knowledge of it either."

Robert Grady, president of the Young Republicans, was unavailable for comment Wednesday night on the memorandum and its possible influence on the UNC mock election.

The Post quotes the memorandum as ordering college GOP leaders not to tell even their rank-and-file members about the document.

"The top club leadership should privately make all the plans for the poll. No one outside the club leadership should be given any idea . . . that any techniques

used in winning the election came from outside the campus," the document is quoted as saying.

"From the point of view of the campaign, the only reason for holding or participating in a mock election is to obtain favorable publicity for our candidate," the memorandum is reported by The Post to have said.

Carl Rove, executive director of the College Republican National Committee, a section of the GOP National Committee, acknowledged Tuesday that he wrote the memorandum and that his organization distributed it, according to The Post.

The memorandum was kept confidential and given only to GOP student leaders. The Post quotes Rove as saying "There's nothing wrong with it. The only purpose of a mock election is for one's candidate to win."

Republican victory in mock elections is essential because "the general public tends to believe student straw polls more

than the results of anonymous pollsters," the memorandum is further alleged to have said.

The Post quotes Rove, the author of the memorandum, as saying President Nixon has won about 75 per cent of some 300 mock elections held on college campuses this year.

After the campus APO mock election results indicated a substantial Republican majority in most races, APO President Bill Autry said he found that some political groups on campus found out about plans for the election and encouraged students to vote for their candidates.

When told about the alleged Republican memorandum, Autry said the APO had no knowledge of the memorandum or of any attempt to influence the results of the election.

"I can't believe the Republicans would do anything like that and APO would never get tangled up in anything like," Autry said.

Holding the election was his own idea and not the idea of Republicans on campus, he added.

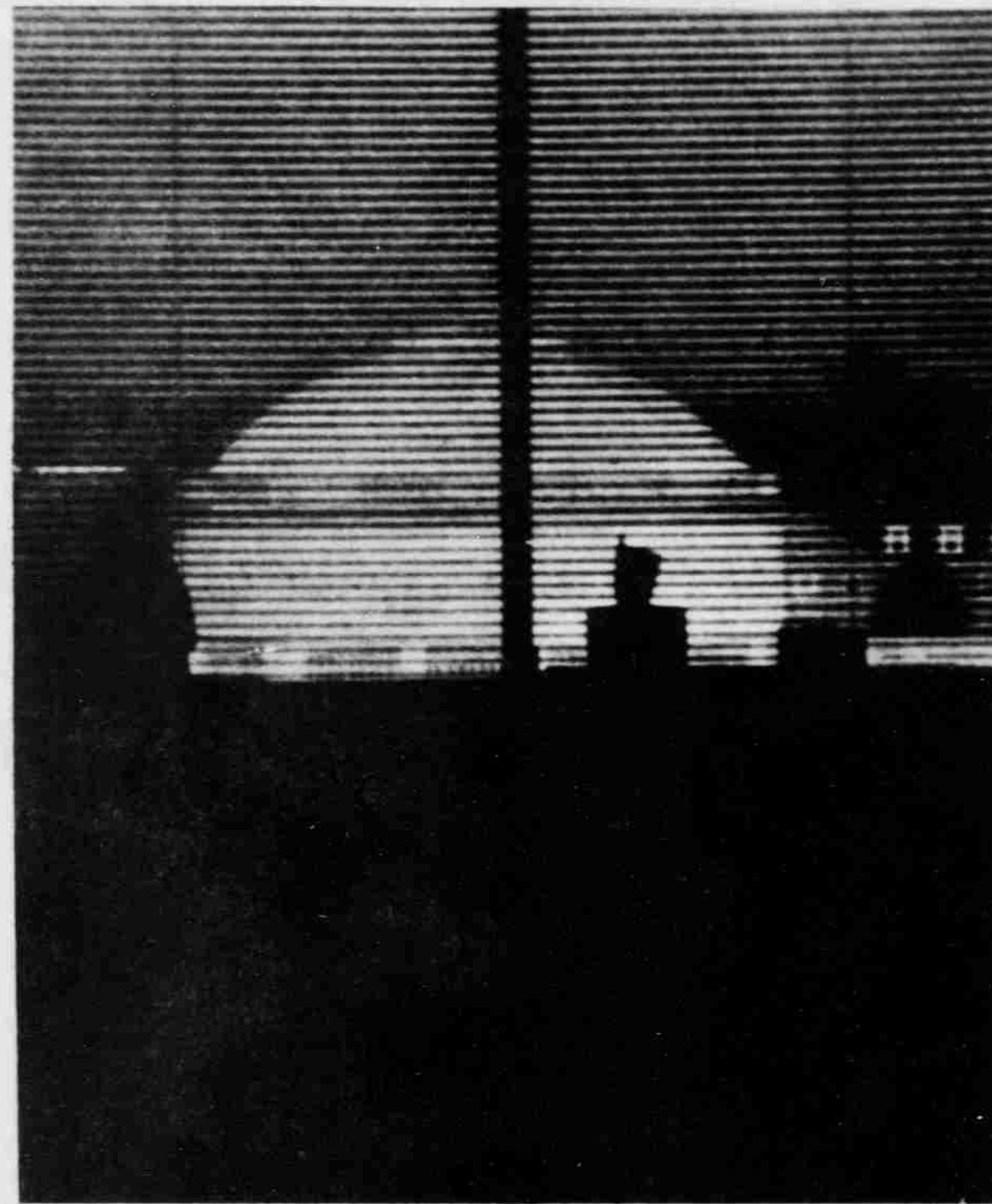
In a letter to The Daily Tar Heel, the chairman of the Young Voters for the President on campus, John S. Bruce, said his organization telephoned its members before the election and encouraged them to vote.

