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It will be partly cloudy with the chance of thunderstorms today. The high will be in the mid 80s with the low near 70. Chance of rain is 40 percent.

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Mixed drinks pass by landslide



Wet leaders (from left) Mickey Ewell, Will Stauber and Jerry Williams celebrate at Spanky's

3-1 margin in light voter turnout carries wets in Orange County

By JACI HUGHES
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Orange County voters approved the sale of mixed beverages in restaurants and private clubs by an almost 3-to-1 margin Tuesday.

Only 34 percent of the county's registered voters turned out to cast their ballots, with 8,564 voting in favor of mixed-drink sales and 3,066 against.

Voting was especially light in the rural precincts, where dry forces had expected to receive most of their support.

Elections Supervisor Barbara Strickland attributed the low voter-turnout to lack of interest. "I guess people just aren't interested in whether we have liquor or not," she said.

"You only get the extremes (with a light turnout), those who are really for it and those who are really against it," said Don Willhoit, a member of the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

About 74 percent of the 11,649 who voted favored the sale of mixed beverages,

while only about 26 percent were opposed.

The fate of mixed drinks in Orange County was never in doubt as early returns from scattered precincts set the favorable trend.

Student voting was a little heavier than the overall turnout, with about 40 percent of the voters in the predominantly student precincts showing up at the polls.

Students supported the mixed drinks in the vote Tuesday. In Country Club precinct, which covers Morrison, Ehringhaus, Parker, Teague and Avery dorms, liquor passed 109-10. In Mason Farm, which encompasses James, Craige, married student housing and Spring Garden, voters approved the measure 291-40.

East Franklin passed mixed drinks by a similarly large margin: 291-40. University Lake precinct residents voted 329-39 in favor.

Voters in most rural areas were opposed to the measure.

Voters split in the Hillsborough precinct, with the final tally totaling 181 in favor and 174 against. The precinct covers the

downtown area of the county seat of Hillsborough, populated primarily by merchants and county employees.

The predominately black West Hillsborough precinct defeated the measure by a vote of 235 against to 197 in favor.

Student voting was described as moderate by registration officials in several precincts with large student populations.

Registrar Virginia Julian said only seven students whose votes were challenged had come to the polls by mid-afternoon. All those challenges were overruled, she said. Julian said about 30 other challenges were overruled in the May primary. There were about 175 challenges in the precinct altogether, she said.

In the University Lake precinct, Registrar Dazzie Lane said 175 of 900 registered voters had gone to the polls by 3:30 p.m., which she said was a moderate turnout. She said four student voter challenges were overruled and none were sustained. Only one challenge in the precinct was sustained last May, she added.

Wets celebrate victory; dries not surprised

By STEVE HUETTEL
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While wet-force leaders spent the evening celebrating passage of liquor by the drink, anti-liquor activists expressed surprise over the nearly 3-1 margin of the wet victory.

The mood got progressively more festive Tuesday night at Spanky's, site of the pro-liquor victory celebration, as the results of the liquor referendum filtered in.

Amid cheers and cork popping, Mickey Ewell, cochairperson of Orange Citizens for Local Option and owner of Spanky's and Harrison's, said, "We're very happy it passed by this large a margin. It shows the people who voted for the referendum that what they're doing is right, and it may help other counties, especially Wake and Durham pass referendums."

While dry leaders expressed surprise about the margin of victory, they conceded they expected the outcome.

"The odds were against us to begin with," said the Rev. Jack Mansfield, publicity director for the Orange Christian Action League. "It was just a case of the urban areas (in southern Orange County) having large blocks of votes that we couldn't offset with the rural (northern) areas."

"I expected a larger turnout in the northern parts of the county—I thought that the nature of the county was different than it really is," said the Rev. Tyson Coble, chairperson of the Christian Action League.

Both leaders blamed the referendum's overwhelming victory partially on the dry

group's lack of funds to publicize its message.

"We just didn't have a lot of money to work with, and there's not much you can do with that much (about \$700)," Mansfield said. "I had to call (radio stations) WCHL and cancel our ads because we didn't have the funds and didn't want to go into a deficit."

Gerry Cohen, Chapel Hill alderman who attended the Orange County wets' victory celebration, said the wet was sure age-regulations would be enforced strictly when restaurant and bar owners start to serve liquor here.

