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Young professor to take on Garrou



Antonio Baxter is preparing for his first-ever campaign for public office.

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At 27, Antonio Baxter may be the youngest person in the county filing to run for office this election year. Baxter is a city native who has already earned bachelor's and master's degrees. He's a political science professor at Winston-Salem State University and is working on his Ph.D. Now he wants voters to send him to Raleigh to the Senate, where most of the current senators are old enough to be Baxter's grandparents.

Baxter said he will formally announce his candidacy and file for the 32nd District next week. Baxter, a Democrat, knows that he will face at least one challenger in the July 20 primary: popular incumbent Linda Garrou.

"There are a lot of concerns and issues in the 32nd District that I don't feel are being adequately addressed," Baxter said. "I commend (Garrou) on her service to the district. I just feel I have a better understanding of the people in the district and the issues

and concerns that affect them."

Baxter's biggest gripe is that the district - which includes East and South Winston-Salem - lacks the economic initiatives and developments that other parts of the city enjoy. As senator, he says he would fight for businesses and jobs to come to the district. Baxter referred to the recent hubbub over Wal-Mart's desire to build a super store off of Reynolda Road. He thinks he could push for businesses like Wal-Mart to consider areas in the 32nd District such as Kings Plaza Shopping Center.

"We could use a big business like that. For too long this area has been forgotten," he said.

If elected, Baxter said he would also work to push through alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent young people.

Redistricting created the 32nd District a few years ago. The racially diverse district seems tailor-made for a black candidate. Forsyth County the largest county in the state without black representation in the state senate. The district, which has about



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School officials are not pleased with the progression of three day schools that were set up at sites around the city to educate students with severe discipline problems. The day schools are among the plans implemented to accommodate students who would have

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