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Board won't certify elections

Chairman says ballot box stuffing, other voting irregularities occurred

by Cash Roberts
News Editor

Richard Suggs, election board chairman, poked his head from out the student body president's office Wednesday night and said: "Looks bad for the home team."

Suggs was referring to irregularities in the run-off election that pitted candidates Don Abernathy and Charles Guignard for student body president.

Unofficial results showed Abernathy won the run-off by 180 votes. About 2,800 students voted Wednesday.

After a 50-minute meeting behind closed doors with six election board members, student government officials and witnesses, Suggs announced to the approximately 50 people present that the board would refuse to certify the presidential run-off on the following grounds:

- absence of officials during part of the day at one of the polls.
- stuffing of ballot boxes.
- other voting irregularities.

The alleged ballot box stuffing to which Suggs referred stemmed from

an incident after the polls closed Wednesday afternoon at the Becton-Berry-Bagwell Quad.

When John Hester, a *Technician* staff writer and former Student Senate President unlocked the ballot box, he found 50 identically marked ballots stacked neatly on top of a pile of other ballots. Suggs and student Judicial Board chairman Rodney Swink were present with Hester at the time.

All of the computer ballots were marked for a freshman in Agriculture and all were for Abernathy.

Two other ballots from the Union poll were questionable also. The handwriting for Richard Nixon, one of 16 candidates in a presidential preference primary, appeared the same.

When he saw the 50 illicit ballots, doubt was cast on the validity of the entire polls, Hester said.

Hester, who gave his official support to Guignard Tuesday, said only two of the 15-member election board had participated in the election, and said he was helping Suggs because of poor participation.

The absent poll official charge

resulted from testimony by George Panton, *Technician* senior editor. Panton testified at the meeting that an Alpha Zeta fraternity member, assigned to the Brooks Hall poll, was absent sometime between 11:45 a.m. and noon Wednesday.

"I went to the polls and he (official) was not there," Panton said after the meeting. "There was a student voting at the time. I was told by three students that I would have to wait until he returned from the Syme snack bar." One of the students at the poll was identified by Panton as an Abernathy campaign manager.

When the Alpha Zeta official returned, he was carrying a cup of spaghetti and a drink. "He said he didn't have a chance to eat because of classes and a lab," Panton said.

"I would almost swear that nothing illegal happened at that poll," Panton said. He refused to elaborate on this statement.

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FINDING a rare moment to laugh, Elections Board Chairman Richard Suggs cracks a smile before the called meeting.

'I don't believe it'

Guignard skeptical of results

Editor's note: the quotes in the following article were transcribed from a tape recording of the conversations.

by Ted Vish
Staff Writer

Student government elections were thrown into a turmoil Wednesday night as rumors of stuffed ballot boxes and mismanaged polls were bantered back and forth among apprehensive candidates and troubled election officials.

The discrepancy seems to be in the votes cast at the Becton Quad. If the votes from that station are discounted, Guignard has a win by 180 votes. If the votes are included in the count, Abernathy has a winning majority by almost the same margin.

While discussing the issue with Senior *Technician* Editor George

Panton and editor elect John Walston, Guignard was asked to comment on the controversy:

"No comment, no sir." Asked again: "No comment, whatsoever."
"Do you know what has been alleged?"

Guignard: "I know the entire story; it's very typical of what's been happening the entire week."

Panton: "In what way is the controversy typical?"

Guignard: "In relation to the entire week."

Panton: "In relation to what, the Abernathy campaign?"

Guignard: "All the questionable things that have happened this week." Guignard did not elaborate at this point.

To Guignard: "Will it go before the Judicial Board now?"

Guignard, with disgust: "Yah."
Panton: "Well, Abernathy is hot and heavy about this thing too."

Guignard: "I should hope so, he (Abernathy) has got to cover up everything that has gone on this week."

Panton: "I... I just don't think he's done it."

Guignard: "He hasn't—Lou Holtz told his football players to vote for him (Abernathy). I'm talking to Willis Casey at 9:00 in the morning, and if

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CHARLES GUIGNARD (center) outside SG office. (photo by Caram)



SUGGS reads the findings of the elections board after Wednesday night's meeting. (photo by Curtis)



DON ABERNATHY



JOHN HESTER (l.) and an unidentified elections board member use the telephone to call the members for Wednesday night's special meeting. (photo by Caram).

This isn't first time, by far ...

by George Panton
Senior Editor

Election irregularities have almost become a traditional part of every Student Body election for the last four years. In 1968, 1970 and again this year there have been charges of tampered elections.

In 1968 Wes McClure faced Bill Iler for the student body presidency. Before the election was held there were charges that eight students had been allowed to enter their names on the ballot after the nomination books had closed. The books were closed early contrary to the election rules.