"I think this vote shows that the people in Chapel Hill are tired of hiding their liquor in bags," Cohen said. He predicted that more restaurants will open downtown because of the referendum. "I've heard talk that a national hotel chain might build here and aim toward convention trade," he said.

"Everything has gone about as we expected, better, in fact," said Jerry Williams, director of the North Carolina Restaurant Association.

Dry leader Mansfield predicted dire consequences for the county and state as a result of the referendum's approval.

"Once people are successful in getting liquor, they'll be trying to get other things, too," he said. "I've seen it happen in New Jersey and New York with lotteries and casino gambling. I predict that now the door's been opened, we'll be seeing more things of this nature."

"We've been saying all along that the referendum would cause an increase in consumption," Mansfield said. "The people owning restaurants will like that, but I doubt that the people who die on the highways will. Now the restaurants will be able to market the nation's number one drug problem."

Liquor vote splits in other locales

From staff and wire reports

Voters in Southern Pines approved the sale of mixed drinks by a 7-2 margin Tuesday, while a move to legalize the sale of liquor by the drink failed in Black Mountain.

Final returns from Southern Pines showed 1,578 votes for liquor by the drink, and 433 Sandhills voters cast their ballots against the measure.

Reactions to the Southern Pines tally from pro-liquor activists were characteristic of the jubilant mood at mixed-drink victory parties after Mecklenburg County approved liquor by the drink by a 2-1 margin Friday.

"The passage of mixed beverages in North Carolina will help us significantly in the war against inflation," said Jerry Williams, executive director of the North Carolina Restaurant Association.

Some backers of mixed-beverage sales have said restaurants will be able to rely on mixed drinks for profits while holding down the cost of food.

Organizations were formed in both communities to oppose the mixed-drink option. Tactics ranged from inserting circulars in Sunday church bulletins to radio and newspaper ads.

In Black Mountain, about 25 percent of the town's 2,090 registered voters had cast their ballots by 1 p.m. About 30 percent of the population is retired, and many come from communities outside the state.

In Southern Pines, where the turnout was very heavy, informal polls of voters as they left the polling places early in the day indicated a margin of more than 2-1 in favor of the local option.

