

Libertarians Gain Spot on Ballot

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N.C. Libertarians secured their spot on statewide ballots – at least through 2004 – after they finished collecting more than 59,000 petition signatures last week.

State law requires political parties that did not receive at least 10 percent of the popular vote during the most recent gubernatorial election to submit a petition to the N.C. Board of Elections containing signatures of at least 2 percent of the number of people who voted in that race – 58,842 signatures in this case.

Barbara Howe, chairwoman of the N.C. Libertarian Party and last year's Libertarian gubernatorial candidate, said the state's severe standards inhibit third-party candidacies because of the high costs they incur and the time they consume.

She said the state-mandated petition drive cost the party more than \$100,000 – money that could have been spent campaigning.

"People's resources are limited, they can only give so much," she said. "If they give to the petition drive, they may not be able to give during the election."

Howe said volunteers collected about half of the signatures, with professional petitioners collecting the rest. She added that most of the \$100,000 cost the party incurred was from hiring people to collect the signatures.

The Libertarians began their petition drive Nov. 7, 2000 – Election Day – and completed it last week.

Richard Winger, editor of Ballot Access News, a California-based group that advocates election reform, said North Carolina had some of the most stringent requirements for third-party and independent candidates to get on the ballot.

"In terms of the number of signatures it requires to get on the ballot, North Carolina is second in the nation. California is the only state that requires more," he said.

Several third-party leaders, including

Howe and Doug Stuber, chairman of the N.C. Green Party, lobbied legislators for changes in state ballot access requirements.

"North Carolina is way behind the times in terms of democracy," Stuber said. "They are squelching democracy by keeping it a two-party system."

Sen. Wib Gulley, D-Durham, introduced the Ballot Access Reform Act last year, which would have extended the amount of time third parties have to collect the necessary signatures.

The bill passed the Senate in May but was killed in the House.

One of the bill's most ardent opponents, N.C. House Minority Leader Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, said he did not feel the state's ballot standards were too demanding and that the bill was unnecessary.

"I think it dilutes the strength of the parties," he said. "I think the two-party system works fine. I like the idea of Republicans and Democrats."

Gulley attributed the failure of the Ballot Access Bill to the objections of Daughtry and other House Republicans.

But Daughtry said defeating the bill was a bipartisan effort. "We had several people vote against it – Democrats and Republicans."

All 58 House Republicans except one, along with 16 Democrats, voted against the bill.

In spite of the Ballot Reform Act's failure in the House, Gulley said he plans to continue his efforts to change state ballot access laws.

But because of the legislative calendar, the bill will have to wait two years before it can be reintroduced.

In the meantime, Howe said the Libertarians are setting their sites on the 2002 Senate race. "We're already thinking about who we're going to run for Jesse's seat."

House: Judgeship Ballot No Longer to List Party

By JENNIFER SAMUELS
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A bill that passed the N.C. House Thursday would bar candidates for N.C. District Court judgeships from signifying a political party affiliation on the ballot.

The legislation passed the House 54-52. The bill was also approved by the N.C. Senate. It will now return to the Senate, where changes made in the House will be examined.

Sen. Walter Dalton, D-Rutherford, who sponsored the bill, said he proposed the change because he thinks the judicial system should be separated from politics as much as possible.

"The test of a judicial candidate should be that they will be fair and honest and will render a fair and honest decision," he said. "A few years ago we passed a bill that Superior Court races would be nonpartisan. It seems appropriate and consistent that we do the same (in this case)."

In 1996, the N.C. General Assembly passed a bill requiring candidates for N.C. Superior Court judgeships to run nonpartisan campaigns.

Sen. Dan Clodfelter, D-Mecklenburg, said the bill shifts the emphasis from party politics to the qualities important for judges, such as neutrality.

"I think the bill will benefit (the public) because what you need from a judge are not the qualities you need from a legislator or governor," he said. "Those aren't the things that you need from a judge."

But House Minority Leader Rep. Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, said the bill will

have a negative effect on elections because the lack of partisan candidates will make it easier for special interest groups to get the candidates they support elected.

"(Parties are necessary) because that's how you screen the candidates," he said. "The party has the mechanisms to get the best candidates before the voters."

Without party support, judges will have to find alternative methods of financing their campaigns. Candidates for judgeships have received an increasing number of campaign contributions in recent years.

Dalton said he expects candidates to continue raising money on their own.

"They go out and raise the money," he said. "If a candidate wants to advertise his or her party label he has a right."

But the bill would not completely excise political parties from the campaign process.

Clodfelter said that while he expects the individual candidates to continue working to raise money for themselves, parties will still be involved.