When the violation was discovered, other students were allowed to place their names on the ballot without a general announcement to the student body. Jerry Williams, co-chairman of the election's board in 1968, said "Frankly, I was hoping this stuff would never break out. It is something that never should have happened. It reeks to high heaven."

To high heaven it would reek because the election would eventually contain numerous voting irregularities. The *Technician* of April 5, 1968, headlined "Election Mess Worsens; Ballot Box Found Stuffed."

In that election, one ballot box contained a stack of ballots which appeared to have been stuffed illegally into a ballot box. Also two of the ballot boxes could be opened without a key. The Honor Code Board eventually declared the election results invalid. In the new election Wes McClure was elected president of the student body.

In the 1970 election there were also charges of stuffed ballot boxes, while some students were denied the right to vote and some polls were left unmanned.

It was alleged that the Student Supply Store poll was without Sophomore Judicial Board ballots for fifteen minutes during which time the instructions of the Elections Board

were improperly followed. An individual manning the poll gave out an incomplete set of paper ballots to a voter instead of waiting for more ballots.

The election pitted Eric Plow and his farmboy campaign, against Rick Rice for student body president. On the run-off the election was declared invalid, and the nomination books were re-opened.

Thus, Cathy Sterling, who ran as a write-in in the first election, was able to put her name on the ballot. The new election Benny Teal, Jim Branden, Rick Rice, Cathy Sterling, and Eric Plow ran for the top spot. The run-off saw Sterling face Plow. Cathy Sterling won the election in 1970 in the largest turnout in a campus election up to that time.

Again this year, there have been charges of ballot box stuffing and questions as to the legality of the elections. It will be up to the Judicial Board when it meets next Tuesday to determine the legality of the election.

Election mess fouls SG image

"The spring election could be called a comedy of errors, but for a single detail—Nobody's laughing."

So said a *Technician* editorial April 5, 1968. A great deal has changed since that day, what with the roil of time and all. People have come and gone; State has elected four student body presidents—although not without providing a great deal of newsworthy copy for the student newspaper.

This year's? Not much different. Same old story, with a few new twists for purposes of innovation.

Ballot box-stuffing, mudslinging, accusations of theft, poster removal, property damage all lend a somewhat quaint, recognizable air to the State student body elections. We're getting

used to them we feel, being as we were thoroughly prepared with writers, photographers and tape recorders when the results came in Wednesday night.

What does it all mean? Nothing, really. State probably will hold another election—the last one failing to be certified—and someone will be elected student body president, for whatever that's worth. Next year will hold predominantly the same. We won't be the least surprised if next year's are also invalidated and held over.

But we would like to recommend—being as we are interested students—that student government take appropriate steps to insure their image is not besmirched again. The problem originates in the inability of the elections

board to properly direct a successfully controlled voting operation. This year, of the 17 students on the elections board, only two were involved in the election operation. The responsibility for the actions of the elections board chairman and the board itself lies with student government.

If not enough students were willing to accept the responsibility of successfully carrying off a simple election, the student government should not have held an election in the first place.

Someday, maybe student government will learn.



"I can't believe I ate the whole thing!"

EDITORIALS

A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activity, and in fact the very life of the campus, is registered. It is the mouthpiece through which the students themselves talk. College life without its journal is blank. *Technician*, vol. 1, no. 1, February 1, 1920.

'Yes sir, I've never voted for a loser'

He was definitely a campus veteran, sort of an old looking codger—every bit of 24 years old. He sat cross-legged on the brick wall just outside the south entrance of the tunnel. There weren't

any cobwebs, but he could have easily passed as a permanent fixture.

"Yes sir, I've never voted for a loser in one of these elections in all of my years," ventured the

aging student. "Yeah, I remember quite a few candidates, going all the way back into the late '60s—that's when all this student activism got started around here. Student rights, student politics, the whole shebang."

"You possess quite an awesome record," I said taking a seat on the side wall. "I mean, not everyone can make such a statement—never cast a ballot for a losing candidate."

He twitched a little and cracked a smile, obviously happy he had a chance to brag about himself. He placed a cigarette between his lips and reached for a match.

"Yessiree, I agree it's quite a record, but a couple of years there, things were pretty mixed up," he continued, taking a long draw on the weed. "That blasted Eric Plow and Sterling kid threw things in an awful mess."

"Then last year it was confusion all over again. I wasn't even sure who was running half the time with people dropping in and out. All the candidates are so wishy-washy, they all look like a bunch of losers. It makes it difficult. That kind of stuff makes for good elections though; controversy—gets the voters out."

"This is interesting," I commented, "since you have quite an insight into all the elections

with this mysterious talent. Yet, what is your secret in figuring out the loser and so forth?"