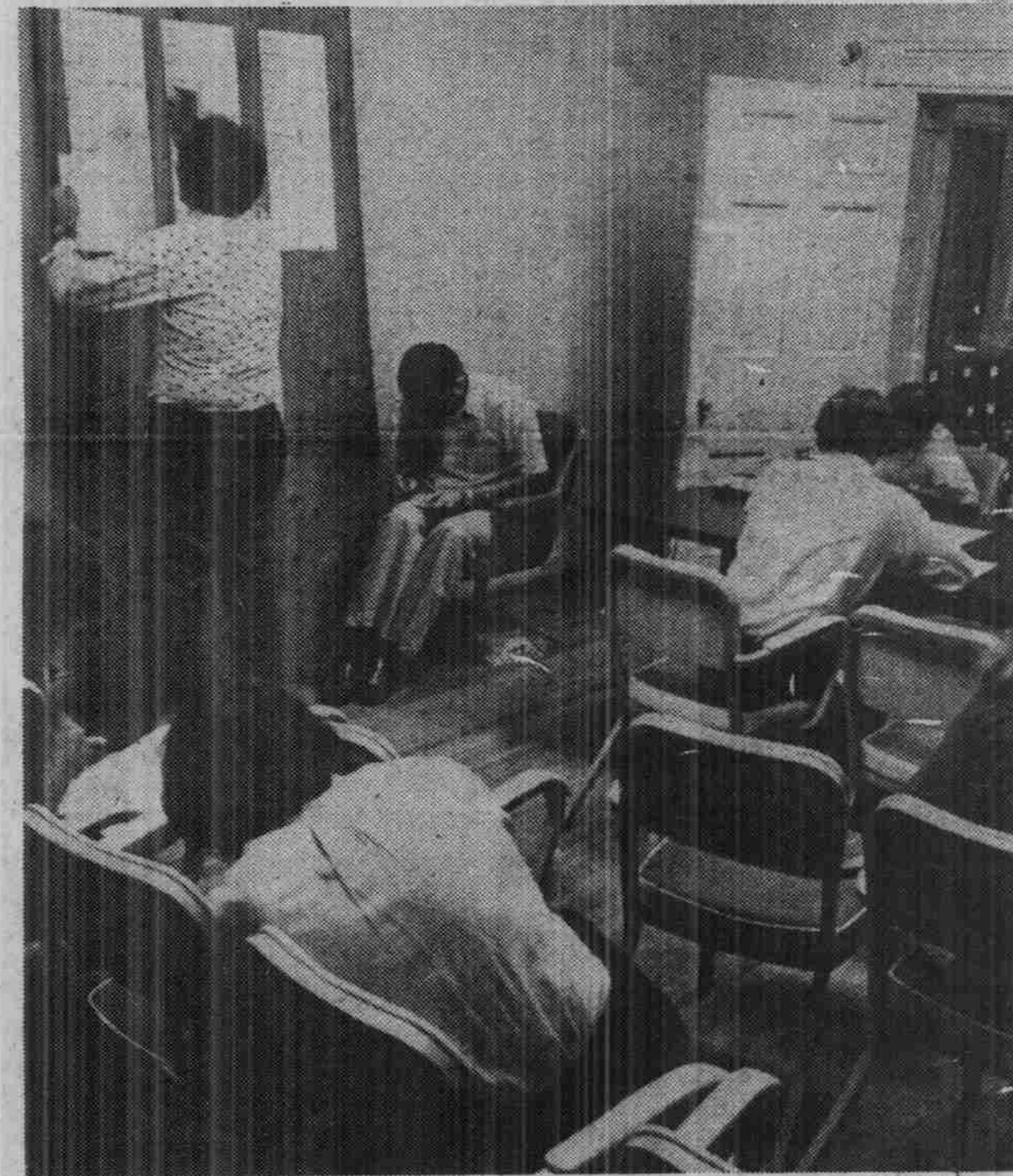
The golfing resort community was the first place in the state to set a referendum

after the General Assembly enacted the mixed-drink law in June. Voters there have approved two mixed-drink measures in the past. Officials in Southern Pines and Black Mountain said they believed good weather helped the turnout.

With the votes Tuesday in Orange County, Southern Pines and Black Mountain and the pro-liquor victory last week in Mecklenburg, three of the four localities to hold referendums on mixed drinks have approved the local-option measure.

The golfing resort of Southern Pines was the first place in the state to schedule a referendum after passage of the mixed-drink law.

Little new registration was reported in Southern Pines and Black Mountain, even though 2,000 new voters registered to vote prior to the referendum in Orange County.



Election workers record ballots in Hillsborough

Blackout

Where were you when the lights went out?

By RAMONA JONES
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Dinner sizzles away in the Fry Baby as the window fan gently blows the pages of a book that you're trying to read under the glare of a desk light while you dry your hair when suddenly—poof—everything stops as the electricity goes out.

How can you survive without electricity?

Well, maybe you can laugh it off, like Terri Andrewlavage did Monday when she got stuck in an elevator during one of the power outages which have become commonplace in Ehringhaus.

"We were between first and second floors," she said. "We pried the doors open and climbed to second floor. It's almost gotten to be a joke down there, or at least routine for the power to go off."

"Folks at Ehringhaus have really developed a sense of humor about the whole situation, but when you're studying for a test or washing your hair or something, it really gets to be a hassle."

Both Ehringhaus and Stacy dorms have lost power twice since the semester opened due to overloaded circuits. And, ironically, says Russell Perry, associate director of housing operations, the outages at both dorms occurred on the same days at approximately the same times.

Perry said the power failures occurred Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 11 at 9:30 p.m. Both failures lasted about 30 minutes.

The reason for the outages is simple. "At both Ehringhaus and Stacy, the residents just used more energy than the maximum 200 amps going into the building," Perry said. "And it blew the main fuse in the circuit breaker panel."

An amp recorder system has since been installed in the two dorms and all other dorms in Lower Quad. Perry says the system will record graph patterns of energy usage 24 hours a day.

To avoid more blown fuses, Perry encourages students to take all possible steps to conserve energy, especially in Ehringhaus and Stacy.

