

Record-breaking voter turnout causes some snags in Orange Co.

By JIM HOFFMAN
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Isolated mistakes were made in handing out ballots to some voters in Orange County after record-breaking turnout for Tuesday's election took its toll on many precinct officials.

Some election officials said that may be an indication that the county's electoral process needs to be improved. Although few official complaints were delivered to the Board of Elections or the Orange County Democratic Headquarters, there were some mistakes.

A spokesman from the county Democratic headquarters said he was aware that some voters got more than one ballot or not getting all the ballots the voter was entitled to. A 14-year-old student at Phillips Jr. High School was given ballots while walking through the lobby where voters were standing in line.

"I really don't like the set up at Phillips Jr. High School," said Verla

Insko, chairman of the Democratic Party of Orange County. "I think it should be moved to the auditorium."

At the Phillip's precinct, voters waited in line and voted in the lobby where the students walk.

Insko also said that she thinks there were similar problems at Carrboro Elementary School. She said there was not enough room at the Orange Water and Sewer Authority poll and that neither that site nor Carrboro Town Hall had an adequate number of voting booths.

"Voters should have the option of moving through the lines quickly and having a place where they can vote privately," Insko said.

"We'd love to have a foolproof process, but we do the best with what we have. If voters want us to spend more tax money on machines that we use for an onslaught of voters every four years, then maybe something may be able to be done," she said.

A lack of voters in primaries makes

large-scale investment of hiring people to work elections or buying machines impractical, said Peg Parker, chairman of the Board of Elections.

"If anybody has any suggestions without spending any money, then I would be perfectly willing to listen," she said. "But I really believe in our system."

A poll worker for more than 12 years, Parker said she knew of times when voters received extra ballots. "But they always seem to return them," she said. "Orange County just isn't known for its fraud, and I don't believe there is any fraud."

She said most of the mistakes made were caused by tired and overworked poll workers.

Workers, who have helped at polls for several years, are trained or informed of new voting laws and procedures at a workshop one week before the election. A minimum of three workers must be at each precinct, but Tuesday there were as many as five at the polling sites.

Interstate 40 project contracts awarded

By KEVIN SULLIVAN
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The state will award two sections of the Interstate 40 project, which links Research Triangle Park and I-85 at Hillsborough, to contractors today, according to Billy Rose, state highway administrator.

Only one section of the interstate remains to be contracted, but Rose said a contract cannot be awarded until Congress approves the funds for a section in western Orange County.

"(Congress) went home without approving it," Rose said. "In the past it was something routine, but this year it got bogged down somewhere. If they release the funds, (I-40) should open sometime in 1988."

W.C. English, contractors out of Altavista, Va., will be awarded a 7.4 mile stretch of the project today for its bid of \$8.6 million while another section 2.4 miles long will be contracted by Mason C. Day of South Boston, Va., for \$15.5 million.

Rose said when completed, I-40 will cost about \$73.7 million, although that probably does not include right of way — "what we have to pay residential population for acquired or condemned land."

"Progress has been real good," he said, "even though we have to wait for the release of additional funds. It works best for the contractors (to wait) because they can't predict the price of asphalt two years in advance."

Along with the I-40 project, which is expected to relieve some of the traffic on I-85 and I-70, Rose said N.C. 54 east of Chapel Hill to I-40 would be widened to four lanes to provide easier access to the new highway.

Rose said the N.C. Department of Transportation had wanted to develop the I-40 project for several years, but

environmental groups from Orange County prohibited its progress.

"We had a threat of a lawsuit about four years ago," Rose said. "But the courts found that we had complied with all environmental procedures."

Rose said the drainage, grading and bridges would be completed by late 1987. If part of the project is operable at that time, the highway project will benefit the festival to be held in the Triangle area in July of 1987, said Hill Carrow, chairman of the N.C. Committee for the Sports Festival.

"We will be very pleased to see it completed," Carrow said. "I think anyone who has traveled on Highway 54 it would seem obvious that there is a traffic problem. You cannot get through there in any reasonable amount of time or safely."

Carrow said the plans for a new highway in the Triangle were included in N.C.'s proposal to the U.S. Olympic Committee, which is responsible for the festival.

"We sold the Olympic Committee with the fact that there has been substantial road construction to make (the area) more convenient to visitors," Carrow said.

