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Weather: sunny

Richardson wins close runoff

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Billy Richardson became UNC's next student body president Wednesday night, defeating his opponent, David Williams, by less than 100 votes out of more than 3,100 cast.

Richardson won, 1,571-1,485. Morrison was the last major polling place to be counted and Richardson defeated opponent David Williams there 254-230. The close vote in Morrison was representative of the entire election.

Of the registered 3,186 voters, Richardson received 51.5 per cent and Williams had 48.5 per cent of the vote.

When the Morrison vote came through, Richardson hugged a female campaign worker and exclaimed, "We won, we won!"

Richardson carried 11 polling places, primarily the on-campus districts. Williams carried six polling places including all off-campus polls and graduate polls. The only on-campus precincts that Williams won were Connor and Ruffin.

"I don't feel like anybody really won," Richardson said. "We competed with a very, very fine man."

Richardson campaign worker Barbara Boughman said "We're glad it's over. Billy has a big staff and everyone was behind him pushing. It was a joint effort."

"A close vote is the result when two good men run," Boughman said.

"What can I say?" Williams said. "I just wish Billy a lot of luck. I'd like to thank all my campaign workers and the people who voted for me."

Winners in on-campus CGC races were District 9 (Ehringhaus, Women's Triad), Susan Davenport, District 10 (James), Gordon Cureton, and District II (Morrison), Barry Smith.

In off-campus races winners were District 15, David Swanson; District 16, Bob Lawrence; District 17, David Tate; District 18, Bruce Tindall; District 19, Douglas Henderson and District 20, Kim Jenkins.

Elections board chairperson Craig Brown said there were several irregularities in the election.

One problem was that the polling place in the Health Sciences Library had to open late and close early due to a problem in finding poll tenders.

"We just didn't have enough (poll tenders) to go around. I think there was a big enough turnout that it won't make any difference," Brown said.

A second problem was that the ballot box in Ehringhaus dormitory was moved to Morrison. There were no votes cast while the box was in Morrison.

"It leads me to conclude that the box just sat there," said Brown.

There was also a delay in counting because the ballot box from the Law School was locked in an office.

"The elections have gone a lot better than I anticipated. I certainly hope that people don't go to court just because they lost," Brown said.



Student Body President-elect Billy Richardson appears to take a moment to express relief and gratitude following his close runoff victory over David Williams (inset) Wednesday night.

Student government: up and down year

a News Analysis
by Chris Fuller
Staff Writer

During the recent campaign for student body president and Campus Governing Council seats, several candidates have directed criticisms at the present Student Government administration.

But not everything that came out of Suite C this year has been negative.

Outgoing Student Body President Bill Bates said Wednesday that the "groundwork has been laid for everything I wanted (to do this past year)." He added that there was "not enough time in one year to get everything accomplished."

Bates said he believes "students are aware of Student Government," but he conceded that they did not necessarily have positive opinions of it.

He pointed to the Student-Faculty-Administration Conference at Camp New Hope as a major program of his administration. He added that the establishment of a student legal attorney, an action which has been supported by the State Attorney General and is awaiting approval by the North Carolina Bar Association, is another major accomplishment.

CGC Rules and Judiciary Chairperson Ben Steelman said he believes "the single and most far-reaching thing (to come from Student Government this year) was the smoking ban referendum, not so much for what it actually did as for what it could imply in the future."

Steelman said that the overwhelming vote for a smoking ban was used by skillful proponents of the measure to force the University administration to adopt a policy to which it was initially hostile.

"If the student leaders, particularly the student body president, can use decent tactics I predict this referendum process could develop into the single-most powerful weapon available to students for affecting change on this campus," he continued.

Former CGC Speaker Dan Bessé said, "I would judge three events as being of comparable importance."

Student Government's biggest triumph, he said, was the successful lobbying of the Bates administration last spring to halt proposed tuition increases. "It demonstrated

we could successfully lobby against the state legislature," he added.

The two other achievements he cited were the creation of a student attorney and the successful effort against grade redefinition.

The campaign against the redefinition of grades showed "that Student Government can lobby successfully with the Faculty Council that students can have impact on academic policies, and that Student Government can work with individual students to win common goals."

But while some tangible good resulted from the efforts of the past year's administration, Student Government did have its shortcomings especially in affairs relating directly to the student body.

"I wanted to see very heavy emphasis on housing issues and a broader emphasis on academic issues," Bessé said. But such efforts were "thwarted by a preoccupation by many council members with internal politics," he continued.

Bessé cited the attempt to establish a student body comptroller as an example of such preoccupation. He called the four-month "comptroller controversy" "nothing more than a power play by some CGC members and some former Student Government officials. It consumed the lion's share of the Council's effort for months."

Bates said he thought the comptroller bill was a vindictive effort directed at him for dismissing Mike O'Neal from the office of student body treasurer.

Steelman, however, said the comptroller issue was the result of a different problem. He felt that the egos of those involved in Student Government precluded the emergence of more constructive legislation.

The comptroller issue was exacerbated because individuals were not willing to compromise, Steelman said.

