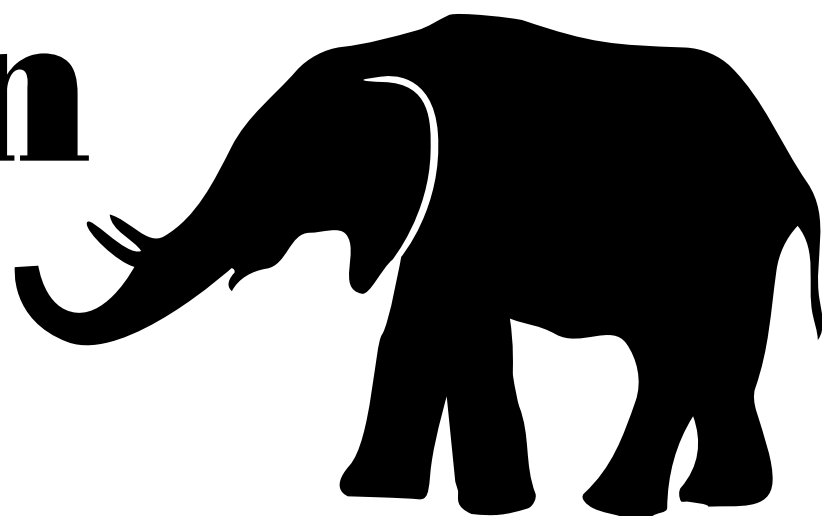


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In preparation for next week's elections, College Democrats and Republicans gear up for the last presidential election of this century

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The College Democrats have been working hard this semester to ensure that the last major election of the 20th century results in wins for Democratic candidates on the national, state, and local levels. The College Democrats organization resurfaced last spring with a handful of interested students and has continually grown into a thriving organization, with approximately 35 active members.

"After talking with junior Joy Vermillion at the Forsyth County Young Democrats meetings, she and I began the process of reinstating a College Democrats club on campus," said College Democrats president sophomore James McCoy, on how he turned the idea of College Democrats into an active university organization. With a great deal of support from both the Forsyth Young Democrats and the North Carolina Federation of College Democrats, we held organizational meetings which allowed for us to become chartered.

"Both Joy and I were thrilled to see the great response that we received from energetic young Democrats," he said. The efforts of McCoy and Vermillion were witnessed with the commencement of the school year as an organizational meeting was held during the first week of classes. After electing officers, Linda Garrou, who is currently running for North Carolina State Senate, made the first of many speeches the students would hear throughout the semester.

As the College Democrats continued to attract interest, they sponsored a booth at the Student Activities Fair in August, witnessed the nomination of the incumbent Clinton/Gore ticket for the presidency at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, and held countless discussion groups on controversial political issues, such as affirmative action.

"Through these informal gatherings, the College Democrats hoped to facilitate social interaction and political awareness on the campus regarding issues facing our generation," said junior Carrie Bowden, the campaign director for College Democrats.

The group has now shifted its focus to the presidential election Tuesday. Scoring many victories in the election, with special attention to the race for the presidency, has been one of the major goals for the College Democrats this semester.

The College Democrats volunteered their services at a rally for incumbent North Carolina governor James Hunt, held at the Sawtooth Center, where those who attended had the opportunity to hear candidates from across the state of North Carolina speak.

The members also aided with the conducting of a voter registration drive to get as many people as possible to the polls Tuesday.

"The drive led to the registration of over 50 students including Democrats, Republicans, and a number of independents," said sophomore Kim Lo, the membership coordinator for the College Democrats. "Although the registration of students to other parties may lead to votes being cast against candidates that the College Democrats support, it is equally important to get students interested and active in the political process."

In addition to registering potential voters on campus, many members help to register Winston-Salem area

residents, by volunteering at local nursing homes and grocery stores.

One of the highlights of the semester was getting to help with a Forsyth County event titled "Sweet Moments with Harvey Gantt." The event was held in Babcock Residence Hall, where the university College Democrats hosted a dessert party for Gantt. Following the party the students attended a Gantt for Senate rally in downtown Winston-Salem.

Gantt is trying for the second time in as many elections to defeat long-time Republican incumbent Senator Jesse Helms.

Besides being involved in these high-profile events, the students have had the opportunity to take part in the behind-the-scenes work that is involved in running a successful election that often go unnoticed, by volunteering their time at the Forsyth County Democratic headquarters answering the telephone and sending out mail to potential voters.

Throughout the semester, the College Democrats have brought to campus various candidates for election

statewide. Dennis Wicker, the current North Carolina Lieutenant Governor, Neil Cashion, who is running for Congress, and Redge Hanes and Linda Garrou, the candidates running for State Senate in this district. Even a ranking official from the Clinton administration has visited the campus in preparation for the election.

"The College Democrats are incredibly honored to have had so many wonderful speakers not only agree, but volunteer, to come to the school both before and after the election.

The speakers are getting such a wonderful impression of the university and its students that they want to come back and also encourage others to come and speak as well. It has been a great experience with all of these speakers and the College Democrats are happy that Wake Forest is getting such a positive reputation," said sophomore Carrie Barbee, Secretary for the College Democrats.

