

Students to determine races at polls today

Voter turnout alters annually

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"Vote. It's free." That's the message of a poster stapled to many bulletin boards across campus, a message that most students — if current trends continue — will choose to ignore.

Over the past five decades, student turnout in UNC campus elections has steadily declined.

In the spring of 1938, approximately two-thirds of the student body voted, while a little more than 25 percent of the student body cast votes in 1979.

There are a couple of reasons why more students voted in 1938 than in 1979, said Professor James Prothro, chairman of the UNC political science department.

"One reason, I think, is that the student body was much smaller in 1938," Prothro said. "There was a greater chance that each candidate would get to know a larger proportion of the student body."

"A second reason is that 1938 was a period — coming out of the Depression — when there was a considerable amount of optimism and faith in politics as a way to deal with human problems."

"I think that in the more recent period — since Watergate — there has been a feeling of hopelessness in politics. I think there has been an increase in cynicism since Watergate," Prothro said.

Student voting trends do reflect the mood of a nation as a whole, he said. "Public opinion and political participation reflect the realities of the world we live in and students are a part of that real world."

In 1949 — 11 years after two-thirds of the student body turned out to vote — less than 60 percent of

the students went to the polls. In 1959, the figure was less than 50 percent. And a decade later, only 26 percent of the student body cast votes.

Voter turnout at the University has hovered around 25 percent since then.

The past two years have shown a slight increase, however. In 1981, 28 percent of the student body went to the polls and last year a third of the student body cast votes.

Professor Lewis Lipsitz of the political science department said that students' political apathy was reflected in his classes. "Students in my classes now certainly seem less interested in politics than did say students in the '60s," he said.

Lipsitz expressed surprise that student voter turnout was higher in the 1970s than it was in the generally complacent '50s. "I would have certainly thought it would have been less."

The disappearance of political parties in the late 1960s may have contributed to low voter turnout, Lipsitz said. "The absence of clear, distinguishable parties make the campaign more of a personality race. The result of that has usually been a low turnout," he said.

"The majority of students don't feel the impact of Student Government on their immediate lives," Elections Board Chairman Stan Evans said about the recent low turnouts. "I think that's the trend in the national government as well."

Even the more controversial issues such as a spring concert and the recent change in the cooking policy don't seem to matter to students, Evans said.

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Student Supreme Court blocks fee increase tally

By CHARLES ELLMAKER
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The Student Supreme Court Monday night placed a restraining order on the student fee increase referendum votes compiled in today's campus election.

The court's action does not affect the referendum vote, but the ballots will not be counted until the court rules on a recently-filed complaint about the referendum.

The restraining order will not affect any other issues or candidates on the ballot, said Student Supreme Court Chief Justice J.B. Kelly.

Phil Painter, Campus Governing Council Rules and Judiciary Committee chairperson, filed a com-

plaint with the Student Supreme Court Saturday. He charged that the CGC illegally passed the student fee referendum at the Feb. 2 CGC meeting because CGC Speaker Bobby Vogler was not a member of the council.

Under the CGC By-Laws, members must live in the districts in which they were elected during their term of office. But Vogler moved out of Granville Towers (District 14) at the beginning of this semester. Vogler now resides at the Chi Psi Lodge, which is in District 23.

Without Vogler, quorum was not met at the CGC meeting, Painter charged. Fourteen CGC members — including Vogler — were present, just enough to

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Garrett Morris

Comedian relates rough life, hard times and big career

By D.F. WILSON
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Though Garrett Morris started out his show last night attired in top hat and tails, by the conclusion he was down to a red athletic shirt and boxer shorts adorned with hearts. But his body was not all that Morris bared for the near-capacity crowd in Memorial Hall.

His performance, subtitled "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Theater," referred to all of history, most of it personal.

"Don't you just hate it," Morris said onstage, "when a comedian comes out and talks about his own life as if it were something funny or important? Well, that's exactly what's going to happen here tonight."

The life experiences Morris related to the audience included such episodes as first grade, first love, his first trip to New York and some of his escapades in college.

"I didn't have a choice about going to college," he said. "My parents said, 'You are going to college ... 'cause we ain't gonna feed you no more.'"

Chapel Hill was the second stop on a month-long tour that will take Morris on to Rutgers, USC and 10 to 12 other campuses. After the tour, Morris will return to Los Angeles to continue writing his fourth play, which he says is a drama with music about his original home, New Orleans.

In an interview before the performance, Morris talked about the play and other projects as well as his past show business experiences that span a 15-year period before his joining the cast of *Saturday Night Live*.

"I began as a writer before producer Lorne Michaels asked me to join the repertory," Morris said. "I helped create it and spent five years with it before it got to be too much and I left. Five years is a long time to stay in one place anyway."

Morris was reluctant to comment on his former co-worker, the late John Belushi, saying only that when he heard of the death he was sad and that he had loved Belushi dearly.

Morris said he doesn't watch the show anymore though, opting instead for his long-time favorite detective shows.

"I watch *The Rockford Files*, *Columbo*, and they just started running *Harry-O* again," he said. As for comedy, all of the shows Morris admitted to liking were in the re-run state, such as *Soap* and *Barney Miller*.

There had been some confusion as to the topic Morris would address in his speech. In the promotional material and press releases distributed by the Carolina Union, Morris' topic was announced as the misrepresentation of blacks in the media. However, when it was raised during the interview, it was the first Morris had heard of it.

"Misrepresentation of blacks in the media?" he said. "Whoever wrote that is doing a lot of it."