"Well, it's like this," as he moved closer and began to whisper. "I belong to a larger group. This group consistently never votes for the loser—we are never wrong and our method is 100 percent foolproof."

A larger group—never votes for a loser, I thought to myself. If they ever went into business they could make a fortune. The perfect prognosticator, I couldn't believe it.

"How large is this group," I inquired.

"No one is absolutely certain, mainly because it fluctuates from year to year. It probably averages somewhere in the neighborhood of eight or nine thousand," he said fairly confidently.

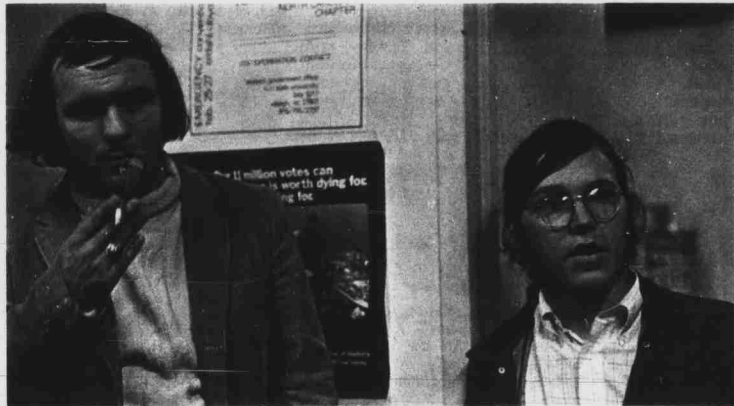
I gulped. "Impossible, you could rule the campus. You could control everything."

"We don't care about that kind of stuff," came the answer.

"How in the hell do you do it," I finally burst forth. "This is just unbelievable."

"Oh easy," said the seasoned veteran, "we don't vote."

—by John Walston



Election's Board Chairman Richard Suggs and Student Body President Gus Gusler explain the Board's ruling on not certifying the run-off elections. (photo by Curtis)

Long, hard year finishes on bright note

Rolling out of bed yesterday, I stood up groggily—wary from Wednesday night's election mess and late hours. Walking to the window and pulling the drapes, all that greeted me was a dreary, cloud-filled bleak Thursday morning holding a promise of rain later in the day.

It was only then, after rubbing my eyes for a minute and trying to get my thoughts straight after a fitful night that I realized this was my last day as editor. Whew! No more responsibility, no more having to cut classes, no more answering the stupid telephone, reading dumb letters. What a relief!

I got to the office about 30 minutes later and saw the stack of mail waiting, as usual. It's been this way for a solid year. That mail. And the telephone. I usually read the mail in one hand, hold the phone in the other and type editorials with my toes. An editor's versatility is his primary and most important asset.

But the mail held quite a pleasant surprise. The first two letters were commendations, not an ugly word anywhere, and a shock like that this early in the morning would choke anyone up, making a breakfast of doughnuts and

orange juice hard to swallow.

It's been a long year, and I won't bore you with details of its demanding, rigorous unrelenting harshness. Past custom has dictated the outgoing editor write a short note for the incoming editor. John Newton Walston doesn't need for me to tell him the problems he'll face next year. Nor does he need for me, or anyone, to comfort him in his ability to handle the important, demanding task of editorship. If he needed any assurance now, he would still be sports editor.

In trying to give John some inkling of what to expect, I am reminded of my

military years, and particularly, my first parachute jump. It was at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1966.

Standing in the old crate of an airplane, hooked up, was probably the most scared I've ever been in my life, before or since. But all I can recall from that hot June day after leaving that airplane wasn't my fear, but rolling up my chute after I was on the ground and suddenly thinking, "My god, I just jumped out of an airplane... and lived." It's an experience no one soon forgets.

Being a *Technician* editor is shockingly similar. It's scary as hell standing in the door, but after it's over, one can look back with a some degree of satisfaction and pride at an effort few people have the opportunity to undertake.

John Walston has his heart in the right place and will do what is right for the furtherance of outstanding journalism at North Carolina State University. John may not yet fully realize the importance of his position in the college community, nor the power the position carries with it, but he soon will. Abuse of that power is

the one thing editors must guard against. I'm confident John can handle it.

—Richard Curtis
editor, 1971-72



John Walston, editor, 1972-73

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K. Hoy's that contribute to the difficulty of that job.

We feel that Hoy is guilty of misrepresenting the truth and deserves serious criticism for the damage he may have done to the board's reputation and for the shoddy means he used to get elected.

Fred Beaman (Public Defender); John Hester, Hugh Currin, Steve Whitmire, J. Reid Rowlett, Gary W. Stafford, Donald W. Cobb and A. Gray-Booth.

