

Hunt Endorsement Gives Boost to Bowles

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Political pundits say former Gov. Jim Hunt's decision to endorse candidate Erskine Bowles for the U.S. Senate will provide a vital boost to the Charlotte investment banker's campaign.

Hunt endorsed Bowles, who served as

White House Chief of Staff under President Clinton, on Thursday, slighting the other Democratic U.S. Senate candidates running to fill the seat being vacated by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake, and N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall are Bowles' primary competition for the Democratic nomination.

Former Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole is the leading Republican contender. Dole has been endorsed by both Helms and President Bush.

Susan Lagana, press secretary for the Bowles campaign, said Hunt's endorsement would likely translate into additional support for the candidate.

"Governor Hunt is one of the most popular political figures in North Carolina," she said. "His proven success in getting things done and getting the support of North Carolinians is undisputed."

She said the endorsement of Hunt, who served four terms as N.C. governor, will be a major asset to the campaign.

Thad Beyle, UNC political science professor, said the endorsement is a vital boost for Bowles, who according to a recent Elon University poll has less name recognition than Dole.

"Hunt wanted to put a little push on the side of Bowles," Beyle said.

Beyle said Hunt's endorsement will reactivate the political machine that supported Terry Sanford, who served as both N.C. governor and U.S. senator, and aided the election of numerous Democrats, including Hunt.

Beyle said Hunt's endorsement would likely have a negative effect on the campaigns of other Democrats contending for the seat.

Beyle said many of the other Democratic candidates were hoping to get Hunt's endorsement. "They're not happy," he said.

Beyle added that the mix of Hunt's decision to endorse Bowles and lawsuits that have delayed the campaign primaries might prompt other Democrats to drop out of the race.

But some of Bowles' leading competitors questioned whether he could adequately represent N.C. citizens.

Blue stated in a press release that Bowles' support comes primarily from party insiders and financial donors.

Marshall criticized Hunt in a press release, claiming his actions might split the party. "Governor Hunt once stated that he believed his role in this primary was to be the healer of the Democratic Party," she stated. "His announcement does not show he is dedicated to that goal."

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Developments in the War on Terrorism

Pakistan Surrenders Al-Qaida Leader to U.S.

Pakistani officials have handed over to the United States a man considered the biggest catch yet in the war on terrorism: Abu Zubaydah, a senior al-Qaida leader believed to have been trying to regroup the organization in Pakistan, officials said Monday.

America Attacks

Peacekeeper Shootings Blamed on Northern Alliance Troops

Disgruntled Northern Alliance soldiers were blamed Monday for two recent shootings that targeted international peacekeepers, and a spokesman for the security force said troops would significantly increase their presence in a lawless part of the capital.

Pentagon Officials Debate Additional Anthrax Shots for Soldiers

Pentagon authorities are considering additional anthrax vaccinations for U.S. troops. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday that he is awaiting a recommendation on resuming the inoculation program. He did not say definitively that the program would be restarted.

Campus Calendar

Today

7:30 p.m. - Carolina Style, a jazz, tap and ballet company, is having its Spring Show in Memorial Hall. Tickets cost \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

For the Record

A photo caption April 1 incorrectly stated that Trustee Tim Burnett voted for a night parking permit plan. At the meeting, six trustees voted to send the plan back for revision. No dissenting vote was taken. The April 1 article "Trustees Approve Sale of Satellite Tract to Winmore" incorrectly referred to the Horace Williams satellite tract as the Horace Williams tract. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

7:30 p.m. - Queer Network for Change presents Jimmy Creech, a former Methodist minister who will speak in Union 224 about homosexuality and the church for Celebration Week.

11 a.m. - Project Literacy, a committee of the Campus Y, will be sponsoring a book drive in conjunction with Human Rights Week. Members will be accepting donations in the Pit today through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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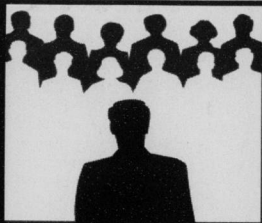
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The Johnston Awards Program at Carolina is hosting its annual Issues Forum on April 2, 2002.

Keynote

Toward Racial Justice: Civil Rights, Hate Crimes, and Wartime

■ **Frank Wu** Author of *Race in America: Beyond Black and White* (Basic 2001). Frank Wu is a Professor of Law at Howard University. Currently, Professor Wu chairs the DC Human Rights Commission and the DC Board of Professional Responsibility. He has testified against legislation that would abolish affirmative action before the United States House of Representatives, Judiciary Committee, Constitution Sub-Committee. He has also worked as a campaign organizer with Californians United Against Proposition 187.

Panelists

■ **Deborah Ross** Executive Director of the North Carolina state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. Deborah Ross chairs the Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Section of the North Carolina Bar Association. She also serves as Section Council on the Juvenile Justice Section.

■ **Jon Sanders** Director of the POPE Institute. Mr. Sanders is a member of the Raleigh think-tank John Locke Foundation and Founder of the *Clarion Magazine*.

■ **Carl Ross** Community Relations Manager for the North Carolina Human Relations Commission.

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