State Republican Party files suit to contest election process

By CARRIE DOVE Staff Writer

The N.C. Republican Party filed a lawsuit in Greensboro Wednesday, contesting the constitutionality of N.C. Superior Court judicial elections.

The suit said the election process discriminates against Republican candidates.

"The system causes white Democrats to win elections," said Tim Minton, spokesman for the N.C. Republican Party.

Superior Court judges receive nominations to the primaries from their judicial districts but must run in state-wide elections. The Republican lawsuit asks for district-wide

The lawsuit said the election process violates the First and 14th Amendments to the Constitution, said Alan Foster, attorney for the firm of Foster, Conner, Robson &

Gumbiner, who are handling the suit. In some districts, there are enough Republicans to elect a Republican judge, but a Republican has not won a judgeship in state-wide election in this century, Minton said.

The N.C. General Assembly will fight this lawsuit, said Jim Wallace, assistant attorney general for the N.C. Board of Elections, named as a defendant in the suit.

"Our basic feeling is that any law passed by the General Assembly is to now, could not care less."

constitutional," Margaret Lawton, spokeswoman for the N.C. Democratic Party, said.

Out of 181 Superior Court races since 1968, 10 have had Republican candidates on the ballot, Foster said.

"You've chilled the First Amendment right to free speech and association," he said. "They (the Republicans) don't run because they know that they can't win."

In the 1986 Superior Court elections, Republicans received about 46 percent of the vote, Foster said.

"Political discrimination by one party against another party has not been an actionable issue (in the courts)," Wallace said. "The court, up

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People won a suit last year, forcing some redistricting, which provided opportunity for election of black judges, Wallace said. But the General Assembly did not change the election process, he said.

A 1981 precedent-setting case in Indiana said districting must be based on population and political affiliation, Minton said.

The case, Davis vs. Bandemer, established that discrimination should not deprive a political minority of its influence on the state as a whole, said Foster, who handled the case,.

"The majority cannot be blatantly

unfair to the minority," he said.

The plaintiffs include the Republican Party of North Carolina and 10 individuals, three who were candidates in the 1986 elections and Ralph Walker, a Republican Superior Court judge in Guilford county, who was appointed by the governor.

The suit named Gov. Jim Martin and the N.C. Board of Elections as defendants, as well as the chairman of the Board of Elections, Robert Hunter, and three N.C. counties.

"The suit raises the question of gerrymandering and manipulating elections," said Tim Pittman, press secretary for the governor.

Martin supports the change in the election process and is routinely named as defendant in suits involving state law, Pittman said.

Foster will try to win an injunction to force the 1988 elections to be held in districts, he said.

Bus shuttle offered to Blue/White game

By JENNY CLONINGER

For fans planning to attend Saturday's Blue/White basketball game, transportation will be provided from Kenan Stadium to the Smith Center after the Clemson football game.

The Blue/White game, a men's intrasquad scrimmage, is scheduled for 8 p.m. Following the 4 p.m. football game against Clemson, Chapel Hill Transit will provide shuttle buses to the Smith Center from the Bell Tower parking lot at Kenan Stadium Gate 4.

Each bus will make one trip to the Smith Center. The one-way ride will cost 50 cents per person. Although the shuttles will not provide return service, the campus U-route buses are available for return trips to Stadium Drive.

No incoming traffic will be allowed on Bowles Drive, the road in front of the Smith Center, after the football game.

Bob Godding, Chapel Hill Transit's transportation director, Hall on Stadium Drive.

said normal bus service may be slower than usual because of extra traffic, but that the shuttles would not be taken away from regularly scheduled routes.

Another shuttle service will provide round trip rides to the football game only, from four pick-up points: the Omni-Europa Hotel on U.S. 15-501, University Mall on Estes Drive, the P parking lot at the intersection of Estes Drive and Airport Road, and Plantation Plaza, at the intersection of U.S. 15-501 and N.C. 54 in Carrboro. This service will cost \$2 per person.

Free parking near the Smith Center is available in the F-R lot on the end of Bowles Drive, near the intersection of Manning Drive and U.S. 15-501.

Football parking, by permit only, is available in the F lot on Bowles Drive, the Rams Head parking lot on Ridge Road and across from Carmichael Residence

Working to improve N.C. teaching schools the proposed requirement because it

By MANDY SPENCE taff Writer

The recommendations for tougher admissions and course requirements for teaching schools being discussed by the Joint Committee on Teacher Education will not greatly affect the UNC School of Education, according to officials.

"What we are trying to do is improve the quality of teachers in conjunction with the curriculum," said committee member Cary Owen of the State Board of Education.

One of the recommendations involves raising the overall grade point average required to 2.5 for admission to a school of education. The UNC School of Education

already requires students seeking admission to the school to have a GPA of at least 2.1.