Hoy blasted

To the Editor:

We are writing this to make known what we consider to be a grossly false and misleading statement made by a freshmen in his recent successful campaign for a sophomore Student Body Judicial Board seat. We write this to clear up any misunderstanding which his statement might have caused. The candidate's name is Robert K. Hoy.

In a letter which the candidate sent through the mail to over 100 students in Bowen dormitory and which he also used the campus mail to send to several other students, Hoy included the following statements: "As a judicial board member, I will render fair and impartial decisions. I feel that the judicial board in the past has been notorious for kicking people out of State. Although in some cases disciplinary action is needed, everyone is entitled to a fair chance."

In the past three years, the Student Body Judicial Board has suspended one student for a period of one semester and has not dismissed a single student.

If Robert K. Hoy thinks one suspension in three years and *no dismissals* implies that the Judicial Board has been "notorious for kicking people out of State," we seriously question his ability to render "fair and impartial decisions."

At best, Robert Hoy is ignorant of the facts, at worst, he is guilty of willful and malicious campaign rhetoric. The Judicial Branch of Student Government has strived long and hard to create a Judicial Board System of students judging other students that is fair and protects the rights of all. It is immature slurs like Robert

Party good idea

To the Editor:

My husband hasn't managed to snitch a *Technician* and bring it home this week, so someone else may have already said this. However, I think the people responsible for organizing the free party at the Union for all the engineers should be congratulated. It was a great party and a darn good idea. I would like to see them continue.

Melinda Boyers

Grateful Heel

To the Editor:

I know that I am just a high school student, but I would like for the students at State to read this.

I think that State has showed great sportsmanship this year. Also, that they have to be a pretty good team to say that they are backing the Tar Heels while they try to go for the National title. I am a Carolina fan but I do pull for State every now and then. I would like to say thanks for the Carolina fans I know, for your support. Who knows? Maybe the Wolfpack will make it next year! The article in the *Technician* (Wed., Mar. 15) was great!

Kathy Wicker Junior, Lillington High

Blood drive next week

The Scabbard and Blade Company will sponsor a Red Cross blood drive in the lower lobby of Carmichael Gym (ping pong room) Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

netted 650 pints of blood from State students and faculty. Many students were discouraged from donating last fall due to long registration lines.

reduce the length of lines and time necessary to donate will be held to a minimum.

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- 1-Declare
- 6-Strikes
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- 12-Courteous
- 14-Sandarc tree
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- 19-Neckpiece
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- 21-A continent (abbr.)
- 22-Blemish
- 23-Allowance for waste
- 24-Spanish article
- 25-Vessels
- 26-Attired animal
- 27-Additional
- 28-Cronies (coll.)
- 29-English county
- 31-Post
- 32-Compass point
- 34-Saucy
- 35-Noblemen
- 36-Printer's measure
- 37-Exist
- 38-Journeys forth

DOWN

- 1-Continued story
- 2-Snare
- 3-Ventilate
- 4-Preposition
- 5-Instruct
- 6-Reject
- 7-Molded mass of bread
- 8-Everyone
- 9-Greek letter
- 10-Looks fixedly
- 11-Analyze, as sentence
- 13-Puff up
- 16-Capuchin monk
- 19-Retail establishment
- 20-God of love
- 22-Game
- 23-Fees
- 24-Servants
- 27-Mud
- 28-Father and mother
- 29-Room
- 30-Harbinger
- 31-Additional
- 32-Lawmaking body
- 33-Growing out of
- 35-Dams
- 38-Escape
- 39-Prophecy
- 41-Unit of Siamese currency
- 42-Prefix before
- 44-Cooled lava
- 46-Latin conjunction

Answer

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CLARK Hall Infirmary will close for the Easter Holidays at 11 p.m. today and will reopen at 3 p.m. Monday, April 3. Physician on call is Dr. Harry Fagan, 834-8789.

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ATTENTION: The Contact Football Club will meet April 4 at 7 p.m. under Harrelson Hall. Anyone interested in playing non-varsity football come to the meeting or call Mike, 834-8326. Practice starts next week.

AC-72 meeting tues apr 4 in committee room.

The Psychology Department is accepting applications for the undergraduate program in Human Resource Development. Students wishing to apply are asked to see Miss Mary Caraway in Room 640 Poe Hall.

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Ballot box stuffing? No way, says AZ

by Ted Vish
Staff Writer

Another question raised in the run-off election controversy is Alpha Zeta's responsibility in the matter. Having won the bid to conduct the elections, the honorary fratern-

ity had complete charge of the ballot boxes while the actual voting was going on.

In talking with some of the members of AZ who had helped conduct the elections, it was said that anyone could have easily stuffed the boxes during a rush of voters.

