

**CAMPUS BRIEFS**  
**UNC student charged with possession of stolen vehicle**

Michael Woods, a part-time UNC student, was arrested at 1:51 p.m. Sunday for the possession of a stolen Ford Taurus, University police reports state.

Woods, 24, was charged with felony possession of a stolen vehicle and two misdemeanors — fictitious plates and no operator's license, reports state.

Woods' home address, 1943 Robinhood Road in Winston-Salem, matches that of Kristy Freeman Woods, who owns the stolen vehicle, according to reports.

Reports state that Woods was taken to the Chapel Hill Police Department, where he signed a written promise to appear Monday at Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Resident of Bolinwood Drive raped by boyfriend**

A rape occurred at 3:09 a.m. Monday in a residence off of Bolinwood Drive, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, the perpetrator, who was the victim's boyfriend, held down and raped the victim, who was not a student.

**2 men charged with indecent exposure in separate cases**

Two unrelated cases of indecent exposure were reported Monday, Chapel Hill police reports state.

The first incident occurred at 10:10 a.m. on Bolin Creek Trail, when victims observed Robert John Conrady, 23, of 2604 Garden Road in East Greensboro, touching himself on the bench beside the bridge, said police spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

Officers came slowly down the path in a squad car, but Conrady fled when they approached, she said.

An investigation led officers to 121 Meadowbrook Drive, where Conrady was arrested and charged with indecent exposure and resisting arrest, both misdemeanors, reports state.

He was taken to Orange County Jail to be held on a secured \$2,500 bond. He will appear Nov. 22 in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

A second incident occurred around 5 p.m. when a red pickup truck with a confederate flag on the front and a noisy muffler pulled up beside a school bus full of children on Seawell School Road near Estes Drive, Cousins said.

The bus driver realized after he had pulled away that the man had exposed himself, Cousins said.

Police still are investigating the incident.

**Teen charged with stolen car, concealed weapon**

A 16-year-old has been arrested and charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, a felony, and carrying a concealed weapon, a misdemeanor, in connection with a collision with a police patrol car, Chapel Hill police reports state.

Spokeswoman Jane Cousins said an attempted robbery was reported at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday off Sykes Street.

Responding officers found a car with a similar description to that used in the robbery and followed it to Franklin Street, she said.

The car collided with a patrol car in the intersection of Franklin and Columbia streets, and all three occupants tried to flee, she said.

Two of the occupants escaped, but police apprehended and arrested Lamar Bass, a passenger.

The vehicle, a green 1996 four-door Buick, was determined to be stolen, and police found a handgun in the car, she said.

Police still are investigating the robbery, Cousins said.

Bass was taken to the Orange County Jail and was set to appear Tuesday in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough.

**5 laptops stolen during local Halloween night parties**

More than \$17,000 in laptops was reported stolen from five different Halloween night parties, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, a total of six laptops were stolen from residences on Cameron Avenue, East Rosemary Street, Yates Court, Airport Road and Fraternity Court.

Other items stolen in the incidents include telephone equipment and three beer keg taps, reports state.

Police have not speculated yet whether other students or area criminals were involved in the larcenies, said spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

— From staff reports.

# Foushee, Carey lead for BOCC

## Merger proposal is pivotal issue

BY TED STRONG  
 STAFF WRITER

The Election Day tallies for two open seats on the Orange County Board of Commissioners clearly established front-runners.

But as of press time, there still remained more than 30,000 provisional and absentee ballots to be counted before official winners could be declared.

Based on Election Day returns, Democrat Valerie Foushee led the pack of four candidates for the county board with 18,516 votes, incumbent Moses Carey Jr. was in second with 16,652 votes, Republican Jamie Daniel had 12,021 votes and Libertarian Artie Franklin had garnered 3,446 votes.

All four candidates were competing for two open seats on the five-person board.

Foushee was pleased by her progress but still cautious about celebrating.

"I'm pleased, I'm honored and I'm humbled," she said. "I don't take anything for granted, so I'm just looking forward to what the final tallies are and hopeful that I

am successful."

Daniel was not yet ready to concede the election. "I think that the second seat is still up for grabs."

Carey said he was pulling for both Democratic candidates.

