

# N.C. Senate candidates' platforms emphasize diversity

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Four candidates are fighting a tight battle for Orange County votes as they vie for the two N.C. Senate seats up for grabs in the Nov. 6 election.

Republican Bill Boyd and 16-year incumbent Democrat Russell Walker are candidates in the 16th senatorial district, which includes Person, Granville, Durham and northern Orange counties; one-term incumbent Democrat Howard Lee and Republican Max Reece are trying to win the seat for the 13th district, consisting of Chatham, Moore, Randolph and southern Orange counties.

Reece, who lost the 1988 election to Walker by 215 votes, said his platform basically consisted of the same five issues of the earlier race, including finding a solution to the drug problem, implementing prison reform, compen-

sating state-employed retail merchants who lose money on sales tax, limiting the length of the legislative session and granting veto power to the governor.

"We can't continue to throw money at education," Reece said. He also said he supports more local and parental involvement in the education process.

Reece said he was opposed to oil drilling off the N.C. coast and supported voluntary recycling so that it would not become federally mandated due to overflowing landfills.

Walker, an Asheboro resident, differed in his view on education, saying he wanted to get the Basic Education Plan "back on track."

"I believe we need to restore budget cuts in higher education," Walker said.

He said he was interested in mental health care reform, subsidized state aid for day care, having "adult day care" for

senior citizens and reducing North Carolina's infant mortality rate, which is one of the highest in the nation.

Walker is chairman for the Appropriations Committee on Human Services and co-chair for the Environmental Review Commission in the Senate.

Boyd, who served three terms in the N.C. House of Representatives, said he wanted stiffer drug and criminal laws and for drug offenders to serve mandatory full sentences.

The first bill Boyd said he planned to introduce would expand the Open Meetings Law, under which local government meetings must be accessible to the public, to include the Legislature, as well.

Boyd also supports giving the governor of North Carolina veto power. "It's ridiculous the governor of this

state doesn't have veto power," he said.

"We need to get education back to the classrooms," Boyd added, placing emphasis on the value of the Basic Education Plan and more local control of schools.

He also contended that there was a "balance" between growth and conservatism, saying he wanted to encourage "good, clean" industry in North Carolina.

"I'm an environmentalist...but I also want us to continue to be able to have good growth," he said.

Lee said he wanted to place "heavy emphasis" on recycling in North Carolina and improve the mass transit system.

Lee said he was pushing for greater self-management for N.C. universities. He also stressed having a "commitment"

to the Basic Education Plan.

One issue Lee is concentrating on is management of government funds.

"We need to recognize we are in a time when we have limited government resources," Lee said. "We need to learn how to have better overall government management of financial resources."

Lee is on the faculty at the UNC School of Social Work.

All four candidates stuck to their party line concerning the issue of state funding for abortion, although Reece said he was not opposed to women having abortions as long as it was still legal.

"I think it's a choice for the woman and her deity," he said.

John Humphrey, a press secretary for the North Carolina Democratic Party, said that the race would be close, but

that he expected the Democrats to win.

"[Russell and Lee] have ably supported their districts in the past," he said. They also have the advantages of incumbency on their side.

But according to Tom Ballus, press secretary for the N.C. Republican Party, Reece and Boyd have been able to raise more money than is usual for challengers to incumbents because they already have recognition among N.C. voters.

Boyd ran for lieutenant governor in 1988, narrowly losing to James Gardner, and Reece came close to winning the 13th district seat against Lee.

Ballus said the biggest setback to the Republican party's cause in Orange County was the high support for Democratic candidates in Chapel Hill.

"Knock that out and we'd carry the election," he said.

## Lawsuit stems from beating death

From Associated Press reports

PORTLAND, Ore. — White supremacist Tom Metzger told jurors Monday that they could imperil their constitutional right to free speech if they find him liable for the beating death of a black man.

After Metzger's arguments and instructions from a judge, jurors began deliberations in the \$12.5 million lawsuit brought by the family of Mulgeta Seraw.

Seraw, a 27-year-old Ethiopian who planned to attend school in Portland, was attacked by three racist "skinheads" as he returned home from a party in November 1988. His head was split open by a softball bat.

Metzger, 52, and his son John, 22, are accused in the lawsuit of inciting the murder by sending an agent to Portland to organize skinheads and teach them how to commit violence on minorities.

Metzger, a television repairman from Fallbrook, Calif., is a former Ku Klux Klan grand dragon who founded White Aryan Resistance. He and his son represented themselves in the lawsuit.

The organization and two of the Portland skinheads also are defendants in the lawsuit.

Multnomah County Circuit Judge Ancer Haggerty instructed the jury to render an impartial verdict based on the evidence.

He told the jury that in order to return a verdict against the Metzgers, they must find that the Metzgers, through their agents, substantially assisted or encouraged conduct leading to the fatal beating.

