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Cooper-Turosak take DTH race; O'Neal wins presidency of RHA



Poll tending

Students tending polls were a familiar sight on campus Wednesday as run-off elections were held. Voting turnout

was light as races were held for 15 offices. (Staff photo by Bill Wrenn)

by David Ennis
Staff Writer

Jim Cooper and Greg Turosak swept to an easy victory Wednesday over Cole C. Campbell with 57.3 per cent of the votes in the run-off election for editor of *The Daily Tar Heel*.

Mike O'Neal won the race for president of the Residence Hall Association, beating Betsy Jones. Rob R. Friedman won as president of the Carolina Athletic Association over Tom Pritchard.

The co-editors carried the larger precincts, polling a total of 1,829 votes according to

the unofficial tally. Campbell's vote total was 1,360.

In the race for RHA president, O'Neal received 1,413 votes compared to 1,060 for Jones.

Friedman received 1,455 votes in the CAA run-off, held after he requested it. Elections Board Chairman Bill Daughtridge said he decided to hold the run-off after consulting the attorney general's staff. Pritchard, who received a plurality of the votes in the initial election, got 905 votes.

The elections and ballot-counting went smoothly with unofficial final results

calculated by 9:45 p.m. A total of 3,189 students cast ballots for the editor's race.

"We're glad it's all over," Turosak said. "We're anxious to get started on getting a new staff together and starting work after spring break," he said.

"The hardest thing about co-editorship is running the campaign. We're confident it will work well," he said.

Cooper was not available for comment. "I respect the choice of the voters and wish Cooper and Turosak great success as co-editors," Campbell said after his defeat. "I enjoyed the race — particularly the cooperation my supporters gave me," he said.

"I still contend *The DTH Alternative* is not a campaign expenditure," he added.

In other races on the run-off ballot, six Campus Governing Council seats were filled.

In the off-campus undergraduate CGC seat races, Larry Mahon beat Bill Bates by a vote of 38 to 17.

Mark Dearmon led the race for the seat in District III with 26 votes. James Srebro polled 11 votes and 15 votes went to write-in candidates.

Rick Turner won the CGC seat in District IV with 2 votes.

Lee Harris won the District V seat with three votes.

Dixon Brown beat John Arzonico, 54 to 20, for the CGC seat in District VI.

In Graduate CGC District IV, Richard Bowerman polled 15 votes, Boyd Gasque received five, and Ken Mort got 11 votes.

Paul Stam won the CGC seat in Graduate District V with 43 votes compared to 31 votes going to Humphrey Cummings.

In Honor Court races, Donald Woodard won the off-campus District III race with 21 votes. Carol Eller won the race for the female seat in that district with 16 votes.

No candidate ran for the male Honor Court seat in District IV. Shell Goldstein won the female seat in that district with two votes.

No males or females ran in District V Honor Court race.

Nixon supports Haldeman story

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Nixon reiterated Wednesday night that he had told presidential counsel John W. Dean III in the spring of 1973 it would be easy to raise money to buy the silence of the seven original Watergate defendants, but "it is wrong, that's for sure."

Nixon said, however, that he could understand how different persons listening to the tapes of his March 21, 1973 meeting with Dean might misunderstand what he had in mind.

"But I know what I meant, and I know what I did," Nixon told a news conference, his second in 10 days.

Nixon's former top aide, H.R. Haldeman, was indicted with six others Friday on charges of conspiracy. Haldeman was accused of lying to the Senate Watergate Committee when he, having reviewed the tape, testified under oath that Nixon said it would be possible to pay hush money to the Watergate defendants, "but it would be wrong."

Nixon insisted Haldeman's version was accurate. He said after reviewing all the options with Dean, he rejected paying money to keep the defendants silent.

"I said, 'it's wrong, that's for sure,'" Nixon said.

"Haldeman and Dean were there, and they agreed. When people read the transcript, they may come to different conclusions but that was what I meant," the President said.