But three members of AZ, John Palmer, Gene Cannon, and Jacob Parker, swore it was impossible for anyone to slide 50 ballot cards through the slot in the boxes and have them fall in any sort of identifiable stack.

To the three: "Would you

be willing to testify to that before the Judicial Board?"

"Yes, sure I would," said Cannon.

"Of course we will. There is no way anyone could even fit 50 cards through one of those slots," Palmer added.

"The only way anyone could have put fifty cards in that box and kept them in a stack would be to open it up and set them in there," said Palmer, and Alpha Zeta didn't have a key.

The ballot boxes were left with AZ attendants in the morning, and picked up from the fraternity brothers in the evening. Any tampering with the locks would have to have been done while the boxes were under the supervision of one of the two groups.

Discrepancies At Polls

Senior Technician editor George Panton reported that when he went to vote at the ballot box located outside the School of Design, the AZ representative who was supposed to be in charge of the box had left to eat lunch, and had left the box in the keeping of three Abernathy supporters (see related story).

Panton added he would almost swear that nothing un-derhanded went on while the box was being watched.

John Boone, president of Farm House Fraternity and a brother of AZ, was asked to comment on the extent of AZ's responsibility in the matter.

Boone said Alpha Zeta should not be made to accept too much responsibility for a stuffed ballot box because it was known to the elections board before the election that two of the ballot verifying stamps were missing.

"Suggs told me that two of the stamps used to validate the election ballots had been stolen," said Boone, "and that all of us (AZ) should be on the lookout for them. (One stamp was later found lying in the back of the Union van.)

About 40 people had gathered outside SG offices by 9:30 pm, and theories supporting and rebutting the guilt or innocence of each candidate were running rampant.

Few people actually believed either candidate would attempt such an obvious fraud, although it was professed that someone might commit the act to purposely invalidate the election in order to secure some extra campaign time or sympathy.

Neither Abernathy or Guignard were allowed into the closed meeting of the elections board.

Suggs, when reporting the findings of the board said "there is no accuser, it is simply the decision of the board not to certify the election." When questioned on Hester's and Panton's presence in the meeting, Suggs said they were acting as witnesses.

'I don't believe it, I fed them burgers'

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he don't back down from that he's up the creek."

To Guignard: "Is there anything in the statutes that says the faculty or administration can't support a student government candidate; is there any charge you can bring against anyone for supporting Abernathy?"

Guignard: "Well, no. I don't have to."

Walston pointed out to Guignard that "almost the whole quad appears to have voted for Abernathy."

"I don't believe it," Guignard said "I fed them a thousand hamburgers last night, and I happen to know

that the three presidents over there and the two HRC's have polled every student in there and have talked to them personally."

Panton said Abernathy had also visited every person in the quad, interviewing them personally.

Guignard expressed skepticism for Abernathy's success in campaigning saying that "He doesn't know them, he doesn't live with them. I've got people that live with them that have gone and talked to them."

As Abernathy walked up to the gathering Guignard cut off the discussion saying he didn't care what happened "it doesn't bother me."

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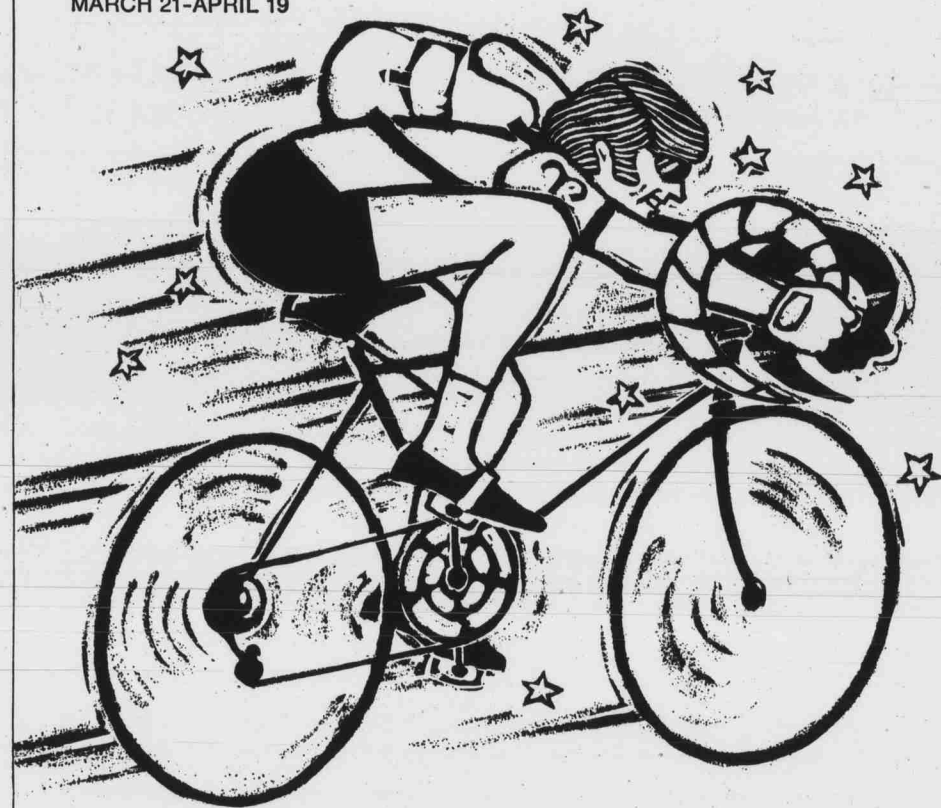
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RODNEY SWINK, acting attorney general, holds the questionable 50 ballots from the Becton Quad while John Hester looks on. (photo by Caram)

