Midterm election shows growing conservative trend across U·S·

From wire reports

In midterm elections and numerous referenda, initiatives and constitutional amendments, Americans displayed a marked conservative flavor Tuesday, as Republicans scored gains and voters said "no" on issues such as gambling, high government spending and busing.

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The Senate that takes office in January will have 20 new faces as well as a considerably more conservative slant. Republicans increased their hold on Senate seats from 38 to 40—and possibly 41—in the 96th Congress. They won 19 seats Tuesday to the Democrats' 15 and were leading in Virginia, where a recount was going on Wednesday in the election between John Warner and

Andrew Miller.

The Democrats also will retain control of the House, but voters demonstrated they are often unimpressed with the power of incumbency, afamiliar name or the whiff of scandal. Tuesday's elections produced 75 new House members who won vacant seats or knocked out incumbents.

Despite the turnover, Republicans failed to make more than a minor dent in the nearly 2-1 majority held by Democrats in the House. With two races unsettled, Democrats captured 276 seats; the Republicans won 157.

There were no clear voting patterns in House races across the nation. For every conservative who lost, a liberal was unseated. For every impressive Republican win, a Democrat scored an upset. For every House member named in an investigation of wrongdoing who was defeated, another was re-elected.

In referenda, constitutional amendments and initiatives, voters made their wishes emphatically clear: Stop. In 38 states, voters wrote their own laws, deciding some 200 constitutional amendments, referenda and initiatives.

And the tax protest that started with California's Proposition 13 five months ago boiled over into other states, as proposals to restrict taxes or spending won in 12 states and lost in four.

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Wednesday that his party's Election Day gains signify a GOP revival in the South and Midwest.

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He said the election of Republicans to senate seats in

Mississippi and Virginia and to governorships in Tennessee and Texas shows the we have restored our growth in the South.

He pointed to minor gains in the Midwest as re-establishing that area as a Republican base, but said losses in Michigan were serious and could hurt a great deal.

White House press secretary Jody Powell avoided any attempt to draw any conclusions from Tuesday's voting, especially concerning the effects on President Carter's legislative programs. "I think it is very difficult to assess what the combined attitude

of the next Congress will be as opposed to the combined attitude of the last one," Powell said.
"I would be hard pressed to say it would be very much different

on major issues."

A look at some of the key elections Tuesday:

• In Iowa, Sen. Dick Clark, a first-term liberal Democrat, was beaten by Republican Roger Jepsen, a conservative former lieutenant governor.

• New Hampshire voters turned out 16-year veteran Sen.
Thomas J. McIntyre, a Democrat with considerable influence on
weapons development, in favor of conservative Repbulican
Gordon Humphrey, an airline pilot.

• In Minnesota, the two seats once held by Hubert Humphrey

and Walter Mondale, were reliquished to Republicans, as Democrat Sen. Wendell Anderson, the governor who appointed himself to Mondale's seat, and Democrat Bob Short, who upset liberal Rep. Donal Fraser in the primary, failed to impress voters.

• Liberal Republican Sen. Ed Brooke, was beaten by Rep. Paul Tsongas, a Democrat, leaving the Senate with no black

• Republican Sen. Robert Griffin of Michigan, seeking his third term, lost his seat to Carl Levin, a Democrat who formerly headed the Detroit City Council. Griffin was the No. 2 Republican in the Senate until 1977.

• Conservative Sens. Jesse Helms, John Tower, R-Texas, and Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., all managed to hang onto their seats despite heavy Democratic efforts to turn them out.

• In Virginia, Republican John Warner, a former secretary of the Navy held a slim lead over Democrat Andrew Miller.

Republicans either held onto or capture governorships in five of the 10 most populous states: Texas, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio.

• Massachusetts voters passed by a 3-1 margin a proposal for a

Hubert Humphrey prohibition on assigning children to schools based on race.

To save social funds

Elvis fan gyrates, sings in memory of The King

By LIZ HUSKEY Special to the Daily Tar Heel

He's easy to find in the group of musicians rehearsing in the den of a Chapel Hill home. He's the one with the long sideburns and black hair styled back into a wave. He's the one who looks and sings like Elvis.

