

Candidates bash mudslinging

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U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Democrat Mike Easley, one of his opponents in the 1990 U.S. Senate elections, said recently they did not intend to engage in the exchange of

malicious personal attacks, or "mudslinging," in an attempt to discredit each other in the campaign.

"Helms hasn't made this a formal issue, but there have been comments made along the lines that he doesn't want to be involved in a campaign that

resorts to mudslinging," said Eric Lundgren, a spokesman for Helms.

Carter Wrenn, director of the N.C. Congressional Club, a political organization which supports the conservative cause and candidates like Helms, said personal attacks were basically unacceptable in campaigning.

"There's a big difference between discussing issues, pointing out an opponent's weaknesses and mudslinging," he said. "I don't know why anybody supports it."

In an Oct. 2 statement announcing his position as democratic candidate, Easley, the district attorney for Columbus, Brunswick and Bladen counties, denounced mudslinging.

"Easley wants to prove that honest and positive politics can bring people together and solve the problems the people in North Carolina face," said Bob Armstrong, Easley's press secretary.

Armstrong termed Helms' tactics "low-road" politics and said his past campaigns could speak for themselves. "The way some campaigns are handled doesn't respect the decency of the people."

Conference addresses N.C. infant mortality rate

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N.C. businesses, churches and public health services must cooperate with the government to combat the state's extraordinarily high infant mortality rate, experts said during a conference held last Thursday.

While the General Assembly is attempting to address the issue of infant mortality, it is convinced that it alone cannot carry the full burden, Gov. Jim Martin said.

In order to encourage outside help, Martin recently founded the Governor's Council on Infant Mortality and Morbidity that is aimed at publicizing the state's high infant death rate and encouraging businesses and churches to provide financial and moral support.

North Carolina's infant mortality rate ranks fourth highest in the na-

tion, and in 1987 alone the infant death rate rose by 4.3 percent. Much of the problem is linked to the fact that 22 percent of all pregnant women in the state receive little or no prenatal care, experts say. Failing to receive this care often leads to low birth-weight babies.

Women who do not receive prenatal care are three times more likely to have a baby with a low birth weight, according to Carla Weinfeld, coordinator of the prenatal program at Orange-Chatham Comprehensive Health Services (OCCHS).

Many experts worry that not all of the state's pregnant women are aware of the importance of prenatal care. Perhaps more disturbing than ignorance is the fact that prenatal care is not available to all of the state's pregnant women, Weinfeld said. Poorer women who are on Medicaid often have trouble finding doctors who will accept the

plan as payment. In order to make pre-natal care available to more women, the General Assembly recently raised Medicaid reimbursement rates by 50 percent.

Representatives from businesses and churches who attended the Thursday conference expressed a concern for the state's dying children and demonstrated their activism by describing some of the ways they have attempted to deal with the problem.

Two years ago, Burlington Industries began paying women employees \$100 bonuses for seeking prenatal care in the first three months of pregnancy. The company also founded an educational program, and now more than 90 percent of the pregnant women who work for the company are receiving the required prenatal care.

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Trip the light fantastic with big band sound

By WENDY GRADY
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Not only old folks enjoy big band music.

For those adventurous college students who dare to dance back into the 1940s, the ArtsCenter will present a Moonlight Serenade Dance tonight at the Fearington Barn.

The dance will feature the Glenn Miller Orchestra, which consists of music graduates from some of the best schools in the country. The average age of the musicians is 23.

The orchestra consists of 19 musicians including five saxophonists, four trumpeters, four trombones players and three rhythm section members, as well as a male and female vocalist.

Founded in 1938, the Glenn Miller Orchestra has played at conventions, parties, state fairs and colleges across

the country.

The internationally known orchestra travels with its own sound system and is noted for its distinctive sound, created by the clarinet holding the melodic line, doubled or coupled with the tenor sax playing the same harmonies and notes as the other saxophones. This sound, with strong trombones and trumpets in the background, usually includes solos in each song.

Although the band continues to play the Miller specials that have made the orchestra known world-wide, they also try to keep a contemporary edge by playing modern tunes that lend themselves to a big band edition.