At the 1982 Sports Festival held in Indianapolis, over 250,000 people attended. The Triangle expects as many as 300,000.

"A majority of the people who attended the festival in Indianapolis were within a day's drive from the city," Carrow said. "We hope to attract people from an area within 500 miles (of the Triangle) which would be good because that includes New York City and other large metropolitan areas like Atlanta."

Rose said he did not know of any other road projects planned for the Triangle with the Sports Festival in mind.

ROTCs honor veterans yesterday

By CATHY KURY
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U.S. veterans were honored yesterday during a ceremony performed by the Navy and Air Force ROTCs.

Before a scattered crowd, members of both ROTC units gathered around the flagpole outside South Building and presented their colors. Then members of the UNC Marching Tar Heels played the National Anthem.

As the anthem played, several spectators sang and held their hands over their hearts.

The invocation was given by Harold Wallace, vice chancellor of University affairs. He issued thanks for the freedom Americans enjoyed and asked that a special blessing be given for those who served their country.

The speaker for the ceremony was Col. James J. LeCleir, commander of the 438th military Airlift Wing, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. A veteran of Vietnam, LeCleir said that although we should honor those who gave the supreme sacrifice, we should also pay homage to those veterans still

living.

"In their minds they are not heroes, merely people doing a job they were trained to do," he said. LeCleir also encouraged the cadets to continue on in their military careers and hoped they would consider it an honorable vocation.

In conclusion, he asked the spectators to embrace veterans because they had kept the nation free.

The flag was lowered while Taps was played. The older spectators saluted and held their hands over their hearts.

Air Force ROTC Major Glen D.

Sandinista

said he would regard the delivery of advanced combat aircraft to Nicaragua as a "threat" to Central America. He declined to say how the United States might respond.

Radio Moscow reported last night that Nicaragua had denied U.S. allegations that Soviet MiG-21 aircraft

Mills, assistant professor of aerospace studies, said "Veterans Day is a day when the country recognizes the service of both living and dead veterans." They stand for peace and security of the country, Mills said.

"Most veterans are everyday Americans, the neighbor next door," he said.

Captain A.M. Koster, commander of the Navy ROTC, said he thought veterans paid a price that most citizens do not have to pay. "I think they deserve a national holiday, as they have served their country and have made a sacrifice," he said.

Endowed professorship set up

By LAURA VAN SANT
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Partners of the accounting firm Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. have established a \$250,000 endowed professorship at the UNC School of Business Administration.

The Peat Marwick Foundation has funded this professorship on an annual basis since 1974. The new permanent Peat, Marwick, Mitchell Professorship in Professional Accounting is funded by

active, retired and inactive partners as well as matching gifts from the foundation. Harold Langenderfer has held the position since its inception and will continue in that role.

S. Phillip Harris, a retired partner and 1954 UNC graduate, led the endowment fund drive to which 37 Peat Marwick partners contributed.

"Peat Marwick has benefited greatly from the University's high academic standards for accounting education,"

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direct military attacks against our territory with the participation of North American troops," said an official statement issued in Managua.

Barricada, the voice of the governing Sandinista National liberation Front, said yesterday that the U.S. naval action meant President Reagan had "passed from threats to actions" against Nicaragua.

The Sandinista leaders have said for several months that the United States is planning to invade their country.

said Dane Brooksher, Foundation chairman, in a prepared statement released last month. "We are pleased to be able to help maintain those standards with the endowment of the Peat Marwick Professorship."

The endowment will accrue over five years, during which time the foundation will continue to fund the professorship.

"This new example of Peat Marwick's support is especially meaningful to us because it represents the active commitment of so many of our alumni," Business School Dean John P. Evans said.

Thirty-one of the endowment contributors are UNC alumni.

Some BA 160 students may get \$40 refund

If you're taking a Business Administration 160 class, you may have been mistakenly charged \$40 for computer use because of an administrative error, even if you've never touched a video display terminal keyboard.

William Perreault Jr., professor in the School of Business Administration, said the computer charge was supposed to be assessed only for students enrolled in an honors section of the class, not a regular section.

"Apparently the 'h' was deleted from all the sections, so the computer charge was mistakenly applied to each section instead of simply the honors course," Perreault said. He said he learned of the error last week, and after consulting with the administration, a solution was reached.

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