Publicity chairman Robinson of the Young Republicans said that Autry told him "about the elections the night before. But there was no time to do anything about it," he added.

"If John Bruce had knowledge of the elections, he did not relate this to me or anyone else I know," Robinson said.

### Weather

TODAY: Partly sunny and warmer; highs in the mid 70's; low near 60; probability of precipitation 20 percent through tonight.



The dome

Many students have seen Wilson Library from different angles, but DTH photographer George Brown took this picture of the building through the venetian blinds on a window on the eighth floor of Keran chemistry building.

## Decisions expected Friday

### Court to hear challenges

by Greg Turosak  
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The Student Supreme Court tonight will hear arguments in three complaint cases challenging the results of the Oct. 17 campus elections.

The Student Government Reorganization referendum and the Student Legislature (SL) elections in Men's Districts III, V and VI are the contested items.

The referendum case will be heard in the Student Union at 7:30 p.m. after a three-day continuance (delay), which was granted by the court Monday. The postponement was granted for academic reasons and to allow for the formation of a commission to review and present the evidence.

The four-member commission is comprised of two persons chosen by the defense, Dick Baker and Walter Daniels, and two selected by plaintiffs, Robert Grady and Neta Lucas.

The challenge is being filed by five students: Chris Callahan, Douglas Hussey, John Molen, Lewis Crawley and Richard Robertson. It names Elections Board Chairman Leo Gordon as the only defendant.

Gordon is charged with acting in violation of election laws and with displaying "reckless disregard for normal ballot security." The five claim voting irregularities at the Y-Court, Ehringhaus and the Naval Armory polling places.

Election laws require the entire text of a proposed constitutional amendment to be printed on each ballot.

The amendment was three pages long, and Student Body Vice President Fred Davenport has claimed it would have been unfeasible to print the entire three pages on each ballot. He has also argued that entire texts were not printed in last

spring's elections, which were not similarly contested.

After the referendum case, the two cases challenging SL results will be heard at 9:45 p.m. The results in MD VI, V and III are being challenged by Crawley, Hussey and Robertson, respectively, because of alleged ballot box irregularities.

Supreme Court Chief Justice David Crump has enjoined Davenport from swearing in any newly elected members from contested districts at tonight's SL meeting, and from forming any SL committees until the cases have been resolved.

## DTH suit in court today

A hearing in The Daily Tar Heel suit is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. today at Federal District Court in Durham.

