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Phoenix — the mag, not the city — shell source

A crazed gun-toting psychotic was not the source of the eight shells that were found outside of the Student Union on Monday.

A Daily Tar Heel employee reported finding the shells to University Police Monday morning.

Jennifer Brett, assistant editor of the Phoenix student magazine, said the shells were left over from a cover shot of the publication. The picture, which featured a handgun surrounded by shells, ran on the cover of the Oct. 1 Phoenix.

"We got (the shells) to use for a story we did about crime," Brett said. "As they were laying around (in the Phoenix office), people have tended to come in and play with them."

Brett said she did not know who dropped the shells outside the Union.

"I am assuming that someone was just playing with them and carelessly dropped them without thinking," she said. "We regret any problems they may have caused."

Felicia Harding, the University Police officer who responded to the call about the shells, was not available for comment on the case.

The police report stated that three different types of shells were found outside of the Student Union. Although the shells were real, the handgun pictured on the Phoenix cover was a toy.

— Daniel Aldrich

Mangum Hall hobgoblins raise money for Jaycees

Want to be scared? Want to be really scared?

Mangum Residence Hall is sponsoring their annual hair-raising, screaming haunted house tonight, with proceeds from ticket and T-shirt sales going to the N.C. Jaycees Burn Center.

The haunted house will feature rooms such as a doomsday maze, an executioner's dungeon, Freddy Krueger's return and a "train ride."

"I hope students, faculty and people in the community will come out and help us support the burn center," said Lloyd Whittington, event co-director.

Tickets to the haunted house are available in advance for \$2 in the Pit and cost \$3 at the door.

Marcoplos charges ballots biased

By Suzanne Wuefling
Staff Writer

Mark Marcoplos, independent candidate for Orange County commissioner, Wednesday charged that the ballot to be used in next week's election makes it difficult for people to vote for independent candidates — stacking the deck in favor of candidates affiliated with the major parties.

He said that while people could vote for a straight Democratic or Republican ticket, the ballot did not allow people to vote a straight unaffiliated ticket.

"To make matters worse," Marcoplos stated in a press release, "My name is followed by an abbreviation — 'unaf' — which is unfamiliar to most people

and is not explained anywhere on the ballot. At least on the presidential ballot, 'unaffiliated' is written out.

"This is a perfect example of how both dominant parties are more interested in keeping things the way they are than in creating an open process that promotes new ideas and innovation," he stated.

Marcoplos said he would like the straight-ticket option to be removed. "I think a lot of people in North



Mark Marcoplos

Carolina do vote straight party," he said. "The idea is to make people pause before voting a straight party and say, 'Do I really want to do this?'"

Marcoplos said he was afraid that voters who were disillusioned with Republicans at the national level would vote a straight-Democratic ticket in local elections without considering the other unaffiliated choices available.

"It would be a shame for people to make the wrong choice for county commissioner just because they don't like George Bush," he said. "That's what the straight-party ticket option does."

Moses Carey, chairman of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, said the charge that the ballot's wording could confuse voters was an insult to the

public. Carey, who is a Democrat, said the ballot was confusing "only if you assume the voters are stupid."

The public is capable of judging candidates based on their merits, Carey added.

Johnny Kennedy, a Republican candidate for county commissioner, said the fact that people might not vote a straight unaffiliated ticket would have no effect on the election.

"Most people do not vote straight party lines," Kennedy said.

"(Marcoplos) screams about everything," he said. "He is just trying to get press coverage at the last moment."

Barbara Faust, chairwoman of the Orange County Board of Elections, said

Marcoplos was not designated on the ballot as "Independent" because there was no Independent Party.

Faust said that there was not room on the local ballot to spell out "Unaffiliated," but that she thought the abbreviation "Unaf" would be clear to voters.

In response to a charge by Marcoplos that the Orange County Board of Elections was controlled by the major parties, Faust said: "That is not true. We are the most non-partisan people you can think of. Individuals (on the board) are appointed by parties, but once we are on the board, we are non-partisan."

