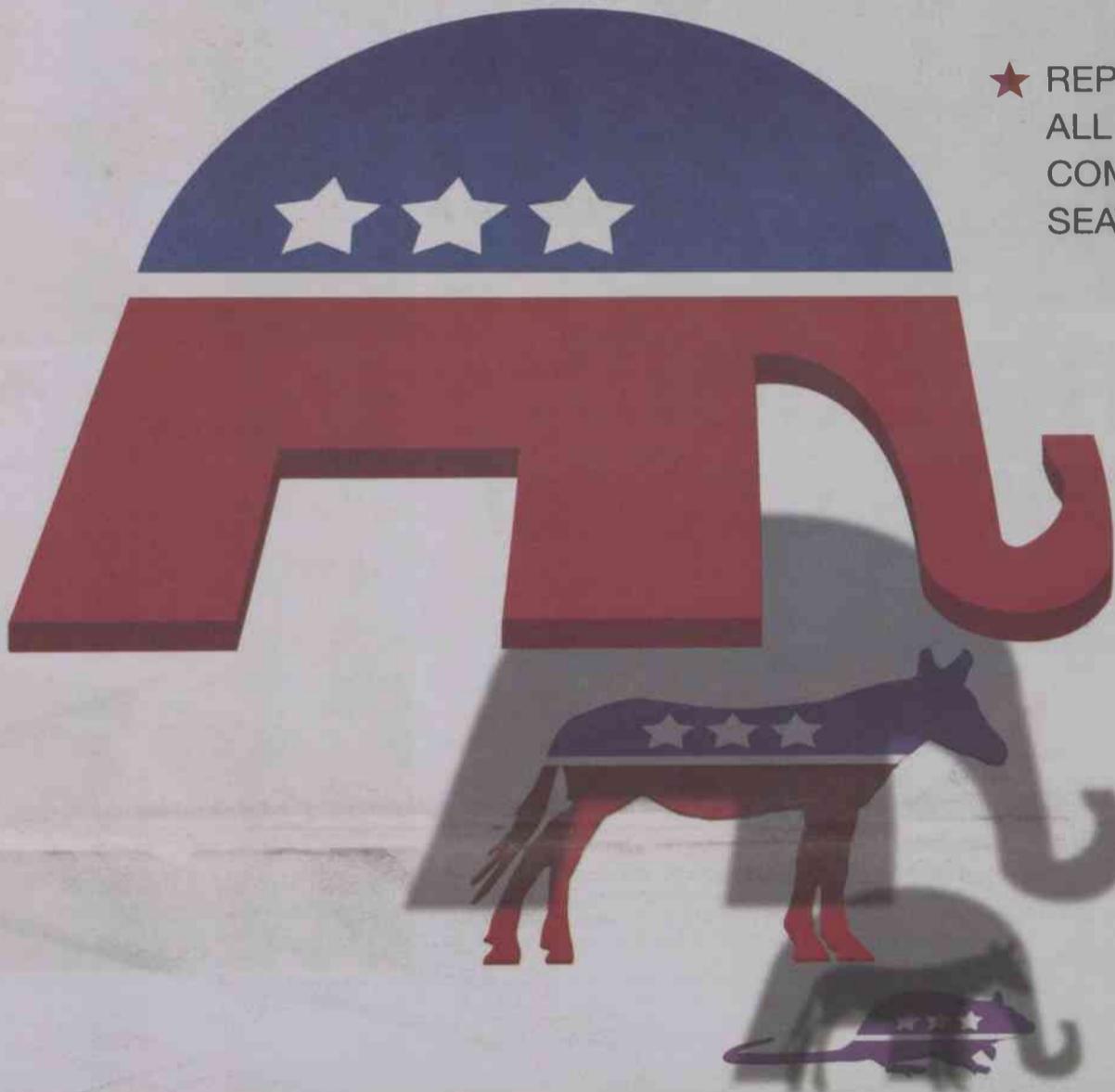


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Alamance County votes Republican



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Republican Burr defeats Marshall, holds US Senate seat

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Incumbent Richard Burr, R-N.C., won in the race for U.S. Senate Nov. 2 with 60.38% of the vote, just one example of the dominance of the Republican Party in Alamance County midterm elections.

Burr, who received 24,763 votes, ran against N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, a democrat who received 15,212 votes, and libertarian Michael Beitler, who received 1,013 votes.

Burr spoke to supporters in Winston-Salem and said he is eager to do his part.

"This is a new day in America," he said. "I ask for your prayers and I commit to you again to be the hardest

working U.S. senator North Carolina has ever seen."

In the past, Burr's seats has repeatedly rotated between parties. He is the first Senator, since 1967, to maintain his position.

"Thank goodness the curse has been broken," he said.

His campaign focused on reigning in government spending and debt.

In her concession speech at the Democratic Party gathering in Raleigh, Marshall thanked her supporters, commending them as a positive group.

"Senator Burr is a good man, he loves his wife, he loves his children and he works very hard," she said. "We may not agree on everything and this campaign helped point out some of those differences, but we both love this

state and love this country."

Alamance County Resident Rick Gilmore, who is affiliated with the Republican Party, said he considered the senatorial election one of the most significant races on the ballot.

"With my job I have worked with Senator Burr's office in doing some things with military contracts with the state of North Carolina," he said. "I had worked with his organization in the past and I wanted to make sure he was still there."

Resident Jeff Hitze, who said he is typically affiliated with the Republican Party, said the three main issues influencing his vote were taxes, education and health care.

"Taxes are okay if it's going to go to education in this area," he said. "Health

care needs a second look."

Resident Kathy Sanford said the unemployment rate and jobs influenced her vote in the election. She is affiliated with the Republican Party, but said she voted for both parties in the election.

"I think that some of the people in office now are doing a good job and some aren't, so I was very determined to vote today," she said.

She said she is also concerned with the issue of illegal immigrants in the state and has written letters to state Senators in the past.

"They have done some things," she said. "I think our federal government has totally let us down with that and I think the local persons who are trying to handle that situation are overwhelmed."

Elon begins planning for Physician's Assistant program

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Two years following the creation of a feasibility committee to look into the development of a Physician's Assistant master's program at Elon University, school officials are looking to solidify plans for a charter class expected for fall 2012 or January 2013.

The program will either be housed in Danieley East, a former Smithfield

Ham building on Haggard Avenue bought by the school earlier this year, or in Greensboro.

According to Art Fadde, associate dean of Admissions and director of Graduate Admissions, the Danieley East building is 150,000 square feet.

The building is already going to house the Doctor of Physical Therapy program and Fadde said it's a possibility that both programs could share the space.

Some details of the program, which is Elon's sixth graduate degree being offered, are already definite. It will have a charter class of 36 students and likely eight full-time faculty and staff, according to Bill Andrews, associate professor of Physical Therapy and chair of the feasibility committee. As of now, he said the school is looking for a program director who will be hired between January and summer 2011 and will solidify details of the

curriculum. Applications have already been received, he said.

The master's program is Elon's second health professional graduate program, following the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, which was formerly a master's program. The program will already be fully accredited prior to student arrival, which is unlike other graduate programs on

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