"I think (Foushee) has earned the opportunity to serve because of the race she ran in the primary," said Carey, who spent the early evening watching the returns come in from Orange County with his family.

"We had a nice meal earlier tonight, and my daughters and my grandson came over to spend a little time with me," Carey said.

If Carey holds on to his second-place position, he will be adding to a tenure that already has spanned 20 years.

After nearly all of the precinct ballots had been counted, Carey said he was pleased that he and Foushee were topping the ballot.

One major issue in this year's election was the difference in per pupil funding between Orange County and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City schools.

In 2003, Carey introduced the idea of merging the county and city school systems.

Since then, all three other candidates have come out in opposition of the proposal, though Franklin said a merger could be necessary

at some point in the future — a question he said should be put to a voter referendum.

"The primary election this year is probably the closest I've ever experienced, and that is because I raised a controversial issue in the school merger," Carey said.

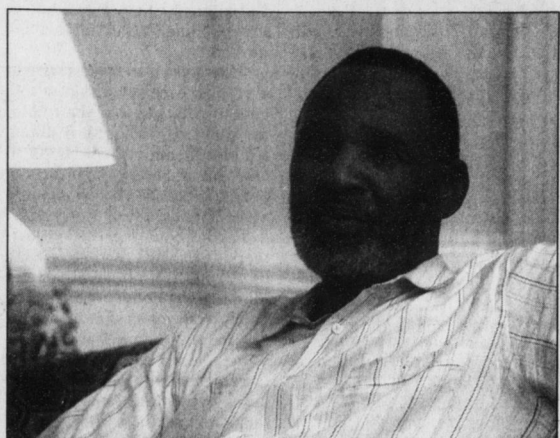
Carey narrowly defeated two other Democratic candidates in the July 20 primary, including incumbent commissioner Margaret Brown, to advance to the general election. Foushee was the leading Democratic vote-getter.

Other alternatives to the merger, in the form of either adding a separate tax in Orange County or taxing both the county and the towns together, have been proposed, but Carey said he still supports a merger, saying it is the only way to solve the problem in the long run.

Carey primarily ran on his position of funding equality and his experience. "The public knows that I'm sincere about trying to represent the interests of all the residents in the county."

Foushee, who strongly opposed the merger, emphasized her experience as well.

"I'd like to think that (my success) has something to do with the services that I've already given the county," she said.



DTH/DANIEL HAM

Orange County Commissioner Moses Carey Jr. speaks to a reporter while in his home Tuesday night. He won 16,652 votes in the election.

She has served on the city board of education since 1997.

Daniel ran his campaign based largely on the merger question but also publicly questioned the county schools' fund-raising policy.

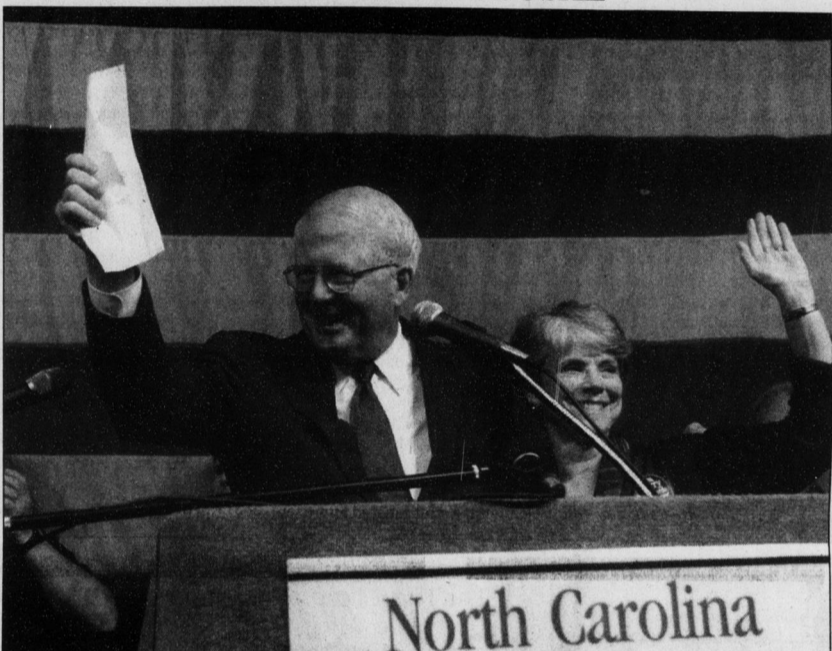
Franklin, who along with his opposition to merger ran a campaign for representation reform, said he hoped his campaign would have an impact beyond Election Day.