This unwillingness to compromise led to factionalization, which became evident primarily in financial issues, CGC Rep. Dick Pope said. The council split on issues such as the appointment of a treasurer and what the treasurer's powers should include.

Pope said the council was particularly inconsistent in levying penalties against organizations found violating treasury laws. "If we'd take a stand, we wouldn't stick to it

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Dorm poll results not compiled

by Laura Sclm
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Student Body President-elect Billy Richardson and his election opponent David Williams were unable to combine the results of their individual housing surveys Wednesday night because of election excitement, but both agreed that student opinion is against the random-selection method of dormitory sign-up.

Results of the combined surveys, conducted separately by members of the two candidates' staffs, will be forwarded to the housing department as soon as possible, Williams said.

Richardson said he would work for implementation of Williams' proposed combination random selection-persistence method.

Richardson and outgoing Student Body

President Bill Bates both attempted and were unable to schedule appointments with either Housing Director James Condie or Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton, former Campus Governing Council Speaker Dan Bessé, who has been acting as intermediary between Bates, Richardson and Williams said.

However, Richardson said he will meet with Sandy Ward, assistant director of residence life, Friday to discuss its unpopular decision.

Williams said he met with Condie for two hours Wednesday morning to discuss the dorm sign-up procedure. "I'm not optimistic that any major change will be made before sign-up this year," Williams said.

Condie said he told Williams the decision to implement a random selection method was not his alone. The decision was made by administrators in the housing department

and the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, Condie said.

When asked whether he would be willing to change the sign-up policy if a suitable alternative was developed, Condie said, "No comment."

"I think it's too late," Condie said. "I think they (Bates, Richardson and Williams) got concerned too late to make a reasonable change."

Peggy Gibbs, assistant to Condie, said Williams' proposed combination method did not solve the problems of lines forming early and students unable to wait in line because of other obligations.

Williams' proposal does not set an arbitrary time for sign-up to begin. Instead, student would sign a list for a position in line.

"So the line would form to sign the list," Gibbs said.

But Williams replied, "The line procedure

would serve as a self-regulating mechanism. People won't go down in advance to wait in line."

Gibbs also said eliminating the freshman on-campus residency requirement as Williams has proposed, would not open up many more spaces in University housing.

Williams responded, "Dr. Condie told me each year that 60 to 70 freshmen request permission to live off-campus, even though the literature says it is not allowed. I think you can take that figure as an absolute minimum."

Bernhardt predicts Heels will win

by Laura Toler
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California psychic Clarisa Bernhardt, who predicted the Wilmington earthquake that never happened, made two more quake forecasts here Wednesday and said she feels strongly that UNC's Tar Heels will win the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament.

Speaking as part of the UNC Geology Department's weekly colloquium before

approximately 150 spectators, Bernhardt said there will be a quake of 5.6 magnitude on the Richter Scale in the southern Atlantic Ocean on May 13 and a 6.0-7.0 quake somewhere on Nov. 6. She said she has not foreseen a location for the second quake.

Bernhardt said her Jan. 10 forecast that an 8.0 magnitude earthquake would occur in Wilmington this year, probably between Jan. 14-20, was not irresponsible and added she did not mean to wreak havoc with her predictions.

UNC geologist David M. Stewart, who introduced Bernhardt and invited her to the state when she made her January prediction, said, "Ms. Bernhardt's mistake in this instance does not invalidate the field of psychic prediction. To date, most of the earthquake predictions made by scientists have also been wrong."

The only conclusions that can be drawn now, he said, is that both seismology and psychic phenomena must be studied further as methods of predicting earthquakes.

He added that the time period Bernhardt specified for the Wilmington earthquake will not be over till Jan. 5, 1977. And Bernhardt noted that during the week she said the quake would probably happen, "the world experienced an unusual outburst of seismic activity" that included a 7.0 magnitude quake northeast of Tokyo, Japan and a 6.2 tremor north of Iceland.

Bernhardt said her foresight of earthquakes occurs when she feels vibrations and senses a change in the air around her. She said she has also located faults with these same sensations.

Stewart said fault-detecting psychics should be hired by agencies such as the National Earthquake Service to suggest where seismographs should be located. Seismologists can only predict quakes at places where these instruments are installed, and deciding where to put them is still a hit-and-miss procedure at best, he said.

In January, Stewart publicized Bernhardt's Wilmington forecast, saying she correctly predicted the magnitude, date and location of a mild California earthquake in 1974, the date and location of another and the date of a third.

Toffler to discuss America's future

Alvin Toffler, author of the book *Future Shock*, will open the 1976 Carolina Symposium March 16.

Known for his books and theories on the future, Toffler will speak on "Future Shock: Problems in America's Future."

The speech will be at 8 p. m. in Memorial Hall.

Toffler is one of 19 speakers invited to present the Symposium topic "America's Future: Beyond the Bicentennial."

Campus campaigners gear for primary

by Tim Pittman
Staff Writer

As the campaigning for North Carolina's presidential primary enters its final weeks, campus political organizations are gearing up for a final push.

Five of the seven candidates entering the state's primary have supportive student organizations at UNC-CH.