"Political parties can make contributions to (candidates for judge) just like any other candidate," he said.

But Dalton said he thinks the bill would benefit voters most because it will force candidates to interact with the people they serve.

"I think (the bill) will be successful with voters," he said. "There will be a greater incentive for judicial candidates to get out and know the people rather than rely on a party label."

Funerals for 6 Held, Killer Still at Large

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – A police helicopter circled overhead on Sunday as more than 5,000 members of the city's Eastern European community packed a church for the funerals of six members of a Ukrainian immigrant family slain last week.

More than 20 Sacramento County sheriff's deputies, many of them in plainclothes, stood watch for fear the rel-

ative believed responsible for the killings might surface at the service. The funerals concluded without violence.

Nikolay Soltys, 27, is suspected of slashing the throats of his pregnant wife, 3-year-old son, aunt, uncle and two young cousins during a rampage that spanned several hours on Aug. 20.

"Today is the day of our trouble, the day of our sorrow that is inexpressible," the Rev. Vladimir Lashchuk said in Russian at Bethany Slavic Missionary

Church. "No one thought their lives would end so quickly."

Anatoly Nakonchay, the eldest of Soltys' wife's four brothers, said there were periods of "disquiet and domestic unrest" between the couple.

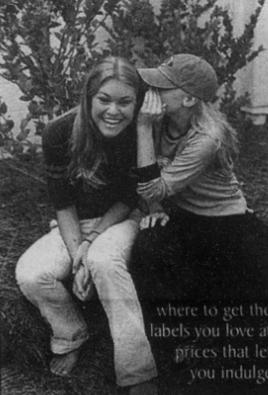
"There were episodes where I and my brothers had to physically intervene," Nakonchay said in an interview.

When his sister, Lyubov, decided to leave the Ukraine to join Soltys in the United States, "There were many who

asked her not to go. Her answer was 'I want my son Sergey to have a father,'" Nakonchay said.

Soltys tops the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list and a \$70,000 reward was offered for his arrest. "America's Most Wanted" on Fox carried the case Saturday night, generating more than 100 tips. Still more tips flowed in to a Sacramento command center on four telephone hotlines, one of them set aside for people speaking Ukrainian and Russian.

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FOOTBALL

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Despite trailing by as many as 34 points, UNC's defensive intensity never appeared to waver.

"We just knew we had to bounce back because we knew hard times were going to come," said senior linebacker David Thornton, a first-year starter who tied a game high with 13 tackles. "And just keep fighting and keep fighting. So that's what we strived to do throughout the game – play four quarters of all-out football."

The Tar Heels went through some growing pains Saturday, but they expected nothing else.

"I think this team grew a substantial amount," Bunting said. "I don't know much. I can't tell you. We'll only be able to measure that by the way we perform against Maryland next week."

SAFETY

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ing the summer.

"I guess in the fall you have a lot of people that are coming back to school... They're just getting to know people," he said. "You don't have as many people that could get into a conflict."

Twenty-seven of the reported incidents had male victims. McIntyre said male-oriented assaults are usually the result of arguments, and females are usually subject to more violent assaults. McIntyre said nine times out of 10, females are the target of sexual assaults.

But that statistic doesn't scare Cali Schmitt, a junior international studies major. "It doesn't seem like it happens that often, and generally there's enough security," she said.

Schmitt said stranger assaults seem distant when it doesn't happen to someone close to her, although, being a female, she understands that she is at greater risk. "I think if I were a guy, I wouldn't have as many worries being alone."

BRENT ROAD

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from Winston-Salem who went to both the Crossroads and Brent Road, said Brent Road is on the verge of becoming a campus legend. "You hear about what it used to be like, and it's sad because it will probably never be like that again."

Oktaf Rifki, a N.C. State senior from Morrisville, said Brent Road served as a tradition linking N.C. State students regardless of when they went to school.

Rifki said he felt sad for all the younger students who would never know what Brent Road truly was like in the past. "Look at this place," he said, gesturing to a street populated only by officers. "Brent Road is already dead, the cops are the killers, and we're the mourners."

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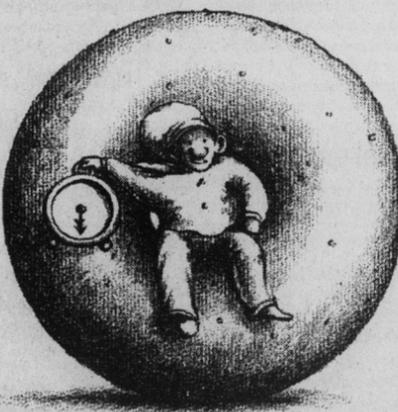
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