N.C. voters straddled party lines once again this election, as Republican presi-dential candidate George W. Bush ran away with the state's 14 electoral votes while Democratic candidates continued

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while Democratic candidates Continued to dominate state and local elections.

Bush won North Carolina by a clear margin over Democratic candidate Al Gore. But Mike Easley and Beverly Bendus Ash Democratic words to see Perdue, both Democrats, won the posi-tions of governor and lieutenant gover-

nor, respectively.

The same scenario occurred in 1996 when Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole won in North Carolina but Gov. Jim Hunt, a Democrat, once again

clinched the governor's race.

Jimmy Carter was the last
Democratic presidential candidate to
win North Carolina, in 1976.

In the 2000 election, Democrats also
retained a slight majority in the state
House and received two-thirds of the
seasts in the Senate.

Supporting Republican national can-

didates and Democratic state and local candidates is consistent with the state's political philosophy, said UNC political science professor George Rabinowitz.

"Our voters are fairly conservative at the national level, but they are not entirely antagonistic to liberals at the local level," Rabinowitz said.

He said people tend to vote conservatively at the national level to insure little influence from Washington, but N.C. residents do want a government that

residents do want a government that would make improvements in local Scott Salmlen, N.C. Democratic Party executive director, also said N.C. voters see state Democrats as more conservative than traditional Democrats nation

More state residents are registered Democrats, which Salmlen attributed to

the voters' agreement with the general philosophy of the Democratic Party. Dan Gurley, political director for the Republican Party of North Carolina, said local Democratic leadership was the result of the larger number of registered Democrats combined with little knowl-

edge of most lower-level candidates.
"When you have less information about the candidates, as is the case with local elections, the tendency is to vote

ocal elections, the tendency is to vote within one's own party," he said.
Gurley attributed the Republican vote at the national level to more aggressive campaigning by those candidates.
Despite the state's recent history, a

Democratic presidential candidate could win North Carolina in the not-too-dis-

tant future, Rabinowitz said.
Salmlen added that such a candidate would need to be able to relate to the

people whose votes he is courting, at least more so than the other candidate.

"Who you're running against is just as important as what you're running for," Salmlen said. en said.

Rabinowitz also pointed out that Clinton came close to winning North Carolina in the 1996 presidential elec-tion but that Gore chose not to campaign in the state in this year's presidential election.

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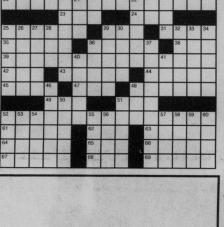
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Kim Timberlake

The University of North Carolina and Wachovia would like to congratulate Kim Timberlake, the Wachovia Woman of the Week.

Kim is a junior cross country athlete from Raleigh, North Carolina. She has earned All-ACC honors in cross country this year and has been named co-captain of both the cross country team and track and field team. Off the track, Kim is a Dean's List student and has spent many hours volunteering at UNC hospitals and working with Autistic children.

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confident their coaches would stay put,

Virginia Tech Director of Athletics Jim Weaver said no one from UNC has contacted him about Hokies coach Frank Beamer, a native of Mount Airy. Even so, Weaver doesn't expect Beamer to leave Blacksburg, Va., after his 14th season at Virginia Tech.

"This happens every year, two or three times a year, at the end of the season," Weaver said. "I full well expect when the dust settles - that Frank Beamer will still be at Virginia Tech."

Weaver said Beamer, who has a five-year contract that can get extended by a year after each season, could take another job. The buyout would be about \$850,000, about four times Beamer's

base salary. Weaver expects any athletics direcpursuing Beamer to contact after the Virginia Saturday Virginia Virginia Tech's bowl game.