Nixon said — as his chief Watergate lawyer James D. St. Clair had said earlier in federal court Wednesday — that he would provide the House Judiciary Committee all the evidence he also has given Special Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

He said he also would answer — under oath — written questions from the committee on matters not covered by tapes and documents. But he declined to say whether he would give the committee, which is considering his impeachment, any more material than Jaworski got.

Senate Transportation Committee

Million dollar amendment passed

by Seth Effron
Staff Writer

The N.C. Senate Transportation Committee voted yesterday to accept an amendment to the Mass Transportation Act

that will provide a 1 million dollar appropriation. The bill now goes to the Senate Appropriations Committee for its approval.

The amendment, introduced by Sen. Hamilton Horton (R-Forsyth) will make 1

million dollars in state funds available for assisting municipality, county, and regional mass transportation systems in the state. The amendment passed the committee by a vote of 13 to one. Julian Allsbrook (D-Halifax) cast the only dissenting vote.

The million dollars provided for in the amendment, when matched on a one-to-one basis with local transportation funds, will make an additional eight million dollars in federal funds available. Thus mass transportation funds for the state could total ten million dollars, with the Federal Government footing eighty per cent of the total cost.

Horton said North Carolina currently ranks thirty-third in states receiving federal mass transportation funds. Horton said he hopes the mass transportation bill will give North Carolina a greater proportion of the federal transportation monies.

Horton's amendment provides for the N.C. Department of Transportation to assist in the form of grants for planning and improving mass transportation facilities in the state.

Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, Sen. J.J. Harrington (D-Bertie) said everyone in the committee was highly pleased with the bill. "It's a good bill. We

want to help you folks over there in Chapel Hill," he said.

Horton said he introduced the amendment to provide an overall approach to the mass transportation problem in this state. "This bill provides the seed money for planning and grant money for local transportation systems. We don't want to let the highway tail wag the transportation dog," he said.

Allsbrook, the only committee member to vote against the amendment, said: "It is a new venture for North Carolina. I might become a leading supporter of this but I need a chance to study the matter. I don't want to vote for something I don't really know about."

Chapel Hill's town manager, Chet Kendzior said the funds will have a tremendous impact for Chapel Hill's bus system. Kendzior said the Chapel Hill bus system is now being funded by fares and a tax levy. The support that might be provided if the bill passes could enable the tax levy to be less than now proposed.

The Mass Transportation Bill, with the amendment, now goes to the Senate Appropriations Committee where it will be further debated before being presented to the full Senate.

Gasoline to be provided for student emergencies

Student Body President-elect Marcus Williams said Wednesday that Student Government has arranged means to provide gasoline for the town for students in emergency situations.

Williams said, however, that such emergency procedures should not be necessary for students leaving for spring break because many local service stations have gas.

Williams said he met with Mayor Howard Lee on Wednesday to express concern that students leaving for spring break might be unable to get gas. According to Williams, Lee said gas should be available locally Thursday and Friday.

However, Williams said, if by late Friday a student is unable to find gas, he may go to

SG for a special allocation permit. Williams said Lee asked that all possibilities of buying gas be exhausted before an emergency allocation is requested.

Drivers with license plate numbers ending in odd digits should buy gas on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and those with even digits on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Station owners have been asked to fly green flags when selling gas.

Henry Meares, local energy officer, said Wednesday that within a few days a committee will be set up to hear requests for extra gas allocations from persons under hardship cases. Meares said such cases might include students who commute to classes at other schools.

Impeachment query has own life now—Reston

by David Klinger
Staff Writer

This is an event of such historic magnitude. It could turn out to be the event of the century or the biggest collapse of the century. I'm simply fascinated by it all."

This is the opinion of UNC English professor James Reston Jr., an author who believes that the upcoming months may provide the American political structure with the most severe test it has experienced in its 200-year history.

At issue is the impeachment of Richard Nixon, and the wheels of political investigation that have been set in motion will not be stopped, Reston said.

"This investigation has got a legal life of its own now. There is no turning back and we're getting to the point where every congressman will have to make his crucial decision," he said.

Reston, who has just completed the work on his third novel and is researching a book on presidential impeachment, hopes to be present in Washington as the bill of impeachment finds its way through the House Judiciary Committee

and into the full House.