Faust said the local election board's orders were dictated by the State Board of Elections, which is regulated by the state legislature.

Workshop participants discuss human relations

SARR-sponsored forum grapples with stereotype issue

By Justin Scheef
Staff Writer

How do you feel about stereotypes of people of different racial, ethnic or religious backgrounds than yourself?

Questions like this one were discussed at a diversity workshop Thursday night. The workshop was conducted by Anne Presnell, assistant director of housing for special projects, and sponsored by Students for the Advancement of Race Relations.

About 30 students of various ethnic and racial backgrounds attended the hour-long workshop.

The students, about half of whom were white, discussed what they thought about other cultures and then were asked to discuss how they felt about their own culture. "This workshop, in my opinion, is partly about understanding other cultures and partly about understanding our own culture," Presnell told the group.

In the first activity of the workshop, Presnell said the name of a social group, and the students who belonged to the group raised their hands while the ones who were not in the group clapped. Presnell started with various birth orders and then progressed to race, religion, class and sexual orientation.

Presnell said even birth order was a basis for a stereotype.

"This is to suggest that if we have such stereotypes and ideas about birth order, imagine the stereotypes of other

differences," Presnell said.

Presnell then began a segment called "First Thoughts," during which students paired off and chose a group to which neither belonged. One partner said the name of that group in different forms and tones of voice while the other partner responded with the word or phrase that first came to mind.

"This is a safe space to speak about things that aren't completely positive," Presnell said.

When the pairs were finished with the activity, the group re-formed. Presnell asked the students to discuss their pair's responses. Non-whites who chose to discuss white people came up with "cracker," "Southern," "close-minded," "rich" and "diverse."

Presnell asked the white students to react to these comments. Some said they felt they were being attacked, but most agreed that often they did not have the opportunity to hear such comments.

The group discussed different terms that came to the students' minds when they heard the words "African American" or "black." The students came up with "violence," "afro" and "fist," among others. Most of the blacks in the group agreed that they were used to hearing comments such as those.

Students also discussed what they thought of their own race, gender, ethnicity and religion. Students discussed what they disliked and liked about their groups.

Presnell concluded the workshop by telling the students that dialogue was essential between different ethnic groups.

"That's what diversity is all about, inviting each of us to be who we are," Presnell said. She recommended students read books and newspapers produced by people of varying cultures.

"I want people to be welcoming to others so they can celebrate their differences rather than be different," Presnell said after the workshop.

Fred Wherry, SARR co-chairman, said the workshop allowed people to draw from their own experiences.

"I think that (Presnell) stressed the importance of being honest," Wherry said.

Brian Schneiderman, co-chairman of the SARR education committee, said he thought the program was successful.

"The people seemed to enjoy the new dialogue," he said. "One of the basic ideas that SARR is starting to work on is dialogue."

SARR members plan to present similar workshops to residence halls starting in late November or early December.

They plan to have workshops for Greek organizations and in the classroom next semester.

"We're getting a feel for what it takes to present and facilitate these programs," Schneiderman said. "We need to educate ourselves first."

Navy man chosen as administrator

Swecker's replacement appointed

By Chris Robertson
Staff Writer

The University's newest administrator will trade his Navy whites for Tar Heel blue.

Bruce Runberg, a career naval officer, was named the new associate vice chancellor for facilities management Thursday. Runberg will replace Gene Swecker, who served the University community for 16 years.

Wayne Jones, vice chancellor for business and finance, said Runberg officially would take over the office Monday.

The five-member University search committee had been working to fill the position since early September. Officials received 256 applicants and narrowed the field down to nine finalists.

In a news release, Jones said he thought Runberg was "highly intelligent, very affable, open-minded, technically competent, sincerely interested in the people and quite capable of transferring his experience to our highly complex operation at UNC-Chapel Hill."

