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ELECTION 2004

Students react to post-election victories, defeats

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The high-fives and "woohos" of Bush fans echoed through Plemmons Student Union yesterday morning. "I am ecstatic with how the election turned out because I support Bush and everything that he has done so far," freshman political science major Richard A. Hovater said.

Although all provisional votes had not been counted for Ohio, John F. Kerry gave his concession speech yesterday at 2 p.m. in Boston handing the presidency over to George W. Bush.

"I think the majority of people on this campus are going to be mad because nobody seems to like Bush anymore," junior sociology major Jessica L. Coggins said.

In the background of the celebration Kerry supporters discussed their fears of the country's future now that Bush has been elected as President for another four years.

"I believe the world will see World War III in the next four years with Bush as president," senior electronic and media broadcast major Colleen K. Burns said.

Many who opposed Bush were unhappy with his handling of the war and the expansion of the national debt.

In this election, many Appalachian students found themselves uncertain of

which candidate to choose because they did not like any of the options.

"I agree with Jessie Ventura when he said, if you vote for the lesser of two evils you are still voting for evil," junior history and secondary education major Dan J. McKinney said.

Many feel the election was so close because there was not a prominent "good-guy" to choose.

Bush earned 53 percent of the votes cast in Watauga county compared to Kerry's 47 percent. The tight election worries a number of people because of the fact that the nation is so divided on a variety of important issues.

Others feel that democracy as a whole has floundered in our society today.

The Rise-Up Community Collective group held a silent protest against the government yesterday. The group argued that, in our political system, a citizen no longer has a role to play after they vote.

Being either a Bush fan or Kerry fan may separate the student body; however, everyone seems to be glad that the elections are finally over.

"The majority of the country was on the fence, not leaning one way more than the other. I'm just glad the decision has been made so now we know what to expect," junior history and elementary education major Melissa R. Freeman said.

Is this the right line, or left line?



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Students wait outside the Agricultural Conference Center Tuesday to vote. 23,682 people voted in the presidential race according to the Watauga County Board of Elections.

Democrats sweep commissioner race

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Watauga County Democrats swept the Watauga County Commissioners elections Nov. 2 with all three Democrats winning their elections.

William R. Winkler, Jim Deal and Winston Kinsey all won their respective district races to become county commissioners.

In the closest race, Winkler defeated incumbent James Coffey 51 to 49 percent.

Deal defeated Joe Phillips 54 to 46 percent and incumbent Allen Trivette was defeated by Kinsey 52 to 48 percent.

Deal said the first thing he plans to do is sit down with the Watauga County Board of Education and talk about the future.

Deal said he plans to sit down with all contingencies in the county to see what problems can be fixed and how future problems can be avoided.

"We need to develop plans for our future," Deal said.

Deal said he has many goals for his time in office. One goal is to develop a new commercial park.

Deal also emphasized growth and development in Watauga County.

"A huge issue is growth and development," Deal said.

Deal said Appalachian State University is a big part of the growth and development issue, but said it is a countywide concern.

He said Appalachian State also affects the traffic concern in Boone, but again it is not just a concern with the

university.

The most effective way to deal with problems and to prevent problems Deal said is to make sure all parties involved have good communication and work together. "We need to work together to develop strategies to deal with traffic," Deal said.

Deal said every part of the county needs to work together.

He said Appalachian State and Watauga County are linked together.

"We can accomplish great things if we work together," Deal said.

Deal said when different contingencies in the county don't work together more problems can be created.

Kinsey said the first thing he plans on doing as county commissioner is to get educated on state statutes and to meet with the board of education and town council to share ideas about the future.

Kinsey said the most pressing issue is the new high school, so it is important to communicate with the board of education.

Kinsey also emphasized other issues. "I'd like to do something about affordable housing in the county," he said.

Kinsey said he'd also like to see a more diversified economy, but said he stresses keeping the education system in excellent condition.

Kinsey said he was amazed at the interest Appalachian State students generated in this election.

"I want ASU students to stay involved in government," he said. "ASU stu-

WATAUGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



District 2

William R. Winkler (D)
51 percent
WINNER



District 3
Jim Deal (D)
54 percent
WINNER



District 5
Winston Kinsey (D)
52 percent
WINNER

Source: Watauga County Board of Elections



Foxx

Board of Elections, Foxx came out as the victor. She held 162,730 votes, or 59 percent of the vote, and Harrell grabbed 112, 965, or 40 percent of the vote.

Harrell was not available for comment before press time.

Foxx said she attributes the outcome to her values and experience resonating with the voters.

"The people of the district wanted someone who was down to earth, who had worked for a living, and who shared the conservative values of the district," Foxx said. "I think people want to know what you believe in and what you stand for.

"Even if people disagree with you politically, they respect you if you have consistent philosophy, and I have consistent philosophy, and I've been told over the years that Democrats vote for me a lot because they respect that. The public doesn't want wishy-washy people in political office."

Foxx said she thinks Harrell did not win because of the image he portrayed of himself.

"Mr. Harrell could not define what a conservative was when I asked. He did not want to be identified as either a Democrat or a Republican. He ran away from the Democratic party. He called himself a moderate bipartisan person," she said.

Her faith was also a big influence in her campaign and continues to be a factor in her personal life. She said whether or not she decides to keep advancing her political career is not her decision.

"I don't make plans for my life," she said. "I never had any idea when I was growing

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