Both Republican candidates, President Gerald Ford and former California Gov. Ronald Reagan, have student organizations on campus. For the Democrats, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter, former Oklahoma Sen. Fred Harris, and Arizona Rep. Morris Udall, have organizational support at UNC.

Neither Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., nor Alabama Gov. George Wallace have campus organizations here.

The Reagan organization involves more students than Ford's group. Wayne Hold, a sophomore from King, N. C., who is head of the Reagan group here, said the Reagan effort has enlisted the support of 90-100 students. Of that number, 25-30 are involved in a canvassing effort in dormitories to gauge Reagan's support and encourage supporters to volunteer to assist the campaign.

The Ford group has only recently been organized and presently has registered only 15 students. But Karne Hite, a senior from Fayetteville, said the group would make a major recruitment effort after spring break. The Ford group is also planning a "boiler room," which is a telephone bank to reach voters, and they will start mailing campaign leaflets in the next two weeks.

The Ford organization has a representative in each of the county's precincts to dispense leaflets and materials to

precinct members.

Among the three Democratic organizations, the Carter and Harris groups have the largest membership lists.

Chapel Hill Alderman Gerry Cohen, Harris's local organizer, said the group has 75-100 members of which approximately 40 have been distributing leaflets. The Harris group is stressing voter registration and absentee balloting.

"I think we have achieved an excellent

name recognition for Fred Harris," Cohen said. "Our efforts have included a lot of knocking on doors and mailing." The organization has distributed approximately 5,000 leaflets, 10,000 voter registration forms and 3,500-4,000 absentee balloting leaflets, Cohen said.

Randy Perkins, a junior from Asheville, is the Carter campus organizer. He said the group has 100 people on the membership list,

with about 50 students actively working in the campaign.

The group is planning to set up a table in the Pit and one on Franklin Street, and will canvass the dorms in the next few weeks.

The Udall organization, headed by junior Bruce Tindall, has about 50 members, of which 30 are active members.

Tindall said the group was concentrating their efforts on the campus.

Powers, Reagan to compete

UNC will enter law competition

by Joni Peters
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A team of two second-year law students will represent UNC in the Client Counseling Competition regional rounds Saturday in Chapel Hill.

Team members Valerie Powers and Walker Reagan will compete against eight other law school teams on the topic "Contract Litigation and its Alternatives."

The competition, sponsored by the American Bar Association, is structured to give law students practical experience in advising clients. During the contest, law student interview and counsel a person acting the role of a client needing legal advice on some matter concerning contracts.

Competitors receive a brief description of the client and his problem 10 days before the competition and interviews begin. Team members then prepare preinterview memoranda explaining possible legal

approaches that might be taken, depending upon additional facts that might be received during the interview.

Law Prof. Walker Blakey, the UNC team's adviser, said that the law students will be judged according to "how well they interview, advise, and handle legal and practical issues."

Blakey said that students learn to "combine the analysis of legal problems with what a client can or cannot do" in the area of contract disputes and settlements.

Reagan and Powers were chosen, Blakey said, from among other second and third-year UNC law students who participated in intraschool competition.

Powers said that she and Reagan will attempt to "help the client recognize what his problem is and what issues a court would make up its mind on. This is a before-the-case angle, as opposed to an after-the-case angle."

If possible, the lawyers try to find a quick,

uncomplicated solution for their client's problem without going to court, but Powers pointed out that "tricks are thrown into the problem and sometimes (there is) an ethical side to consider."

Powers and Reagan are preparing for the contest by doing research and compiling preinterview memoranda on their own. "But we will have to put it all together and be able to question the client as a team," Powers said.

Other law schools to be represented in Chapel Hill on March 6 are Northern Kentucky State College, the University of Kentucky, the College of William and Mary, the University of Richmond, the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee University, N.C. Central University and Wake Forest University.

Regional winners will advance to the national contest on March 27 at Notre Dame University.

Lee declares in lieutenant governor race

RALEIGH (UPI)—Former Chapel Hill Mayor Howard N. Lee announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor Wednesday.

"I believe that the people of North Carolina will respond to a candidate who offers innovative and progressive ideas and a record of honest, responsible public service," Lee told a group of about 150 people at a news conference.

The 41-year-old Lee served as mayor of Chapel Hill from 1969 until 1975. He will have at least seven opponents in the Democratic state primary Aug. 17.

Lee called for removal of the state's four per cent sales tax on food as part of his overall tax reform package, which he said would be completed this month.

He did not rule out the possibility of an income tax increase and also suggested that taxes on alcoholic beverages and tobacco could be increased to make up for the estimated \$70 million the state would lose each year if the food tax were eliminated.

Now on leave from his job as director of human development at Duke University, Lee was the first black to be elected mayor of a predominantly white southern city. He said he did not believe being black would hurt his chances of being elected in North Carolina.

"The people of this state will respond to the candidate with proven leadership," Lee said.

He said his three terms as Chapel Hill mayor would help him as lieutenant governor.

"I have struggled with problems of water supply, decayed housing, drug abuse and public transportation," he said. "I have faced tough choices and have made hard decisions, and this experience as a public administrator will serve me as lieutenant governor."