Keith Henderson is a 19-year-old Elvis fan who was introduced to Chapel Hill last year during the "Junior Follies at Chapel Hill High School, his alma mater, in an act to preserve the memory of Elvis.

Wearing warm-up pants and a high school T-shirt as he polished his act, Keith recalled his opening night—he wore a white studded jump suit and dyed his hair. The crowd loved him so much that his body guards, hired originally for effect, had to pull scream-

ing girls away from him.

The day after the follies, agents called Keith telling him he should go professional. Since then he has played on the Peggy Mann television show and has performed at such gigs as the Carrboro Fourth of July Festival before an audience of more than 5,000.

But he remains approachable. Keith hasn't changed, says his father, Shelton Henderson, owner of the Shrunken Head on Franklin Street. "The only thing that has changed is that something nice has been added to his life—another role. As far as his family role, his life is the same."

Keith grins and adds that he still has to vacuum the house, clean the bathroom and keep his room straight.

The whole family has become a part of his new act. His grandmother sews

his costumes, his mother sews on the studs and his father handles the business. And his little sister helps with the publicity—she says with a tooth missing, "Do you know my brother(He does an Elvis tribute."

Body guards, fancy cars and chauffeurs are touches to make his act authentic. He can be true to "the King," he says because of his devotion to him as a child. When he was 4 years old, he said he listened to Elvis records and mimicked the singer in the mirror.

"I did that everyday and I got so I knew every move he made." But as he tells his audience, "I'm not trying to be the cat."

Authenticity is one of the drawing cards of his act, Keith says, and refers to other acts as "impersonators, ributers and illusionists who are just out to make money."

"I've seen a bunch of Elvis acts, but they don't seem to have the same feel for him that I do. They don't seem to have studied him in depth and watched movies of him as I did," he says. "I truly believe that I feel the music the way Elvis does. I try to be very precise for Elvis. I want to keep a positive image strong. I've had people come up to me after concerts thanking me for carrying on the memory of Elvis, for liking him so much."

Keith developed arthrities in his back playing high school football, but he says, "I don't feel it when I'm on stage. It doesn't slow me down one bit." Apparently it doesn't. He constantly moves as he performs, bows, kneels and finally directs the band on last notes—the way Elvis did.



Elvis look-alike Kelth Henderson in Carrboro concert

The song ends. The rehearsal room is quiet until the band breaks into applause. His father wipes his eyes and proclaims, "Beautiful!" His mother says quietly, "I got goosebumps on that one." The piano player remarks, "I haven't ever heard him sound like that."

Keith grins and winks. "I could feel it all through me," he says. "My hair was standing up all over."

He wants to maintain audience contact, he says, and not get "burned out" doing the same thing over and over. "I'd rather sing to an audience than have my records spinning for people who would never see me," Keith adds.

Kis immediate plans include a concert Nov. 17 in Roxboro. Hoping to "play the International Hilton the way Elvis did," he says his future goals are ambitious. "My first goal was to sing with Elvis, but since I won't be able to do that, I want to be a singer like Elvis." He plans to sing other types of music but adds, "It'll always be in the Elvis style, Elvis' voice—which is my voice."

Orientation fees

By SUSAN LADD

The Residence Hall Association Board of Governors voiced concerns about dorm social fees being used for Orientation Tuesday in a meeting with Lisa Harper, Orientation Commission chairperson, and Barbara Polk, program assistant in the Division of Student Affairs.

Affairs.

RHA members complained that counselors often are untrained in budget management and programming. As a result, Orientation expenses often exceed the budget, placing a financial burden on the dorm involved, which is responsible for the balance.

"We have no guarantees that Orientation expenses won't run over the budget, and we have no guarantees that the money will be used wisely," said William Porterfield, governor of Ehringhaus.

Polk told the RHA Board of Governors that the Orientation Commission receives a varying amount of funds from the Chancellor's Discretionary Fund every year, and sometimes obtains additional funds from the Campus Governing Council. This money primarily goes into printing student, parent and counselor handbooks.