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Election Board queried on Hester's participation

Only three members of the elections board could be rounded up for the special meeting call in Student Body President Gusler's office concerning the run-off student body elections Wednesday night.

The fact that 15 members have been designated as being on the elections board brought up the apparent incongruence with the Student Body Statutes that call for an eight man board, including the chairman.

Guignard noted the discrepancy with an attitude that generally described the feelings of everyone who had become closely associated with the election proceedings: "I know what the statutes say, you know what the statutes say. Period."

Panton blamed much of the trouble of keeping a close watch on the ballot boxes on the shortage of manpower to help distribute the boxes in the

morning, and pick them up again in the evening.

John Hester, a student government stalwart and a publicized Guignard supporter, was suggested as having too major of a role in the election process, leaving many observers close to student government with a strong doubt that any charges brought against Abernathy based on evidence produced by Hester (who is supposed to have discovered the stuffed ballot box), will be accepted with much validity.

Hester's relationship with the elections board has raised some questions from the beginning, when it was discovered he was not approved by the senate to serve on the elections board.

When the question was put to Gus Gusler directly, the president admitted that Hester was not an official member of the board, but was only helping election board chairman Richard Suggs:

"Technically, Hester is not an official member of the elections board," Gusler said, "but Suggs couldn't get anybody to help."

It was suggested to Gusler that somebody more nonpartisan could have been found to help with the elections:

To Gusler: "Isn't it kind of bad getting Hester to work with the elections; he is kind of biased."

Gusler: "Well, ah, true. But Suggs couldn't find enough people on the elections board to help with the election. Hester offered to help and was willing to work. So, you know, it's questionable, but what are you going to do? Nobody was willing to work."

Ballot Stuffing

The way in which the ballots were allegedly found stacked in a neat pile on top of the other ballots led many to believe that the box was un-

locked, and the ballots were placed inside, rather than being pushed through one of the slots.

The only known key available to open the ballot boxes was supposedly in the possession of the election board chairman. Suggs said he did have the only key to the boxes, and no one else had access to the key.

When this point was brought up during a small discussion in the Union lobby, senatorial candidate Wilson Graham reported that Hester had told him personally that he was the only student who had the key.

Hester said later that he did have the key in his possession, but only when he went around to collect the ballot boxes.

-Ted Vish



BILL DAVIS, a Judicial Board member, was present at the election board meeting Wednesday night. Davis, who last year was defeated by Gus Gusler in a run-off when Charles Guignard withdrew, expressed skepticism over the validity of election results. (photo by Caram)

'Not matter of favoritism'

Holtz answers charges

Responding to charges by a student body presidential candidate that head football coach Lou Holtz unduly influenced the votes of the football team, Athletic Director Willis Casey and Holtz were interviewed about Holtz's comments.

When coach Lou Holtz was contacted by phone about the football matter Guignard mentioned, he explained the situation thus:

"I don't understand exactly what's been said. I often encourage my men to get involved in other activities on campus, and I urge them to vote. I did tell them to vote in the student government elections, and I mentioned that, to my knowledge, Abernathy was a good man.

"It wasn't a matter of favoritism, it's just that Abernathy campaigned well. We have some coaches who live in the dorm, and they were contacted by Abernathy during his campaign. They (the coaches) happened to mention to me

that Abernathy seemed like a good guy, and I just mentioned it in passing to my football players.

"I also had a chance to talk with Abernathy's campaign manager. I didn't mean to give the impression that Abernathy was a better man than the other guy, it's just that I know more people that know Abernathy."

To Holtz: "Do you think it was unethical on your part to mention Abernathy's name to your players?"

Holtz: "No, I don't think it was unethical. If anything it was poor taste. I really don't see what all the fuss is about—it was just a casual comment."

