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Cloudy today with a 60 percent chance of snow. Highs in the upper 30s. Lows tonight in the low 30s.

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Polling site irregularities cause re-vote

Write-in candidates' political careers end as votes confirmed

By JIM WRINN
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The budding political careers of write-in candidates Mr. Potatohead, Richard Nixon, Susie Sorority and Ken Mingis were ended early Wednesday morning.

Those candidates, and universally famous movie star E.T., acid rock singer Ozzy Osborne and cartoon character Mickey Mouse lost in Tuesday's campus elections, despite often valiant write-in campaigns.

Mr. Potatohead, promoted by a campus political action group — Spuds for a Free Society — raked in 70 votes for Residence Hall Association President, according to Elections Board Chairman Stan Evans. Mr. Potatohead, who finished fourth in the RHA race, also stuffed away votes in almost every other campus race.

UNC sophomore Cabot Dixon, spokesman for SFFS, said his candidate was speechless as a result of the election returns. He said Mr. Potatohead would leave politics for a career in the Pine Room in the near future.

"I think the idea of Mr. Potatohead is half-baked," said 1982-83 RHA President Scott Templeton. "He'd be all right in RHA just as long as (University) housing didn't try to butter him up."

A more successful write-in campaign for Daily Tar Heel editor was staged by DTH Associate Editor Ken Mingis. He dropped off the staff for two days to run on an anti-vegetable, "shaven-beard," pro-

grandmother platform. His posters, plastered across the campus in a last-minute attempt, boasted that Mingis had been to Pittsburgh and the beach.

"I really didn't want to win," Mingis said, when election results showed him third behind certified candidates Kerry DeRochi and John Altschuler. "But it was worth it."

Several DTH staff members received one or two write-in votes as did punk rocker David Bowie and William F. Buckley Jr., well-known conservative and editor of *The National Review*.

Unsuccessful 4th Congressional District candidate Bill Cobey of Chapel Hill got one write-in vote for DTH editor, an effort several campus political observers linked to the paper's endorsement of the candidate during last fall's election.

Donald Duck and University of North Carolina basketball team members Cecil Exum, Warren Martin and Sam Perkins gained single votes in several races. Donald Boulton, UNC vice chancellor for student affairs, currently on suspension from the University, also received several votes for RHA president.

Adolph Hitler, the infamous German chancellor, got one write-in vote for senior class president. Unlike other senior class president candidates, however, Hitler did not run on a ticket with a vice presidential candidate. He was unavailable for comment.



Mr. Potatohead, a write-in candidate, after the elections ... he was an unsuccessful RHA presidential contender

Reckford drops out of SBP race

By CHARLES ELLMAKER
Staff Writer

The UNC Elections Board ordered early Wednesday morning that a new election be held for student body president after presidential candidate Jon Reckford filed a complaint that poll tender errors had caused irregularities at the Morrison poll.

But Wednesday afternoon, Reckford announced that he would drop out of the race and throw his support to Kevin Monroe, the front-runner in Tuesday's campus presidential election.

"I'm withdrawing not because I feel any different about Student Government, but because I want to throw all my support to Kevin Monroe," Reckford said. "For Student Government as a whole, I feel it's much more important to speed up the election and let people get to work in Student Government. Student Government is more important than the election."

Elections Board Chairperson Stan Evans said Wednesday that only the President's race and the District 15 Campus Governing Council race could have been affected enough by irregularities at the poll to cause changes in race winner and runoff results.

With all votes counted early Wednesday morning, Reckford was 101 votes behind second-running Hugh Reckshun, but of the 510 ballots from the Morrison box, only 173 had accompanying names on the poll tender sheet. That discrepancy could have an effect on the final outcome of the returns and could have placed Reckford in the runoff position with Monroe, Evans said.

Although the Elections Board had

decided to run a new election for CGC District 15, the board reversed its decision when all six candidates submitted a statement allowing the Morrison returns to stand as counted Tuesday.

Reckford told Evans Wednesday that he would maintain his complaint concerning the Morrison poll but would drop out of the new election.

Next Tuesday's presidential election will therefore be a new election with only two candidates instead of a run-off, Evans said. Because it will be a re-vote, write-in ballots will be counted, although they are expected to have little effect on the outcome, he said.

There were three write-in votes for student body president on Tuesday, Evans said.

All other campus elections and referendums except for write-in Campus Governing Council districts were certified by the Elections Board Wednesday, Evans said.

Monroe said he was satisfied with Reckford's decision.

"I'm confident that Jon thought things through pretty much," he said. "I'm glad that it's not going to drag out, but it's definitely going to be a strain on our (Student Government) staff."

Hugh Reckshun's campaign manager, Randy Walker, said Reckford probably made the right decision to drop out of the race because "it looked pretty obvious that Kevin was going to win (Tuesday night)."