Residence Hall social fees pay for all Orientation activities in the dorms for freshmen during the week of Orientation. Funds for this purpose are allocated by the executive boards of each residence. Whatever funds remain after Orientation activities are paid for finance social activities for the remainder of the year.

So, if Orientation overruns its budget, some social activities later in the year may be sacrificed, or at least reduced. And, with the possibility of an eight-day Orientation looming this year due to an

administrative reorganization of the fall schedule, the expense could prove to be too great for some dorms.

"When you have someone with no knowledge of how the (dorm) executive boards work and no experience in programming, you have real problems," said RHA President Don Fox.

The Morehead Confederation currently has a \$400 deficit because of unpaid social fees and overspending by its Orientation group, said Morehead Confederation Governor Paul Mayberry.

"We gave them (Morehead

"We gave them (Morehead Orientation) about \$700 to work with, and they raised about \$700 on their own, but they spent \$1,500," Mayberry said.

The debt is on Morehead's account, but Morehead's executive board has no authority to make the Orientation group pay it, Mayberry said. To cover the debt, Morehead has been forced to charge for dorm activities that would otherwise have been free.

"It is unfair for the responsibility for financing freshman orientation to be placed on residence hall social fees, which everybody pays," Fox said. "This is one of the few major universities that doesn't charge orientation fees."

Under RHA proposals, the fee would be charged to freshmen to cover these expenses and make a self-supporting orientation program that wouldn't drain the finances of the residence halls, Fox said.

Members of the board suggested that RHA withhold all residence hall social fees until action is taken by the administration to provide some other way of funding Orientation. Further discussion of the issue and possible action is slated for the next Board of Governors meeting Tuesday.

Carrboro now to apply for grants

By MARY ANNE RHYNE
City Editor

With \$1.78 million worth of recreation facilities and fire station building bonds approved by voters Tuesday, Carrboro officials must now begin applying for federal and state grants to help finance the projects.

Officials have promised to seek grants, and if obtained, use the bond funds to construct additional facilities.

The \$1.5 million recreation facilities bond will provide money for items including a 40-acre land purchase and a 25-meter swimming pool.

For students, the most important aspect of the recreation bond, and perhaps the whole bond package, is the 2.1-mile bike path along N.C. 54 bypass, Jones Ferry Road, Carr Street and the railroad track to Chapel Hill at Cameron Avenue where the path will connect with the Chapel Hill path.

The path would service most Carrboro apartment complexes.

Design and engineering work will begin in the fall of 1979 for early 1980. Facilities should be open to the public in the summer of 1980 at the latest.

The second of the two bonds passed is a \$280,000 bond for expansion and remodeling of the fire station. Proposed plans would enlarge the station to twice its present size.

Voters turned down an additional \$235,000 worth of bonds for land acquisition and improvements to public buildings. The public buildings bond would have provided access modifications to Town Hall for elderly and handicapped persons.

and handicapped persons.

Because state law required the building be made available to such persons, the town will still have to make the alterations despite the bond vote. Carrboro aldermen will have to figure out how to pay for the changes.

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Chapel Hill buses carry more passengers per mile ...and cost less than any other N.C. transit systems

More riders, less costs

Chapel Hill buses most efficient

By CHRIS BURRITT
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill has the most efficient bus system in the state, according to a recently released N.C. Department of Transportation report.

The report, which compares the operating results of the transit systems of 15 N.C. cities from June 1977 through June 1978, shows that the Chapel Hill bus system carries more passengers per mile and costs the town less than does any other city's system.

Bob Godding, town transportation director, said the passenger per mile and the cost per passenger results are two ways Chapel Hill measures its transit system's efficiency.

Godding said since June 1977 there has been an increase to 2.69 passengers per mile. He attributed the increase to a reduction in the number of miles the buses have traveled.

He explained that a 13.35 percent reduction in miles traveled has come because buses have stopped running during times when only a few people were riding.

According to the report, Durham

follows Chapel Hill with an average of 2.66 passengers per mile. The statewide average is 1.9 passengers.

Godding also said the town has had to

pay less this year for its transit system. He pointed out that although ridership has dropped off compared to last fall, an increase in the price of bus passes has accounted for an increase in revenue.