"Those two dorms have more electrical appliances for their size," Perry said. "For example, Stacy has five air conditioners in its study rooms and one more for a student with a certified medical need. And it has three kitchens—two for students and one in the assistant residence director's apartment."

"Ehringhaus has the athletic training table and the kitchen that goes with that," he said. "And, each floor lounge has an air conditioner. Then, there are three apartments with air conditioners and kitchens, one for the residence director and one for the academic adviser for the football team."

But the Stacy and Ehringhaus incidents are only part of a larger pattern of power failures plaguing UNC and Chapel Hill this fall.

Connor Dorm also was a victim of a blown fuse, but, Perry said, the Connor outage was an isolated incident.

Aug. 24, the power went off just after midnight for about 90 minutes, affecting South Campus dorms and buildings on Ridge Road and Stadium Drive. Wade Davis, electric distribution superintendent for the utilities division, said the outage was caused by a cable failure induced by a manufacturer's defect.

One section of Columbia Street around the medical research center also experienced a power outage when lightning hit a high voltage cable at a transformer at the North Side chiller plant around 7:10 p.m., Davis said. Two hours later, power was restored.

Off-campus also has been affected. Lightning hit Duke Power Company's Eubank Station Sept. 1, curtailing power to that station's 900 Chapel Hill customers.

Perry said the utilities division is concerned about campus electrical service and the repeated failures. As a result, utility crews are installing new transformers and new main disconnects at Avery, Parker and Teague dorms.

The crews also are installing three-pronged receptacles in these dorms to replace the two-pronged outlets. Similar renovations are being made in the YMCA and Steele buildings and Playmaker's Theater, and plans have been made to update the electrical system in the five dorms on Lower Quad.

Grad student federation wants percentage of fees

By GEORGE SHADROU
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The Graduate and Professional Student Federation represents almost 6,000 UNC graduate students, but they are being ignored by Student Government, GPSF President Mark Adams said recently.

"There is a lack of communication between GPSF and Student Government," Adams said. "They won't even notify us about CGC meetings in advance."

GPSF distributes funds to 65 graduate departments, but the CGC allocates GPSF funds. Adams said he doesn't believe GPSF should have to fight for its money. He says GPSF should be given a percentage of student fees, just like the *Daily Tar Heel*. This money could come exclusively from graduate fees, Adams said.

"GPSF has a valid concern," said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Donald A. Boulton. "GPSF does not just represent a club," he said, "but a basic group of students who are fundamentally different."

Boulton said GPSF needs greater financial stability.

"There is a fear in the CGC that they (CGC) are giving away something they shouldn't. GPSF is just trying to get a few of the graduate student's dollars back for them," Boulton said.

GPSF cannot justify its needs by departments, as many graduate departments use their money for parties, said Rhonda Black, chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Using CGC funds for parties is against CGC treasury rules as state in Article 8 section 1B. The law reads:

"No organization shall use Student Government

appropriations for parties, banquets, picnics, social events or entertainment. In the event of an exception, approval must be granted by the Finance Committee."

Black said no such approval has been given. She said any organization guilty of breaking a treasury law is subject to having its funds frozen by the student body treasurer.

Black said no such action has taken place because "it is a touchy situation. They (GPSF) think they need this type of programming. It helps them meet other graduate students."

"For GPSF to receive a fixed allocation, they must have an established finance plan for fiscal appropriation," Black said.

But Adams said GPSF must be put on the same level as Student Government. He said its role is similar to the CGC's role and that GPSF should be an entity within Student Government.

Adams said GPSF is the only organization that can deal with graduate students, because Student Government is geared to undergraduates. Adams said GPSF serves as a clearing house for graduate information, as well as a distributor of funds.

But he said he agrees with Phillips that GPSF currently has no defined role.

"I'm trying to find out what graduate students want GPSF to be. We are set up in the same capacity as the CGC. They keep asking us about programming, but what programming does CGC do?"

Adams said he wants GPSF to have the power to approve graduate departmental use of its funds without going through CGC. However, he said he does not want GPSF to be autonomous from Student Government.

"I don't know if we could exist outside of Student Government," Adams said. "For seven years this problem has been muddled through. It's time for something to be done."