

Affiliations On BTC Board Are Clarified

Filling of two seats this month on the Brunswick Technical College Board of Trustees would not shift the overall political party alignment of the board as indicated in a June 18 news story.

At their June 15 meeting, county commissioners rehashed, but did not change, an earlier decision to allow District 4 Commissioner Frankie Rabon to name the county's appointee. Rabon had asked for the privilege, citing a lack of District 4 membership on the board of trustees. However, two commissioners then challenged that. Based on the county board's rotation system, Commissioners Jim Poole and Chris Chappell argued the appointment rightly belonged to District 1, Chappell.

Rabon later called in his appointment of Charles "Chuck" Lanier of the Mill Creek area, who like him, is registered as a Republican.

The man he replaces on the board in July will be W.A. "Bill" Stanley Jr., a former chairman of the board who was recently elected chairman of the Brunswick County Democratic Party. A resident of District 2, he was appointed to the trustees' board when such appointments were made by township rather than electoral district.

Stanley had indicated earlier that Lanier's appointment, combined with the anticipated appointment by Gov. Jim Martin of a Republican to replace Rep. E. David Redwine as trustee, would shift the political majority on the college board from Republican to Democrat since the chairman (a Democrat) votes only to break a tie.

A follow-up check of files of the Brunswick County Board of Elections indicates that is not the case. The new appointments would bring the GOP affiliates to five, not six, of the 12 members.

Registered as Republicans are Kelly Holden, Eugene Hewett and Lewis Stanley, and Lanier. Registered as Democrats are Jim Rabon, Chairman David Kelly, Durwood Clark, Clarkie Munn, Cynthia Henry, W.A. Stanley Jr., Cora Greene, Commissioner Benny Ludlum and Redwine.

Privately, if not publicly, several trustees have criticized statements made to area media they feel suggest the college board's deliberations have been motivated by partisan politics in the past or would be in the future, a portrayal they said is inaccurate.



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McDonald's Opens With Giveaway

Fred Walker, extreme left, helps cut a ribbon of dollar bills to open his second Brunswick County McDonald's restaurant in Shallotte last week. The owner/manager was assisted by, from left, store manager Bruce Boyce, Mayor Jerry Jones, Shallotte Fire Chief Mike Arnold, and Walker's wife, Sherry. The 100 bills were divided between the West Brunswick High School

band, that played for the opening, and the Shallotte Volunteer Fire Department. Walker told the assembled crowd that the first McDonald's opened in 1955, and the franchise is nearing its 10,000th restaurant. Walker's other county McDonald's is in Southport. Walker said Ronald McDonald will appear at the Shallotte site from noon till 3 p.m. Thursday, June 27.

Late Registration Concludes June 30

Registration for summer quarter classes at Brunswick Technical College will continue through June 30 at the Supply Campus. Classes began June 24, but students may register through June 30.

Among the summer offerings are several short courses which will conclude August 3. They include Typewriting I, Composition, Great British Writers II, New Testament

and General Math. More information about classes and registration is available by contacting the Office of Student Affairs, Supply Campus.

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