Willis Casey seemed generally undisturbed by the incident:

To Casey: "Did Charles Guignard contact you anytime this morning about alleged unethical conduct in the student government elections concerning Coach Lou Holtz?"

Casey: "He did not contact

me, no. All I've heard of the matter is what coach Holtz has told me."

To Casey: "Do you see anything unethical about Coach Holtz's conduct in the matter?"

Casey: "No. He (Guignard) is entitled to his opinion, and Coach Holtz is entitled to his. I see nothing wrong with it, whatsoever.

"I think it's kind of silly, really. I don't get involved in student government elections, and I don't plan to get involved in this one. Besides, I'd think it would be welcomed to try and get more students out to vote."

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Delicious food, dancer highlight Arabian Night

by Ted Vish
Staff Writer

An "Arabian Night" of food, song and dance filled the Union ballroom Sunday, offering a sellout crowd of over 500 the opportunity to sample the customs and cuisine of the Arab world.

The food was delicious, featuring such Middle East treats as Kibbee (crushed wheat, ground beef, pine nuts and almonds), Measakaa (fried eggplant with ground beef), and Katayeff (pancakes stuffed with nuts and served with honey; delectable). Most of the American guests spent the first moments of their meal contemplating Arabian heartburn and asking their international hosts what was to be eaten, and how.

An informal chatty atmosphere pervaded the scene, as bits of Arabian dialects could be picked up over the oud and

tabla music playing in the background. It must have seemed like homecoming to some of the Arabian students, who often stay as long as four years in American without seeing their homes.

A collage of Arabian, Oriental, and Egyptian dance and music was performed after the dinner, depicting various aspects of Middle East culture and folklore. The native costumes and instruments gave the entertainment a sense of authenticity that could be easily seen from the laughing and clapping of those foreign students watching the affair.

Sayed El Naga, former NCSU student, who acted as toastmaster during the program, kept the audience smiling between acts by relating the comical incidents that great international stu-

dents upon their arrival in America.

Sayed told of one student who entered the Union from the back only, until he learned that the "Do Not Enter" sign was meant for cars, not people. "When people ask me how to pronounce my first name, I just tell them to pronounce 'said' with that deep North Carolina twang. They never let me down, pronouncing it 'say/eed.'"

The feature attraction of the night was a professional belly dancer, acquired from an Arabian night club in Washington, D.C. The attractive entertainer did a stunning dance in her native garb that held the attention of males present for the duration of the program.

In all, the Arabian Night dinner made a most enjoyable evening that even Shaharazad would be hard pressed to top.



Children of Arab students attending State perform a wedding dance during the Arab night festivities last Sunday. (photo by Caram)

Byrds still hanging around

Do you remember what rock used to be like back in the middle 60's? They had some real music then, not at all like the drag-ass stuff they put out today and call "progressive rock."

Even the names of the old groups had a certain musical quality: Buffalo Springfield, Mamas and the Papas, Lovin' Spoonful, and the Byrds.

Do not, however, waste too much time hanging your ear by the radio waiting for the oldies to come on in the middle of some "Top 40" show. Many of

the old groups have evaporated like smoke in a moonbeam, but the Byrds are still with us in substance, and for All Campus Weekend they will be with us in person. WOW!

The group that warmed our collective heart with *Mr. Tambourine Man* is actually coming here. Not all of that group is coming, or even most of it, but the group is coming here.

An explanation is in order. Roger McGuinn (of "McGuinn and McGuire couldn't get much higher" fame) organized

the Byrds in 1964 as the first electric group with a folk repertoire. McGuinn has remained with the group, and has kept the name with him, but the other "Charter Member Byrds" have drifted away and been replaced by new musicians.

Some of the personnel are different, but the essence of Byrddom has remained with McGuinn, and the music is as exciting as it was when it first fell upon our ears seven years ago. The only difference is that the excitement is now tinged with a touch of nostalgia.

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Colfers avenge earlier loss to Camels

by Jeff Watkins
Assistant Sports Editor

"Revenge is sweet," beamed Bo Turner, and for Wolfpack golfers, revenge came in a big way. State defeated Campbell College 22½-5½ in match play

last Tuesday at Sippahaw Country Club near Fuquay-Varina.

The Pack lost to Campbell by five strokes at RGA earlier this month.

Ken Dye and Doug Wingate

led the State team with even par 72's. Dye's play, which he termed "inconsistent," was highlighted by an eagle on the fifth hole, a par five. He put a 50 yard wedge shot into the cup to accomplish this feat.

Wingate, after a good

showing on the front nine (37), did even better on the back nine. He took only 14 putts on the back side to carve out a 35 for his total score of 72.

He measured off about two feet with his hands and said, "I missed a putt about this far on

number 12 for par, and then everything started dropping."