The major purpose for the hearing is to review the defendants' motion to postpone further proceedings until a similar case involving the Echo, the student newspaper at North Carolina Central University in Durham, is resolved. The latter case is currently pending

before the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals. The U.S. Middle District Court in Greensboro had previously ruled that NCCU could not require student financial support for a newspaper that advocated black separatism at that campus.

Plaintiffs in the DTH case are UNC students Robert Arrington, Robert Grady, David Boone and Gray Miller.

They filed the suit against UNC Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor, University President William Friday, UNC Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance Joseph Eagles, the UNC Board of Governors and the UNC trustees in July. DTH Editor Evans Witt has joined the list of defendants by order of Judge Eugene Gordon, who also handed down the NCCU decision.

The plaintiffs contend that the funding of the DTH from compulsory student fees violates their constitutional rights under the First and Fourteenth Amendments. They claimed that the positions the papers takes on moral,

political, religious and other issues violates their right to support a paper or not depending on its views.

The plaintiffs have further argued they should be allowed to represent the class of students at Chapel Hill in the suit.

The defendants have argued that the suit should be dismissed for failure to state grounds on which relief can be granted and that the motion that the plaintiffs be allowed to represent the class of students be denied.

The original complaint, filed in Federal District Court in Greensboro in July, named only the University officials and boards as defendants.

Early in October, however, Witt filed a motion that the editor be added to the suit as a defendant. Judge Gordon granted the motion to intervene without a hearing.

Witt announced the formation of the DTH Legal Defense Fund to help pay the costs of the defense soon after the moves for intervention were made.

## Fountain solidly entrenched Incumbent beat Lee, now faces Little

by Greg Turosak  
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Lawrence H. Fountain and the 2nd Congressional District have been an inseparable set for the past 20 years.

Now, Fountain is bidding for his 11th straight term in the U.S. House of Representatives with every indication that he will again be successful.

Fountain's organization in southern Orange County is being run by Jim Wadsworth, assistant director of the Department of Residence Life here at UNC.

Wadsworth finds it hard to get excited about Fountain's inexperienced Republican opponent, Erick Little; he makes no secret of the fact that he fully expects Fountain to walk away with the election.

Even Little and his organization would not argue that it would take one of the greatest upsets in the country to unseat the long-time incumbent.

"Most people in my organization don't know too much about Little," admits Wadsworth in a slow,

confident manner of speaking.

"I'm just a friend," he said, "who thinks he (Fountain) is doing a good job." Wadsworth was a fellow classmate of the 59-year-old Fountain at UNC in the early 1930's.

"And," he adds, "I really don't see how there could be a big contest."

At this point in the campaign, many supporters of Fountain are prone to think the congressman has already overcome his greatest obstacle to reelection when he defeated Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee in the Democratic primary last spring. Lee has since endorsed Fountain.

Fountain's greatest stronghold is in the eastern counties of the district, and this has been where Little has concentrated much of his campaigning.

Fountain has little to worry about in terms of competition for TV time. His campaign is spending somewhere between \$30,000 and \$40,000 on television spots, compared to about one tenth that amount for Little.

Fountain has been classified in the Ralph Nader reports on the U.S. Congress as a "conservative coalitionist," which means he more often than not will vote with a bloc of Southern Democrats and Northern Republicans.

He is anti-busing, anti-welfare and has generally supported the President's war policies. He has voted against the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, but for the Equal Rights Amendment and the 18-year-old vote.

He has voted against most foreign aid and foreign trade bills, except when they concerned Vietnam and the Department of Defense.

The Nader report lauds Fountain for his tough treatment of the Food and Drug Administration in his Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Operations, and it says he keeps in close touch with his constituents, but Little will argue that point.

Fountain is no shoo-in in this fall's election, but he is solidly entrenched in the 2nd District, and by every indication he seems headed for yet another term in Congress, despite Little's upset bid.



A new job

One way to take advantage of autumn weather is to get a job outside, which is what Laurel Urton decided to do. Her first day on the job as a groundskeeper for the University was Wednesday. (Staff Photo by George Brown)