William Burke, associate professor for the School of Education, said the UNC education school began raising the required GPA before a task force made the recommendations this year.

Another of the recommendations requires that universities eliminate basic undergraduate courses offered only for education majors. For example, teaching students should not be offered a math course less difficult than the one other students are required to take.

"We want to get rid of courses that assume education majors are not as apt as other majors and that they need

watered down courses," said Donald Stedman, associate vice president for academic affairs.

This recommendation will not affect UNC students, Burke said, since the University offers no such courses.

The most controversial recommendation involves requiring undergraduate teacher education students to complete a second major in one of the basic academic disciplines or in an interdisciplinary major. At Tuesday's meeting, several of the committee members expressed concern over this recommendation.

Prezell Robinson, president of Saint Augustine's College and a committee member, disagreed with

would require a five-year instead of a four-year education.

"What I am saying is that we not pile on top of what one is taking now an additional major - that's another 20 or 30 hours," Robinson said. "That is not a service, but in my opinion a disservice to the youngster."

But Burke agreed with the recommendation.

"I think it's a good idea," he said. "First, teaching is the fundamental transmission of knowledge. It is also important that they have a coherent major, and that there is a definite scope and sequence to courses in a major field."

Experts discuss emotional effects of AIDS

By ANDREA SHAW

Venereal disease and pregnancy were once their biggest fears, but women, the fastest growing group with the disease.

Suzi Perry, AIDS coordinator and

percent.

But many men do not know how to use condoms properly, Perry added. She said she instructs at least AIDS has become a top concern for one male each week on proper condom use.

"All women should know the

Two tests, ELISA (enzyme linked immunosorbent assay) and the Western blot, can detect the disease within four weeks to about three months after infection, Becherer said. Anyone testing negative is re-evaluated within

six months.

For women, accepting that they have AIDS is difficult. Living with partners, children and family is a small but crucial part of acknowledging the illness, Perry said.

"Many don't want to tell their children or families for fear of isolation for their loved ones," she said. "And that's just the beginning. It is hard to find physicians or counselors who will meet their needs."

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educator at North Carolina Memorial Hospital, accompanied by Dr. Paul Becherer of the infectious disease department, mapped out the physical and psychological aspects of the disease at a public forum Thursday night.

"We're no longer just looking at pregnancy," Perry said. "We are looking at our lives."

Perry said part of understanding AIDS is acknowledging it as an emotional as well as physical disease. "There are few support groups for women because few people realize what their needs are once they get the disease," she said.

And part of that support begins with prevention, Perry said. Once known as sexually passive, women are taking a more active role in sex. She said many women are buying condoms and suggesting condom use as part of sex.

"A jar sits on my desk and people don't get candy any more - they get a condom," Perry said. "It's no longer free-love 60s; it's the fear-of-AIDS 80s.'

Becherer said the combined use of condoms and a spermicide is most effective against the virus, with a maximum effectiveness rate of 90 to it.

proper use of a condom," she said. "It can be difficult to use, but you can be creative or experiment with different brands."

Even precautions sometimes do not work. For those who get AIDS, admitting that they have the disease is the hardest part, she said.

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as a liability, but rather as an asset."

Her experiences allowed her to see America through different eyes, and Hadley said she was able to show foreigners this America.

"North Carolina is a state of minds two minds, headed in different directions oblivious of each other," Hadley said. An entrepreneurial spirit is needed to fill the gaps between the different regions and educational levels.

Carmichael had the courage to pass her knowledge on to others, she said. Courage and creativity such as Carmichael's will result in a future where no one is subject to discrimination, Hadley said, and where everyone will know there is nothing they can't do if they set their minds

But for those testing positive, AIDS counseling begins. "You want to let them absorb the information and help them face the disease before the real therapy begins," Perry said. "The main thing is you don't want to present an unrealistic picture, because everything is not going to be okay."

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uate and Professional Student Federation, said Thursday that graduate students favor a user's fee, which would allow students to pay each time they use the system.

Lanier said he proposed a user's fee when he began investigating the purchase of the system, but officials rejected the idea.

Student Congress Speaker Rob Friedman said he didn't think a user's fee would be feasible because the intake of money would be too slow, and the fund being used to buy the system must be repaid.

"You can't dictate totally where your money's going to go," Friedman said. "It's just a fact of life.

"It's a little bit selfish not to help out the system as a whole," he said.

Members of the community must be educated about AIDS before they can offer support. Providing accurate AIDS information is a primary goal of the Women's Health Counseling Service, which sponsored the forum, said volunteer Susan Julian.

To date, about 42,000 cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome have been reported in the United States, and seven percent of those people are women. By 1991, that number will increase to about 270,000.

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