Runberg said he was looking forward to starting his new position. "I look on it as a real opportunity to work at a premier university like UNC," he said.

Jones said Runberg's background and experience would aid him in his new position. Runberg will be in charge of 9.5 million square feet of facilities, 1,200 employees and construction projects valued at \$193 million.

Runberg also will oversee several campus departments including utilities, construction administration, the Physical Plant, transportation and parking, and property.

Runberg served in administrative positions for most of his naval career. He recently spent two years in the Civil Engineer Corps, where he worked making repairs in South Carolina after Hurricane Hugo hit.

Runberg spent approximately half his career in the Navy working on facilities management duties, which are similar to operations at the UNC Physical Plant.

He also was commanding officer and chief executive officer of the Southern Division of the Naval Facilities Command, where he ran operations in 10 states.

During the rest of his naval career, Runberg served as director of construction at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Alexandria, Va. Runberg regulated a \$2 billion military construction operation.

In addition to his service in the Navy, Runberg earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's degree in civil engineering from the Carnegie Mellon Executive Institute.

CANDIDATES FOR N.C. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Wicker envisions change in government

By Bruce Robinson
Staff Writer

N.C. Rep. Dennis Wicker, Democratic candidate for N.C. lieutenant governor, said he would use both the formal and informal powers of the office to press for a progressive agenda to revitalize the state.

"The lieutenant governor's office is unique," he said. "It would enable me to work with a strong executive-branch team of Jim Hunt."

Wicker, D-Lee, said the lieutenant governor presided over the state senate while it was in session, allowing him to control debate and interpret the N.C. Senate's rules. Wicker said the office also gave him a seat on the State Board of Education, State Board of Economic Development and State Community College Board, and he would make appointments to statutory boards.

The position holds many informal powers that allow the lieutenant governor to shape public opinion, Wicker said.

Wicker said as lieutenant governor, he would work to improve the Basic

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EXPERIENCE: N.C. representative since 1980
EDUCATION: Graduate of UNC-CH with a degree in economics, law degree from Wake Forest University



"I believe the person makes the office"

Education Plan of North Carolina, help small businesses obtain health insurance for their employees, ensure that abortion was legal in North Carolina, fight to toughen drunk-driving laws and attempt to find new ways to dispose of hazardous waste.

Wicker also said he deeply was concerned with the decline of the UNC system in national rankings.

"I think it is a clear signal that this is a piece of our infrastructure that we

cannot allow to erode," he said. "That is why in 1991 I had to pass a budget with revenue increases in it."

Wicker said his role in this fight exemplified the differences between him and his opponent, Republican Art Pope.

"That's a major difference between the two of us," he said. "(Pope) did not show leadership or try to offer counter solutions. ... That's the type of leadership people are looking for in lieutenant governor."

Pope stresses need for less state spending

By Adrienne Parker
Staff Writer

N.C. Rep. Art Pope, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, said his campaign was concerned with reform for the state's educational system and taxation policies.

"North Carolina is the highest-taxed state in the Southeast," Pope said. "The General Assembly has increased taxes way too high."

Pope, R-Wake, said his opponent, Democratic candidate Dennis Wicker, voted in 1991 for the highest tax increase in state history.

Pope also said he was critical of the legislature's inability to balance the budget. The Republican has proposed budget reforms that would restrict the N.C. General Assembly to spending only the money it has collected.

"The problem is not a lack of revenue," Pope said. "Revenue is growing. The problem is overspending." He added that the state brought in \$2 billion last year, not including tax increases.

Pope also said that he thought the law should protect the lives of unborn chil-

ART POPE

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EXPERIENCE: N.C. representative since 1988
EDUCATION: Graduate of UNC-CH with a degree in political science, law degree from Duke University



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dren and that he was a pro-life candidate.

Pope said the unique position of lieutenant governor, which gives him a chance to work not only as a member of the executive branch, but also as a leader in the Senate and as a member of the State Board of Education, would help him change the educational system.