Metzger told jurors that if he is found liable, their own freedoms could be eroded. As an example, he said a juror could be sued for sending a co-worker out for coffee if that person then held up

a convenience store.

"Under this loose idea of agency, you're all in trouble," he said.

Metzger attacked the credibility of Dave Mazzella, 21, a former vice president of John Metzger's Aryan Youth Movement who was the plaintiffs' star witness.

He contended that Mazzella lied when he said the Metzgers sent him to Portland to stir up the local skinheads, members of East Side White Pride. Mazzella said he since has changed his racist ways.

Metzger noted that other witnesses said Mazzella was the leader of a southern Oregon skinhead group as recently as a few months ago.

"Mazzella exaggerates and wants to be in the spotlight in the center of the stage," he said. "Without Dave Mazzella, there is no case."

## Judicial elections consider party affiliation

From Associated Press reports

RALEIGH — This year's judicial races have put the "partisan" back in political campaigns.

Ethical restrictions for years have made North Carolina's judicial elections little more than beauty contests. Candidates are allowed to discuss only their background and experience.

The judicial code of ethics put any discussion of a candidate's political views or his opinions about controversial topics off limits.

This year, however, state Republican Party chief Jack Hawke and GOP Gov.

Jim Martin joined the battle, questioning rulings by the state's appeals court and urging voters to replace "liberal" incumbent Democrats with "conservative" Republican challengers.

The Republicans, who have made a gradual comeback in North Carolina politics, used an outside committee four years ago to generate some political heat in the judicial races.

Judges who campaigned in the virtually silent races of the past have been horrified by what can happen when a partisan election truly becomes partisan.

"I have been amazed at the turn the

campaign has taken in recent weeks," former Chief Justice Joseph Branch said at a news conference last week. "...Where we are now is an attack on the legal system itself. If the people of North Carolina lose their confidence in the court system, there will be chaos."

Branch and other retired justices, all Democrats, endorsed the Democratic incumbents for re-election. Most indicated they had long been unhappy with the partisan elections required for judges.

"I never thought that judges ought to be in the position of going out and raising money and getting into partisan political battles," Branch said. "I have always believed, even when I was in the middle of it, that we shouldn't be involved in partisan politics."

Former Justice David Britt said he had favored some other system for selecting judges for 25 years.

"What has happened in recent weeks and months is alarming to me," he said.

Democrats and Republicans, including Martin and Chief Justice James Exum, have tried for years to replace the election system for judges with a merit selection system.

Different forms of merit selection would have judges picked by a selection committee or the governor, approved by the legislature and possibly put to an election in which voters could decide whether to keep them or replace them.

No matter what form the merit selection plans have taken, legislators have never even come close to approving them.

## Groups endorse candidates

By APRIL DRAUGHN  
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Student government and Graduate Students United separately endorsed some incumbent candidates for the N.C. General Assembly.

The student government members established a list of incumbents they endorsed for the Nov. 6 election for the N.C. House of Representatives and N.C. Senate.

Student leaders compiled the list in response to concerns students have expressed about the General Assembly's stance on higher education, said Bill Hildebolt, student body president.

"I felt like we needed to do something positive," he said. "There are people in the General Assembly that do a good job and they deserve recognition."

Grant Vinik, student body vice president, said the list would provide students with information about the candidates.

"These are some of the individuals who we consider some of our better friends," he said. "Students know what's going on in state and local governments and they're interested in who's supporting them and who is not."

Student government and GSU endorsed Anne Barnes, D-Orange, and Joe Hackney, D-Orange, the incumbents from Orange County, for the N.C. House of Representatives. They also endorsed Howard Lee, D-Orange, and Russell Walker, D-Randolph, for the N.C. Senate.

Joel Sipress, co-chairman of GSU, said the Orange County incumbents have responded to his group's concerns and have supported education.

"We know that all four of them have been supportive of the University in the current budget crisis," Sipress said.

People have come to him seeking information about which candidates

to support, Sipress said. "We had a responsibility to share with them the information we had."

Hildebolt said the four incumbents from Orange County could be a strong voice for the University in the General Assembly if they are elected by an overwhelming majority. "That's powerful. That will make a difference."

Student government sent notices to the candidates about the endorsements, Hildebolt said.

Hildebolt also said students registered outside of Orange County who did not see incumbents from their districts on the list should write to these incumbents and find out their position on higher education.

"If their incumbents aren't endorsed, it's time for them to see who they should vote for," Hildebolt said.

Students cannot expect to vote out the entire General Assembly and start over with a new legislature, he said. Some legislators are doing their jobs, but bureaucracy hinders the General Assembly's appropriation of funds, Hildebolt said. The objective for voters is to keep people in the General Assembly who can change the bureaucracy, he said.

Student government chose the incumbents based on students leaders contact with the candidates, written correspondence with the candidates and endorsements from other campus organizations and administrators, Hildebolt said.