The College Democrats will be volunteering at the polls Tuesday and hope their hard work will pay off in the end.

The election, however, will not be the end of the year for them, since helping Democratic candidates to be victorious is only one of many goals that the club intends to reach.

The overall purpose of the organization is far more expansive than partisan politics. "I have been very pleased to see some political activity on campus. Seeing signs in the windows, whether they be Republican or Democrat, have been encouraging because they tear down the Generation X stereotype of political apathy.

"Hopefully College Democrats have raised awareness of the important role politics plays at all levels and we will continue to strive to motivate students to play an active role in the political process," said Vermillion, the College Democrats vice president, about the success of the organization.

It is the hope of the College Democrats here at the university that they will be able to take root on campus, promote Democratic ideals and provide students with an active political forum for many years to come.

Harvey Gantt will be speaking today on the Magnolia Court Patio at 6 p.m. and anyone interested is welcome to come out.

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Joy Vermillion
 College Democrats Vice President



Junior Sarah Hovis hangs a banner for her man, Presidential hopeful Bob Dole of Kansas.

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The College Republicans have been committed this fall to the election and re-election of several local Republican candidates.

"We provide cheap labor for the candidates and their campaigns," said senior Chris Dobbins, the president of College Republicans. He said that candidates need people to help them in ways other than just giving money. Dobbins and other members of the group work to help the candidates out in any way they can.

Volunteers from College Republicans work at Forsyth County Republican Headquarters downtown providing their services by helping in ways such as stuffing envelopes and manning telephones.

On election day, some of the members of the group are going to participate in Get Out the Vote and work as runners. They will pick up lists from the voting polls of people who have not yet voted, and then will call the people who have not voted and encourage them to come vote.

The College Republicans have targeted incumbent 20th district North Carolina senator Ham Horton as one of the main candidates they wanted to help.

Horton came to speak to the group at a meeting in early October. He encouraged all the members of the group to get involved in volunteering and to be sure to vote.

He said that the South, which used to be a Democratic stronghold, is becoming much more Republican, and he encouraged the support and efforts of young people to continue with that rise.

The College Republicans support of Horton stems in

part from his interest in young people. A group of young adults working on the reform of the North Carolina Department of Transportation said, "Ham Horton is the first politician I have ever trusted."

In his first term in North Carolina senate, he fought tax increases, worked to stop the belt wave from being built, worked to build prisons, and cut down on the number of appeals people sentenced to the death penalty can have.

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The College Republicans have worked to support him by working at his headquarters and putting up signs for him.

William Reinhold, a longtime local judge who is running unopposed, also came to talk to the College Republicans. He applauded their commitment to their group and encouraged them to get out and help other campaigns.

A member of the Forsyth County Republi-

can party came to speak to the group and encourage the members to help out in the telephoning campaign, which the county party says makes a big difference in whether people vote.

The College Republicans worked this summer with the College Democrats to get U. S. Senator Jesse Helms (R) and his opponent, Harvey Gantt (D), to have a debate here this fall, but plans for that fell through.

College Republicans have about 60-70 members, and usually have around 30 attend the meetings. They have meetings Thursdays at 9 p.m. in the Tribble Hall lounge, and they also have other activities. They had a social earlier this month.

They encourage anyone interested to come and help them with Get Out the Vote or to come discuss politics with them, and they encourage everyone to go vote.

Politics Unplugged plugs in campus

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MTV made money from going unplugged so WAKE TV jumped on the bandwagon and started "Politics Unplugged," a weekly show dedicated to voicing students' political opinions.

Airing every Tuesday night from 8-10 p.m., WAKE TV offers an open forum for all students to discuss the changing views of national and campus politics.

"We are looking for varied guests who can bring differing opinions to the show," said sophomore host Matthew Smith-Kennedy.

Tuesday evening, a debate was hosted between sophomore James McCoy, the campus College Democrat President, and senior Chris Dobbins, the campus College Republicans President, on behalf of

President Bill Clinton and Republican presidential candidate Bob

As far as campus politics goes, the show will delve into the intellectual climate on campus: differences between independents and Greeks and minority and non-minority students.

Dole, respectively.

The debate consisted of a moderated forum between the two students being asked questions from moderator and host Smith-Kennedy.

The show will be airing every week until the end of the year, focusing more on foreign policy

after the presidential elections. As far as campus politics goes, the show will delve into the intellectual climate on campus: differences between independents and Greeks and minority and non-minority students.

The show expects to air throughout the year. If all goes as planned, "Politics Unplugged" will have received the most air-time of any show in WAKE TV history, according to Smith-Kennedy.

Smith-Kennedy emphasizes that, "Politics Unplugged" is not just a forum for the college party presidents. If you can articulate ideas and can make a minor commitment, we'd like to have you on our show."

This Tuesday night, the show will have an election day special, starting at 9 p.m. and lasting for a few hours. The show will follow the elections and the voter respons-



Sophomore James McCoy, the president of College Democrats, hangs a banner supporting his favorite candidate.

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