"I hope that I ran a campaign on the types of issues that will be remembered more than the numbers," Franklin said.

"It's been a good experience. I have learned a lot, and people have been very open and generous with their advice and support."

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**BUSINESS AS USUAL**



DTH/LAURA MORTON

U.S. Rep. David Price waves to the crowd with his wife, Lisa, after giving his victory speech at the Raleigh Convention Center on Tuesday. Price was elected to a ninth term in the House, winning 62 percent of the vote.

## PRICE BULLDOZES PATH TO 9TH TERM

BY MARK PUENTE  
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RALEIGH — As many Democratic candidates waited anxiously for votes to be tabulated, U.S. Rep. David Price took center stage to thank supporters for sending him to a ninth term in the House.

"My heartfelt thanks goes to the voters of the 4th Congressional District for allowing me to represent them in the 109th Congress," Price said. "Tonight, we have a wonderful outpouring of democracy."

Price gave his victory speech about 10 p.m. after Gov. Mike Easley's victory speech. Price garnered 62 percent of the vote, and his Republican opponent, Todd Batchelor, won 38 percent.

Price has enjoyed success in his last three contests by picking up more than 55 percent of the vote.

Price also is accustomed to delivering victory speeches. He has been defeated only once in 10 elections.

With a raucous crowd cheering exuberantly, Price told supporters

that when he returns to the nation's capital, he intends to continue working hard for his district.

"I promise that I will remember your hard work when I return to Washington, D.C. You have worked very, very hard, and the results will show it when the totals come in."

One constituent who moved to Cary from Palm Beach County, Fla., in 2000 said Price is well-versed in international affairs.

Haluk Keskinger voted for Price because the congressman knows the issues Turkish-Americans face.

"Price has international awareness of what is going on," Keskinger said. "Hopefully, in another two years, we will benefit from his policies."

As an incumbent in a district with strong Republican support, Price has acknowledged that he must reach across party lines. Much of his district lies in Orange and Durham counties, Democratic strongholds, but he also must win support from parts of GOP-heavy Wake County.

Tom Hampton of Raleigh said Price has done many things for voters in his predominantly Republican neighborhood.

"Part of Price's secret is he provides excellent constituent services," he said. "He constantly reaches out to people. Many Republicans vote for him because they can call him."

He added that Price's only defeat in the mid-1990s taught him a lesson.

"Being a loyal Democrat, I believe he learned from former Senator Jesse Helms about constituent services."

Back at GOP headquarters at the Brownstone Hotel, the mood was more somber yet no less optimistic as hundreds of people packed themselves into the ballroom.

Batchelor said Tuesday's results left him determined, not disheartened.

"If I inspired one person to run for office or to get involved in politics ... it was worth it," said

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## Kinnaird beats 'Whit' to keep place in Senate

BY INDIA AUTRY  
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 STAFF WRITERS

Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, beat out Republican Robert "Whit" Whitfield in the race for the 23rd N.C. Senate District. The win was long anticipated but not guaranteed.

"I'd better not count any chickens yet," Kinnaird said early in the evening on Election Day.

Redistricting made a victory slightly tougher for the fourth-term senator. Orange County remained in her territory, but predominantly Democratic Chatham County was replaced by Person County, a fairly conservative area.

Yet Kinnaird ultimately held onto her seat by more than 8,000 votes.

Whitfield said he didn't have any illusions of a big upset. "When I entered the race I knew it was going to be a long shot," he said. "I figured if I could turn out enough conservative voters I would have a chance."

Kinnaird focused on trying to thwart his plan by appealing to more conservative constituents.

"I spent most of my time in Person County," she said. "I hope to get to know the people there."

Kinnaird visited all but one precinct in the county and ran into her opponent and his two brothers, also

named Whit, on a Tuesday visit, she said during an impromptu interview with local radio station WCHL 1360 at Top of the Hill Restaurant & Brewery on Tuesday.