"People (the incumbents) went through a lot of different filters to make it onto this list," Hildebolt said. "We wanted to have a list that wasn't pretty good, but damn good."

Other UNC-system student governments offered their opinions about the endorsements. Appalachian State University was particularly vocal in their support of certain candidates, he said.

Copies of student government's endorsements will be available in Suite C of the Union, Hildebolt said.

The list of endorsements is as follows:

■ House of Representatives:  
Orange County: Anne Barnes, Democrat; Joe Hackney, Democrat.

Wake County: Daniel T. Blue Jr., Democrat; Peggy M. Stamey, Democrat.

Granville County: James W. Crawford, Democrat.

Randolph County: Arlie Culp, Republican.

Alamance County: Bertha Merrill Holt, Democrat.

McDowell County: Robert Hunter, Democrat.

Durham County: George W. Miller, Democrat.

Craven County: Beverly M. Perdue, Democrat.

Madison County: Liston B. Ramsey, Democrat.

Pitt County: Edward N. Warren, Democrat.

Lee County: Dennis A. Wicker, Democrat.

Rockingham County: Peggy A. Wilson, Republican.

■ Senate:  
Wayne County: Henson P. Barnes, Democrat.

Davie County: Betsy L. Cochrane, Republican.

Orange County: Howard N. Lee, Democrat.

Duplin County: Wendell H. Murphy, Democrat.

Union County: Aaron Wesley Plyler Sr., Democrat.

Gaston County: Marshall A. Rauch, Democrat.

Durham County: Kenneth C. Royall, Democrat.

Randolph County: Russell G. Walker, Democrat.

Forsyth County: Marvin M. Ward, Democrat.

Buncombe County: Dennis Jay Winner, Democrat.

Dare County: Marc Basnight, Democrat.

## Campus Calendar

TUESDAY

12:30 p.m.: The Institute for Research in Social Science presents "Latin American Data," an IRSS short course with Jose Sandoval in 2 Manning until 2 p.m.

1 p.m.: Study Abroad will hold an informational session for students interested in doing semester-long internships in Paris. Six semesters of French language is required. In the basement of Caldwell Hall until 1:30 p.m.

5 p.m.: The Learning Skills Center will hold a GRE Preview in 104 Phillips Annex with Victoria Faherty and Max Hines, until 7 p.m.

The Juggling Club will meet in front of Wilson Library until dark.

5:30 p.m.: Ridgefield Action Project will meet in the Campus Y Lounge. Please try to make it — we have a lot to discuss!

6 p.m.: Students for the Advancement of Race Relations will meet in 211 Union. Very important meeting! All are welcome.

SEAC Rainforest Action Group present Rolando Mendez, wildlife biologist who will speak on Old Growth issues in the Pacific Northwest, in 104 Howell. Dinner discussion at 6 p.m. at the Campus Y, speaker at 7:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.: Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals will meet in 109 Murphy. Find out how you can help!

7 p.m.: GCS Christian Fellowship presents Berk Wilson, "God Has Feelings Too," in 226 Union. All

welcome! Refreshments to follow.

Carolina Fever will have a general meeting in 100 Hamilton. Now that Homecoming is over, it's time to start looking ahead to basketball season! All Fever members should be there!

7:30 p.m.: Sigma Theta Alpha, the coed service fraternity, a division of HOSA, Inc., invites all interested in a health career to come to our meeting in 209 Union. Open to all future health care leaders.

8 p.m.: The Network for Minority Issues will have a last meeting for all interested in attending the Malcolm X Conference in New York City Nov. 1-4. Think fund raising!

The Campus Scouts will have a meeting in 210 Union.

ITEMS OF INTEREST  
SAFE Escort needs you! Applications now available at the Union desk and in the Steele Building basement. Return or mail to SAFE Escort, CB# 5100, 13 Steele Building, or as soon as possible.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is selling

Halloween-o-Grans in the Pit every day this week.

UNC French House: Au secours! Il reste encore une place libre a la maison francaise pur l'homme. Si vous pouvez lire cette annonce, et vous etes enthousiaste de la langue francaise, sarmettez votre candidature tout de suite a Sam Woodley 933-1007.

UCPPS announces on-campus testing for seniors interested in careers with the federal government. Test dates are Nov. 10 and 17. Registration forms and information are available in 211 Hanes. Registration deadline is Oct. 31 by 3 p.m.

PlayMakers Repertory Company will present the Southeast premiere of "Nothing Sacred," by Canadian playwright George F. Walker, Oct. 24-Nov. 11 at the Paul Green Theatre. For more information, call 962-PLAY. We need ushers for these performances. Usher sign-up sheets are located outside 203 Graham Memorial building. For more information, call Mary at 962-2489.

The Department of Dramatic Art presents "Hogan's Goat," by William Alfred, Nov. 7-11 in the PlayMakers Theatre. Call 962-PLAY for more info.

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