S o u t h e r n Mississippi Director of Athletics Richard Giannini said Golden Eagles coach Jeff Bower has a self-imposed policy that forbids him from talking to another school before the season ends. Southern Miss will play in the Mobile Alabama Bower has a base salary of \$165,000

on his contract, which has three years remaining on it. Giannini said Texas Tech and Houston contacted him last season about their openings.
"I think there are very few places that

he would ultimately have an interest in," Giannini said. "I can't say whether North Carolina would fall in that category or not. It would take a special situation. "I know North Carolina is a special

situation. A lot of coaches are out there seeking jobs and looking for every opportunity in the world, and he's not one of those types. Whoever wants him

Hardee's

is going to have to sell him, not the other way around."

Baddour won't reveal which coaches

he is considering, but he said at Monday's press conference that he thinks he can find a coach that will resurrect UNC's football program.
"I don't mean this in a boastful way,

but I think the University of North Carolina has a lot to offer," Baddour said. "I don't worry about any competition with other schools to attract the best possible situation."

Louisville Director of Athletics Tom Jurich, Pittsburgh Athletic Director Steve Pederson and Georgia Southern Director of Athletics Sam Baker said Tuesday they haven't been contacted by UNC.

Louisville coach John L. Smith has a contract that runs through 2007. Pittsburgh coach Walt Harris' contract runs through 2006.

Jurich said any school with a coaching

vacancy could call and talk to Smith, "I don't mean this in a boastful way, but I think the University of North Carolina has a lot to offer."

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who led the Cardinals to the Conference USA title and a Liberty

Georgia Southern coach Johnson, who is from Newland, always says he is just try-

ing to keep the job he has. Baker also said he wouldn't stand in Johnson's way if he wanted to make a move. "If an institution such as North

Carolina comes with the financial sources it has, there's not much we can do to try and compete there," Baker said. Baddour said he needs to be aggressive

and find UNC's new coach as quickly as possible. Junior wideout Kory Bailey said North Carolina's new leader will be coming to a place with a good atmosphere.

Said Bailey, "Any coach that would like to be the head coach of a college football team wouldn't mind being here because it's such a nice situation."

The Associated Press contributed to this story. The Sports Editor can be reached at TRAFFIC

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that had the potential to kill someone Roberts said the last Booze It & Lose It campaign had 2,400 infractions in a 2 1/2 period. MADD runs a statewide campaign during the holidays to encourage individual motorists not to get behind the wheel if they have been drinking.

Lucas said drivers also should be

reminded of North Carolina's open container law, prohibiting passengers and drivers from possessing open containers, as they travel over the holidays.

She said checkpoints have used the

stops to check not only for drunken drivers and seat belt usage but also expired licenses, insurance and drugs, which have led officers to make several other ordinary what checkpoints do. If someone comes to the checkpoint and are not buckled up, they're asking for a ticket."

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food for the needy.

Senior Larenzo Degraffenreidt said helping people was an important part of the group's trip to New York. "This is a good opportunity to perform for lots of people," he said. "And not only that, we're doing valuable community service, too."

Despite being away from home for Thanksgiving, many of the students are

excited about their performance.

"Even though we'll be away from our families, we'll be doing something worthwhile," Zook added. Performing with America Sings! is an

honor, Huff said. "You have to be invited. And not everyone gets invited."

But the invitation did not include

paying for expenses, so the group started raising funds early for the trip.

The students and their 13 adult chaperones each paid \$460 for the trip.

"We've parked cars at UNC football agames, sold homemade cheesecakes

and cookie dough and did choral per-formances for donations," Huff said. But it won't be all work for the group

in New York. The chorus left Chapel Hill at 4 a.m. Tuesday and will return in time for the school's Thanksgiving dance Friday evening. They scheduled extra time to

take in some of the sights of the city. On Thanksgiving night, the group will split up and attend three different

Broadway performances, Huff said. But last week's rehearsals were all work and no play, just a price the group paid for the fun ahead. "I know some of you still have food in your throats," Huff told the students Friday. "But we're one-eighth of the choir, so they're really going to be depending on us.

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