The orchestra's repertoire numbers about 1,700 compositions, including songs like "Just the Way You Are" by Billy Joel, "New York, New York" by Frank Sinatra and "Up Where We

Belong" from "An Officer and A Gentleman."

This grouping of timeless songs with up-and-coming musicians is what accounts for the appeal to younger audiences that have had less exposure to the big band sound.

Traveling in their own MCI Cruiser, the band is on the road longer than any other big band and performs almost 300 concerts a year with audiences numbering more than 500,000 people.

However, Charles DeStefano, the assistant vice president of Glenn Miller Productions Inc., said that the band's 48-week-a-year haul was not enough and that they were still seeking more work.

The ArtsCenter in Carrboro has been successful with other big band acts in the past, including The Artie Shaw

Orchestra featured at the Stardust Ball and The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra at the For Sentimental Reasons Dance, according to communications director Bett Wilson.

To continue the tradition, the Moonlight Serenade Dance will be held in the rustic barn at the Fearington Village, which will provide a country setting just as in the days when the original Glenn Miller Orchestra was on the prom circuit.

During the dance the bar will be open and refreshments will be provided.

Tickets are on sale now at \$15 single/\$25 couple. For more information, call 929-ARTS. The ArtsCenter is a non-profit organization located at 300-G East Main St. in Carrboro.

Smoking limits narrowly approved in Greensboro

From Associated Press reports

In Greensboro, the heart of tobacco-land, curbs on smoking were approved by the narrowest of margins Tuesday.

In Greensboro, where the tobacco giant Lorillard Inc. employs 2,000

workers and more than half the city's registered voters smoke, limits on smoking in some public places were approved by 173 votes out of 29,809 votes cast.

With all 45 precincts reporting unof-

ficial tallies, there were 14,991 votes for the curbs and 14,818 against them.

The proposal would ban smoking in elevators and in certain stores. The limits would also require restaurants seating more than 50 people to set aside a

quarter of their seats for non-smokers.

Meanwhile, New York City approved a sweeping charter change that makes its government more representative.

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protection to the location of the new post office.

While voter turnout is historically low when no state or national elections are held, Kinnaird said that the mayoral race could have brought out more voters in Carrboro.

Kinnaird said she thought the turnout was not bad considering no major elections were taking place.

"Graduate students are always pretty good about showing up. Unless you have a state or national election, you're not going to get a big undergraduate turnout. They tend to be involved in other things dealing with themselves.

"I think it's important for students to participate in these things. I like to keep

the students in mind."

In her upcoming term Kinnaird said there should be an effort to concentrate on good-quality transportation, and she focused on improved public transportation during her campaign.

"Students have a difficult time getting to campus. They get squished into buses like sardines, so we need to concern ourselves with better transportation to campus."

Kinnaird said another primary issue in Carrboro was watershed protection.

"Watershed protection is very important to our community. I ran on it last time, and I ran on it again this year. It's a major concern for the environment.

"The Carrboro watershed is, I think, the only pure water source in the state. The prime importance is to keep it as pure as possible."

Kinnaird said the focus for the Board of Aldermen had not changed drastically with the election. In the board

elections, incumbents Hilliard Caldwell and Tom Gurganus kept their seats. Challenger Jacquelyn Gist claimed the other position.

"Tommy Gurganus pulled through with his campaign, so I don't think the

board will change that much," Kinnaird said. "Tommy is very reasonable, honest and straightforward. He's also closely allied with Hilliard Caldwell. Other than that, the board has no alliances either way."

Pit

affairs committee, may also be gaining some momentum. A committee of students, faculty and administrators released a report on education last week that lists an academic minor as a change that would improve the curriculum at UNC. "I'm encouraged that the report on education supports the call for academic minors."

Although reactions from department chairs to the proposal have been mixed, the classics department has indicated it will implement a minor, he said.

The department has written to Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, that it is interested in

offering a minor. "The smaller curricula could really benefit from this," Lewis said.

Other student government projects Lewis said were now being worked on include:

- a counterproposal to the Chapel Hill town noise ordinance;
- a new ambassadors program, in which students would meet UNC alumni and update them about developments on campus;
- plans for the site and means of funding the Black Cultural Center; and
- a petition to demand the addition of a Native American to the faculty.

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