"We were upset with the Elections Board decision (Tuesday) night, but since Reckford dropped out, I guess it doesn't matter," Walker said.

Both Monroe and Reckford said they

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UNC officials discuss budget, inflation, cuts create problems

By PAUL COCKE
Staff Writer

UNC officials wrestling with state budget woes are now in the process of determining where cuts can be made in the University's academic budget.

"The austerity program is still in effect," University Provost Charles Morrow said last week. "A general review was made at the end of the year and by mid-January it was clear we would have to hold back on expenses," he said, adding that the state government has instructed UNC's Academic Affairs to cut 6 percent from its 1982-83 budget of approximately \$75 million.

Each college and professional school in the University is now undergoing a review to see where they can make cuts, Morrow said. They should be reporting back to the UNC Office of Business and Finance by next week, he said.

Department officials are examining various ways to cut expenditures, including reducing the number of student employees, research assistants, as well as cutting back on supplies.

Faculty has also been hurt by the budget constraints, University officials say, because salaries here are not as competitive as other schools'. And departments already understaffed because of the state salary freeze are hurting even more now, officials say.

"In effect, the state cut our budget," said Wayne Jones, associate vice chancellor for University finance. Because state receipts are running behind estimated expenditures, all state agencies are looking for ways to save money to offset this anticipated deficit, he said.

"This is not an across-the-board cut of 6 percent," Jones said.

Some schools may be able to cut more, others less."

David Taylor, librarian at the Undergraduate Library, said library officials "were contemplating drastically cutting hours and letting student employees go." But library officials avoided this

by carrying over book purchases until next year.

And the Graduate School has been told it must give back some money, said Terry Maddox, assistant office director at the Graduate School.

Maddox said he did not foresee any reductions in personnel or student services at the Graduate School, which he said has been able to offset high mailing costs by the \$15 application fee required of each student there.

"That made the difference between us sinking and swimming," he said.

Because of the tight budget, the Graduate School has had to cut back on the number of undergraduate student employees from three or four to one, Maddox said.

Kenneth Broun, dean of the UNC School of Law, said budget constraints had forced the law school to dip into private endowment funds "just to pay the phone bill."

"We may have to cut back on research assistants," Broun said, adding that tapping the Law Foundation Fund for operating expenses would reduce money available for research and expanded programs at the law school.

Another budget-related problem at the law school is the continuing freeze on faculty salaries, Broun said.

"Unless salaries keep up with the cost of living, some faculty may go into private practice where they can make more money," he said.

Both visiting and regular faculty have been affected by budget cuts, also. "Some faculty have accepted offers at other universities that we couldn't match," said Gordon Whitaker, assistant dean of academic affairs. Whitaker said the School of Arts and Sciences has had to curtail outside faculty and visiting speakers because of the tight budget.

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Southern Bell proposes increases in charges for all telephone services

By KELLY SIMMONS
Staff Writer

Southern Bell Telephone Co. asked for a 57 percent increase in rates Tuesday. If approved, it could go into effect as early as September, Gene Clemons, spokesman for the North Carolina Utilities Commission, said Wednesday.

The rate increase, filed with the commission Tuesday, would increase the base rate for local service from \$10.40 to \$16.20 per month.

George Mullen, manager of Southern Bell's Chapel Hill office, said the request was filed because the company was losing money on local calls.

If approved, the new rates would increase telephone company revenues by \$145 million, with \$135 million coming from local service and the rest from operator-assisted long-distance calls.

Southern Bell had been able to subsidize local rates with revenue from long distance calls, Mullen said. Following the Justice Department's breakup of American Telephone and Telegraph Co., there are now four long-distance telephone services.

Customers would no longer be billed a flat rate under the new plan, Mullen said. Instead, the charge would depend on the length of time the job took.

The cost to install service lines averages \$23 per month, and the increase still would not cover the cost, he said.

Clemons said the company asked to put the rates into effect March 10, but hearings are not scheduled until late June or early July.

He said the commission would investigate and file recommendations for the increase, then decide which parts would be approved. Also, the public hearings

would get public input, he said.