Forum Committee Chairperson Suzanne Rowe said that the confusion arose because of misinformation supplied to them by the agent they had worked with.

Morris did have something to say about the subject, however.

"I have a lot to say about the way blacks and a whole lot of other people are treated by the media," he said. "There's a whole lot to be done. There are less blacks on television, but there are less of a lot of other things. There are less actors and more football and basketball players, there are more sons and daughters of actors and actresses on television, and there are a lot of plays on television that aren't written by writers but by conglomerates. There are a lot of things that are wrong."

Elections '83

Your candidates



Monroe



Reckford



Reckshun



Dalton



Miles



Winstead



Baxter



Flowers



Ives



Altschuler



DeRochi

Student Body President
Kevin Monroe
Jon Reckford
Hugh Reckshun

Residence Hall Association President:
Mark Dalton
Henry Miles
Frank Winstead

Carolina Athletic Association President:
Padraic Baxter
Debby Flowers
Brad Ives

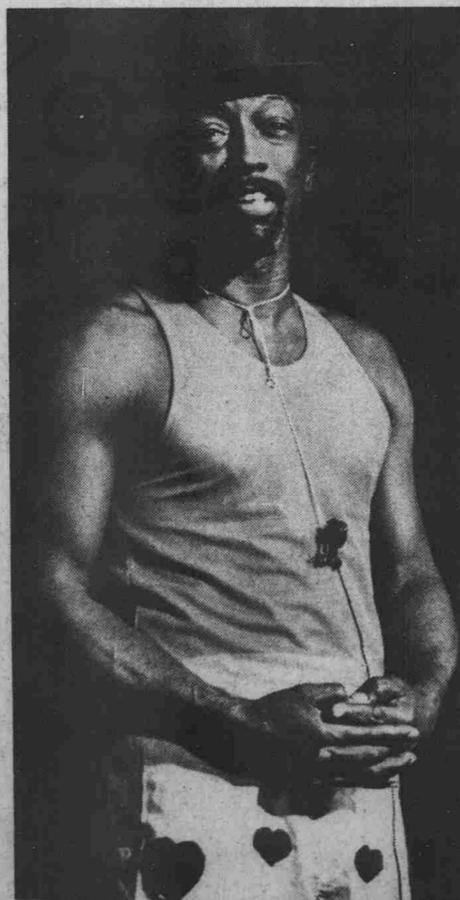
Daily Tar Heel Editor:
John Altschuler
Kerry DeRochi

Candidates for Campus Governing Council and Senior Class President and Vice President will also be on the ballot, as well as four referendums.

In Monday's Campus Governing Council candidate box, *The Daily Tar Heel* accidentally omitted the following candidates: District 9, Fred Baker; District 10, Amy Doyle; District 11, Jim Chandler; District 15, Brian Dalton and Michael Loomis. Also, there are two seats in District 11. The *DTH* regrets the errors.

The following polling sites will be open to all students, regardless of voting district, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today:

Dormitories:	Granville West
Morrison	
Hinton James	General Campus:
Ehringhaus	Student Union
Craige	Campus Y-Court
Parker	Hamilton Hall
Everett	Wilson Library
Connor	UNC Law School Library
Cobb	Rosenau Hall
McIver	Scuttlebutt
Spencer	UNC School of Medicine



Garrett Morris stripped down during show ...comedian's early valentine for Chapel Hill

New exam schedule shortens break

By LISA PULLEN
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Christmas break will come later than usual this year, and some students may face three exams in one day before they begin their vacation.

According to the fall '83 calendar, the exam period will end on Wednesday, Dec. 21. Two days — Dec. 13 and Dec. 19 — are tentatively scheduled for three exams, rather than the usual two.

Because the calendar moves forward a day each year, the first Monday of classes each fall semester occurs earlier and earlier in successive years, said Raymond Strong, director of the UNC Office of Records and Registration.

In an effort to counteract that, the first day of classes was delayed a week for fall 1983, causing the late exam period. Classes are scheduled to begin on Monday, Aug. 29.

With the usual two-day exam period, that schedule would have kept students here until Dec. 22, Strong said.

To get students home a day earlier, the UNC Calendar Committee proposed scheduling three exams on two days of the exam period.

This past fall, the last day of exams fell on Dec. 16. The first day of fall classes was Monday, Aug. 23 — the earliest that classes have ever started, Strong said.

"That allowed us to finish the semester early," Strong said.

The Calendar Committee, a chancellor's committee composed of students, faculty and administrators, looked at several options last spring to end the semester earlier before agreeing on the three-on-two-days exam schedule. Alternatives discussed included holding classes on Labor Day, eliminating a day of Fall Break or the Thanksgiving holiday or doing away with Reading Day.

"The students were not willing to give on any of those," Strong said. "That gave us only one option — to cut a day off exams."

Shortening the Orientation period was also discussed, but a week-long fall Orientation is needed for freshmen to register, for upperclassmen to attend drop/add, and allow for late arrivals, Strong said.

Moving the calendar back a week to start classes on Aug. 22 for the fall '83 semester was also out, Strong said. That would have forced the Orientation period to begin on Sunday, Aug. 14, and that was "just too early," he said.

The delayed schedule will put UNC's calendar more in line with N.C. State's calendar, Strong said.

Calendar Committee member Lucia Halpern, a Student Government representative, said she and Student Government committee member Frank Hirsch became frustrated in last spring's calendar negotiations.

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