Kinnaird claimed that the brothers call themselves Halfwhit, Nitwhit and Dimwhit.

"(My opponent and I) had an interesting talk," she said.

During their conversation, Kinnaird complained to Whitfield that he had misrepresented her in fliers he distributed. She told WCHL that her opponent responded that he obtained the information from newspapers or hearsay. "You might think he'd check to see," she said.

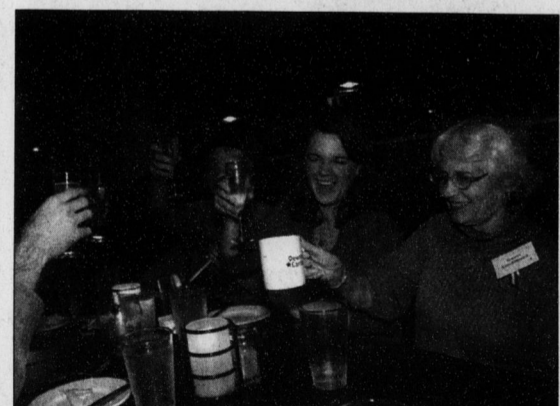
Later that night she referred to her opponent as "a character."

With Democrats in southern Orange County eager to oust President Bush, turnout in that area would outweigh any losses she might suffer in Person and northern Orange counties, Kinnaird said.

"You might say I'm riding on (Sen. John) Kerry's coattails," she said.

Though Doug Biddy, Orange County Republican Party chairman, said Kinnaird represents a small minority of the area's population, her campaign manager, Dan Harris, said Kinnaird will be an effective

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DTH/BRANDON SMITH

Incumbent N.C. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird celebrates her victory with some supporters at Spice Street restaurant in University Mall on Tuesday.

## Insko garners 5th term in unopposed House race

BY ERIC JOHNSON  
 STAFF WRITER

At about 8:30 p.m. on Election Day, as Verla Insko sat monitoring the first returns in a dozen close races for the N.C. House, her thoughts suddenly turned to her own re-election bid.

"Let's see if I have any votes yet!" she exclaimed, scrolling through the list of House districts on her computer screen.

"Nothing yet," she said, but that was hardly cause for alarm.

Insko was unopposed in her bid for a fifth term as state representative from the 56th District, a Democratic stronghold that encompasses Orange County.

She has occasionally faced token opposition from Republican or Libertarian candidates, but

none filed to run against her this year.

"It's a lot less stressful," she said. "I don't worry about losing."

With her own electoral future in no danger, Insko spent most of her evening tracking other state races online and listening for television updates on the national race.

With only sparse results available for N.C. House races, Insko was hopeful that Democrats might be able to gain enough seats to elect their own speaker for the next session. With a near-even split after the last round of House elections, the body has been operating under a power-sharing agreement that provided for co-speakers and joint committee chairmen.

While that arrangement has been manageable, Insko said, it



Rep. Verla Insko ran unopposed for a fifth term serving the N.C. House's 56th District.

has kept more controversial items off the chamber's agenda.

"If Democrats have a majority, we might elect our own speaker," Insko said.

"For me, that would mean a chairmanship of a committee by myself, and it would mean we could deal with some of the issues that are important to the state."

The power-sharing, she said, has been amicable but difficult. "It's hard enough work to nego-

ciate differences within your own party, but when you have to add the complexities of getting along with the other party, too, it makes it more difficult. It's harder to accomplish your legislative goals."

Insko said she expects that any Republican majority likely would be too fractured to elect a Republican speaker, meaning another power-sharing deal could be possible.

"The split in the North Carolina Republicans mirrors, I think, the split in the national party," she said.

"It's the conservative wing that votes primarily on these values-based issues and the more moderate wing of the Republican Party that is fiscally conservative but more moderate on some of those ideological things."

With few results trickling in,

Insko decided to make the rounds at Spice Street restaurant at University Mall, scene of Orange County Democrats' election-day party.

Meandering through the crowds of party officials and activists, she stopped often to chat with friends and discuss the latest election returns.

It was going to be a long night for those awaiting national results, she said, but an early night for her. The reason?

"I'm going to Raleigh in the morning," she said.

"We've got to start preparing for the special session (of the General Assembly)."

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