The Republican said he would like to see a return to community through a proposal called "local flexibility."

"The State Board of Education sets standards," Pope said. "But it is up to local school boards to decide how to achieve those standards."

Pope, who is in his second term as a state representative, would also like to see term limits for legislators.

Pope also said he would be able to work with a Democratic governor, saying he would serve as a "watchdog" when necessary.

CANDIDATES FOR N.C. COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Graham advocates agricultural 'tradition'

By Stephanie Greer
Staff Writer

N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture James Graham stressed that he had concentrated on helping people as well as working to advance the state's agricultural endeavors during his seven terms in office.

"I've tried to develop a program not just for agriculture, but for the people of North Carolina," Graham said.

On July 30, 1964, former N.C. Gov. Terry Sanford appointed Graham to serve the remainder of then N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture L.Y. "Stag" Valentine's term when Valentine died unexpectedly while in office.

Graham then ran in the November 1964 election and has been elected commissioner in every election since 1964.

Graham is running against Republican Leo Tew.

Graham said his top priorities for his next term would be marketing and animal health. The Department of Agriculture regulates animal health by employing inspectors to examine animals.

JIM GRAHAM

AGE: 71
PARTY: Democrat
FAMILY: Wife, Helen Graham; two children
EXPERIENCE: N.C. commissioner of agriculture since 1964
EDUCATION: Graduate of N.C. State University with a degree in agriculture

"I've tried to develop a program not just for agriculture, but for the people of North Carolina"

keting and animal health. Graham said that he wanted "to ensure the availability of natural food, free of adulteration and contamination." Graham said he also was concerned about the conservation of soil, air and water in the state.

Graham also said that his department implemented research findings into plans to improve on problems in agriculture. The department often uses research from N.C. State University and the Triangle, he said. "We move based

on facts. We don't ever assume anything," he said.

Graham said he wanted to be the best commissioner of agriculture in the nation. It is a "Graham tradition to do the best you can," he said.

Graham also said he wanted to capture the attention of the young people.

"It's important to develop the interest of the youth of this generation. I want to leave things better than when I found it."

Tew expresses concern for faltering farms

By Allison Taylor
Staff Writer

Leo Tew, the Republican candidate for N.C. commissioner of agriculture, said he hoped to work with county and regional leaders to improve the department's programs.

Tew said he had been traveling to different counties during the election in an attempt to understand better the needs of the people. He also said he hoped to gain input from various county leaders to help "translate their thoughts and ideas into action."

Tew's opponent is Democratic incumbent Jim Graham.

"Communication is very important. We can't do that unless we get out and talk to the people who are producing the raw materials," Tew said. "My opponent stays close to Raleigh and watches the world go by."

Tew said he would promote more nutritious food, replenish farmlands with minerals and encourage the use of natural fertilizers. Tew said much of the nitrous oxide in modern fertilizers runs off into the water and creates algae that

LEO TEW

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FAMILY: Wife, Frances Tew; three children
EXPERIENCE: Ran two unsuccessful campaigns for N.C. commissioner of agriculture
EDUCATION: Attended UNC-CH

"Communication is very important. We can't do that unless we get out and talk to the people who are producing the raw materials"

injures plant life and wildlife.

"Nitrogen runoff is particularly harmful to this state and other states ... and I've never heard the incumbent express one word of concern," Tew said.

Tew also stated his concern for the health of farmers who use these chemical herbicides and pesticides. Recent research has shown an increased cancer level in farmers that is suspected to result from these chemicals, he said. "I am convinced this increase is due

to use of toxic pesticides," Tew said.

Tew also said he was concerned with the number of N.C. small farms that were collapsing. "I don't see how they're surviving," Tew said.

Tew also said American farmers were having to rely on foreigners because of rising costs, decreased profits and a population movement to the cities. "This loss of the small farm has resulted in migration from the rural to the urban sector," he said.