Neil Jernigan, who finished the day at 79, came through with a spectacular hole-in-one on number eight, a par three. He used a five-iron for this shot.

Stan Stallings had the best nine-hole score. He took a 33 on the back nine to finish with a 74 total.

Team captain Dickie Brewer had an 18-hole score of 74, which he termed "a mediocre round." Marshall Stewart had a 78 and Bo Turner had a 76 for the day.

Dye noted, "The course played about average. There was hardly any wind, so it wasn't too tough."

"I was well satisfied," observed golf mentor Richard Sykes. "This is the first time we've played match-play. We must be a match-play team. We're starting to jell now."

The State outfit does indeed seem to be steadily improving with each match. Since they dropped their first match to Campbell, the Pack has downed East Carolina, placed fourth out of 10 teams at Camp Lejune, and finished second behind Wake Forest in the first round of the Big Four Tournament. New confidence appears to be evident in the golfers' play. Perhaps Stallings summed up the Pack's rise best when he said, "We're going to be tough from here on in."

Tomorrow at Columbia

Wolfpack prepares for Relays

State captured 13 of 17 events in a "practice meet" with Lafayette and Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute Tuesday afternoon. The Wolfpack collected 102 points to 42½ for RPI and 32½ for Lafayette.

There were no really spectacular marks for the Pack performers due to cold weather and the fact that coach Jim Wescott was experimenting with several of his boys switching events. State was actually using this meet to prepare for the State-Record Relays to be

held in Columbia, S. C. tomorrow.

In the field events, Jim Crowell won the javelin throw with a distance of 194' 7" and Jim Hudson took the discus with a mark of 135' 3". In the high jump, Nelson Hall tied his season's best of 6' 2". David Thompson was a double winner as he took the triple jump with a distance of 45' 4¼" and his long jump with a leap of 22' 1½", only 1' 7" off the school record held by Bill Banks.

The Pack won five running events en route to their overall victory. David Bracey won the 120-yard high hurdles with a time of 15.4 seconds, and Neil Ackley won the mile race with a mark of 4:17.5. In the 440-yard intermediate hurdles, Joe Robinson ran the distance in 59.1 seconds; Mike Fahey won the 880-yard run in 1:58.1, and Sid Allen captured first place in the two-mile event with a 9:28.9 showing.

In the relay events, State won the 440-yard and the mile relays. The team of Jim

Parsons, David Bracey, Joe Robinson, and Wayne Riley took the 440 relay in 44.7 seconds. John Phillips, Jim Wilkins, Jim Hudson, and Bracey placed first in the mile relay with a time of 3:23.4.

Tigers play here Sunday

State's baseball game with Wake Forest, scheduled for Winston-Salem, was cancelled Monday due to rain.

The game will not be made up since the Athletic Directors of the Atlantic Coast Conference schools voted before the season not to make up cancelled games. This was done to save on the expense of having to travel to the far away schools in the conference more than once.

"Naturally we are disappointed we didn't get the ballgame in," said Coach Sam Esposito. "But when you do get rained out, it's best for it to happen on the road, especially with a young club like ours. It's just like basketball, the home field makes a difference."

Clemson, who had a three-game series with Duke rained out recently, invades Wolfpack

Country for a game Sunday. Freshman Tim Stoddard is scheduled to duel against the Tigers' Rusty Gerhardt on the mound. Stoddard has a 2-0 mark while Gerhardt is 3-1.

"Gerhardt is one of the best in the conference," remarked Esposito. "Over the last three years, it seems like we face him whenever we play Clemson. He is to Clemson what Caldwell was to us last year, their stopper."

Lacrosse club takes second

The Raleigh Lacrosse Club, composed almost entirely of State students, gained the second victory of its initial season by defeating Guilford 4-3 Tuesday afternoon.

All of Raleigh's goals were scored by attacker Kenny Lempert, a graduate student. Each was unassisted and came as a result of the power play where Lempert faked his way down the field to the goal. He had one score in both the first and third quarters and had two in the second.

Coach Robert Conroy praised the defensive game played by his squad. "Craig Lyon (mid-fielder) and Chuck Coreth (defensesman) played great defensive games," he said. "And Bob Munden (defensesman) was especially good at clearing the ball from our defensive end to the attack end."

Goalie Wayne Mastin allowed the only three goals and was credited with nine

saves. According to Conroy, the club has made great strides enroute to its 2-3 record. All of the teams they have played, except for Guilford, were established before this season, and at all the schools lacrosse is a varsity sport, which it is not at State.

"We are making a lot of progress, the guys are doing real well," said the coach. "This year was the first time

many of the guys had ever seen a lacrosse match, much less played one."

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