In connection with his research, Reston has compared the administrations of Nixon and Andrew Johnson, the only two men to face serious impeachment attempts during the history of the nation.

He has concluded that "there were great men and momentous figures involved in the Johnson impeachment. Now we mainly have small figures, small men whose fears dominate them rather than their strengths."

Reston expressed faith in the investigation carried on to date by the Judiciary Committee under the chairmanship of Rep. Peter Rodino (D-NJ).

"We are going through the first important stage of the investigation right now — the definition of what constitutes an impeachable offense. Political considerations are going to be far more important when this matter gets to the full House," he said.

Reston rates the possible failure of the House to bring a charge of impeachment against Nixon as "disastrous for the system."

"Approval by the President of a system of mail

openings, wire taps and special police units as embodied in the Huston plan is just shocking. The evidence is in and the evidence is clear. I feel that the American public has been very lax in letting their congressmen get away with inaction and indecision," Reston added.

"I just don't see how any congressman could explain a vote of 'no impeachment' to his constituents if that report given to Judge Sirica in a sealed envelope by the grand jury implicates the President," Reston said.

"There is no solid notion behind the belief that

the man should not be indicted. The Republican and conservative causes would be helped considerably if they dispensed with Nixon as soon as possible," Reston concluded. "We've got to ask ourselves, 'Do we really want our Constitution to work or not?'"

Impeached Johnson visited here

by David Klinger
Staff Writer

In the course of his research into the impeachment of post-Civil War President Andrew Johnson, UNC professor James Reston has unearthed an obscure reference to a visit Johnson made to Chapel Hill in the summer of 1867.

"This is a charming historical footnote and I think students would enjoy knowing about it," Reston said. "1867 was a year which has some relevance to 1974. The Congress was searching around for evidence that might be used against the President and doing it in a much less diligent manner than the present Congress is doing."

In the midst of the ominous political tradewinds that were beginning to swirl around the executive department, Johnson found time to travel to Raleigh to help dedicate a public monument to his father. During his

stay Johnson rode to Chapel Hill to assist Governor David Swain in the June commencement exercises.

As related by author Peter Mitchell Wilson in his 1927 book *Southern Exposure*, Johnson broke away from his official guests after the commencement dance and wandered across McCorkle Place with several students in the humid evening air.

"Knowing his fondness for a 'nip,' one of the boys suggested that there was a bottle of real Kentucky whiskey in the dormitory. All of us — including the President — trooped upstairs in the old South (dormitory); there was great scurrying for ice, sugar and the makin'." Wilson writes.

"Johnson was often falsely charged with being a drunk and I do not pass this story on to support that distortion of history," Reston said. "I just think it's a delightful contrast between two presidents, Johnson and Nixon and the mood of the two times."

Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy and warm. The high is expected in the 70's. The low is expected in the 50's. The chance of precipitation is 10 percent. Outlook: Continued unseasonably warm.

Students aid police

Chapel Hill police officers have credited approximately 15 residents of Winston and Alexander dormitories with providing "invaluable assistance" leading to an arrest in a late-night rape attempt Tuesday.

The students, who aided officers in their search for evidence in the old Chapel Hill Cemetery directly behind Connor dormitory, found some undisclosed evidence that may aid the police in a possible court case.

"The Police Department wants to thank these students for turning up some evidence that could be used in a court case," said Lt. Arnold Gold, communications officer with the department.

According to police reports, a female student from Cobb dormitory was walking alone between Woollen Gym and Cobb at 11:45 when the assailant allegedly forced her into the cemetery and attempted to assault her.

Police who were alerted to the assault attempt apprehended a suspect two blocks from the scene. Charged with larceny of a bicycle and with assault on a female with intent to commit rape is Robert Daniel Bullock, 19, of 213 Prince St. in Carrboro.

Bond has been set at \$5,000 on the assault charge and \$350 for the charge of larceny. As of Wednesday afternoon, Bullock had not posted bond and no trial date had been set by the court.