The revenue increase, in turn, means Chapel Hill has to pay 22 cents per passenger, marking a 29.03 percent decrease from last year.

Godding said the decrease is significant because the next closest city to Chapel Hill is Raleigh, which reduced its transit cost by 15.21 percent.

Durham again followed Chapel Hill.

That city pay 29 cents per passenger for its transit system.

Despite the optimistic report, Godding said ridership on the S and U routes in October 1978 was 24,082 less than it was

in October 1977.

Godding said the increase in the price of a bus pass from \$18 to \$32 was the major reason for the decrease in

ridership.

He also said in September many students planned to ride the buses, but when construction on several streets around Chapel Hill made it difficult for the buses to be on time, the students made other arrangements to get to campus.

RHA committee recommends extending visitation policy

By SUSAN LADD Staff Writer

Open visitation over weekends and the expansion of weekly visitation hours in the mornings are among the changes proposed by the Residence Hall Association visitation committee.

The committee was composed of three residence hallarea governors: Lisa Fulbright (Hinton James), Paul Mayberry (Morehead Confederation) and Ricky Murray (Granville Towers); three residence directors: Margie Hoffman (Spencer-Triad-Old Well), Cornelia House. (Ehringhaus) and Steve McCormick (Scott College); and led by William Porterfield, governor of Ehringhaus.

In the final report of the committee, submitted to the RHA Board of Governors Tuesday, the committee recommended that any visitation policy established and enforced be equally applied to all undergraduate residence halls. In surveys conducted by the committee, 51 percent of students polled stated that visitation is not

enforced in their living area.

The committee was formed by RHA in response to student concerns stemming from a crackdown in enforcement of visitation violations early this fall.

The committee also recommended expanding

visitation hours to 10 a.m.-1 a.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. Friday to 1 a.m. Monday, with open visitation over the weekend.

The current policy sets visitation hours from noon to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and from noon to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

A third recommendation was to set quiet hours only on Monday through Thursday. The current rule sets quiet hours at 7 p.m.-8 a.m. seven days a week.

The committee also recommended provisions for enforcement of the policy through the establishment of an Area Judiciary Board, composed of students from each residence hall, which would be responsible for recommending disciplinary action for violators of any University or residence hall regulation, including visitation.

The committee urged the formation of such a board,

regardless of changes in the visitation policy.

The report stated that a change in the current policy is needed. Surveys showed that 67 percent of students polled said the current policy should be changed.

A high percentage of students, 41.2 percent, said they

felt the policy did not meet their needs, as opposed to 32.9 percent who said the policy did meet their needs.

One survey polled student opinions on different living situations. The percentage fo students favoring these

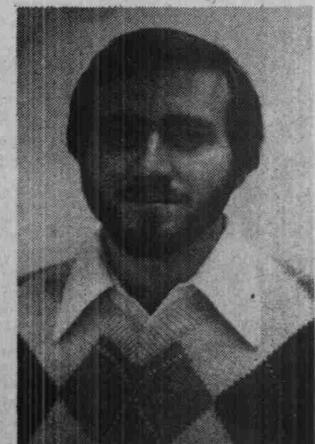
options were: For a more restrictive system with shorter hours, 0.71 percent; for a dorm with only weekend visitation, 0.0 percent; for a dorm with no visitation, 0.0 percent; for a dorm with unlimited (24 hour) visitation on weekends and noon-1 a.m. on weekdays, 35 percent; and for a dorm with unlimited visitation (24 hour) seven days a week, 49 percent.

A significant majority, 85 percent, said they believe guest hours should be extended to 24 hours on weekends.

The committee report stated that the reason it supports the revision "above and beyond the established fact that (the current policy) does not have the popular support of the majority of residence hall students, is because (the revision) will give the men and women in our residence halls a greater opportunity to participate in self-education, self-regulation and self-administration of their own environment.

"The committee did an excellent job," said RHA President Don Fox. "They did extremely thorough research and got a lot of different perspectives from surveys, questionnaires, housing professionals and schools across the country.

The report is being studied by the RHA Board of Governors this week and will be discussed and voted on at its meeting Tuesday.



Don Fox