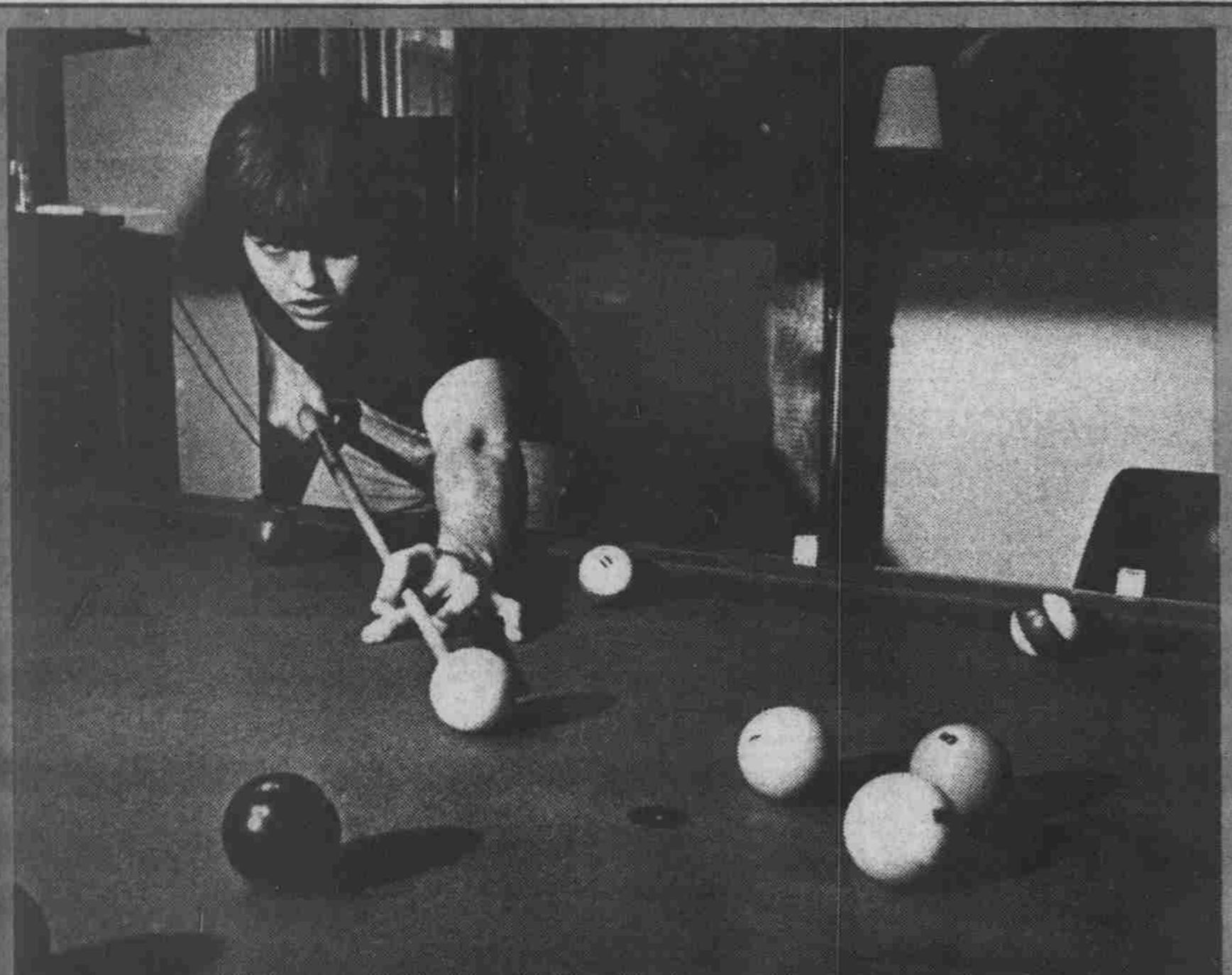
A task force of engineers, accountants, economists and lawyers would begin investigating Bell's proposal next week, Clemons said. No decision would be made until September at the earliest.

Mullen said he did not expect the increase in rates to have a drastic effect on telephone usage in the Chapel Hill area. "It's still the best buy in town," he said.

The commission held a hearing recently on a measured service proposal under which callers would be charged a base rate for a certain number of calls plus extra for additional phone service.

Mullen said that proposal would benefit about 50 percent of Chapel Hill phone subscribers who do not make large numbers of calls.

The commission is expected to rule on the measured service proposal soon.



Roger Strickland practices on the pool table in his Grimes dorm room ... senior sometimes spends six to eight hours a day perfecting his shot

Tournament-bound

Practice remains constant in life of self-taught UNC pool player

By CINDY HAGA
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Fourteen years ago, when Roger Strickland, 22, first peered over the edge of a pool table with his big brown eyes, then picked up a cue stick and set his squirmish chin before taking aim, his uncle probably chuckled to watch his youthful determination.

But by now, their chuckles have subsided, because the little boy has grown into a determined young man, who has already won two trophies in college pool competition.

"I taught myself (to play) by practicing, practicing, practicing," said Strickland, a senior industrial relations major who is entering a regional college pool tournament today.

Practice is a constant in Strickland's life. His dorm room door opens directly into a regulation-size (8 feet by 4 feet) pool table; a high window in the back of the room lets in sunlight that spills across the table and gleams onto the 7-foot-high horseshoe-shaped loft which extends across each side of the table.

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