

# Local Senators Vie for New District

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Supporters of the N.C. Senate's Kinnaird-Lee partnership will have to make a choice between the two lawmakers when Sept. 10 rolls around.

Longtime colleagues Sens. Ellie Kinnaird and Howard Lee, both D-Orange, are running against each other in the Democratic primary in the newly drawn Senate District 23.

Lee and Kinnaird have together represented Orange County since 1997.

Senate District 16, which encompassed Orange, Chatham, Moore and portions of Lee and Randolph counties, was divided into several one-member districts — including Senate District 23 — during redistricting.

The change was mandated by a N.C. Superior Court judge who ruled that multimember districts are in violation of the N.C. Constitution. The N.C. Supreme Court upheld the Superior Court decision.

Lee said he is disappointed with the way the districts turned out.

"It's absolutely horrible," Lee said. "I regret more than I can express the situation we have been put in. It has put a damper on my spirit during this campaign."

Kinnaird said the voters are now faced with a tough decision.



Sens. Ellie Kinnaird and Howard Lee, both D-Orange, will face each other in the Sept. 10 Democratic primary elections.

"I think it's very unhappy for our longtime supporters who don't want to make a choice," Kinnaird said.

But Lee, co-chairman of the N.C. Senate Appropriations Committee, said his résumé is enough evidence of his qualifications for the job.

"I have moved to a high position of influence, which takes a long time to do," he said. "My record of accomplish-

ment is very clear."

Kinnaird said there has never been any mudslinging between her and Lee, and it won't start now.

"There won't be any negative advertising," she said. "The important thing is to bring out the issues we both care about."

Kinnaird said one of her key campaign issues is taxing certain items, such

as beer, cigarettes and soda, to ensure that the state has the funds to provide services for its citizens.

"I have always championed public policy that affects the average citizen," she said.

"The next budget is crucial in that it will either harm or benefit the average citizen."

Lee also said his campaign will focus on issues he deems most important — such as smart growth initiatives and education — and will not attack Kinnaird.

"Generally, I go straight at my opponents and challenge them," Lee said. "In this case, I will simply talk about me and leave it at that."

But Lee said he will compare his stance on important issues to Kinnaird's.

"As long as it's the truth, it's fair game," he said.

No matter who wins, neither senator will be celebrating Sept. 10, said both Lee and Kinnaird.

"At the end of this, we'll have to regroup and move on with strength rather than weakness," Kinnaird said.

"There won't be a happy celebration in the end. But whoever wins will vigorously represent Orange County."

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# Budget May Hurt Arts Promotions, Not Shows

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Despite the financial setbacks of pending state budget cuts, UNC shows will go on.

Because of funding from outside sources, performances and exhibitions by University arts programs are set for the upcoming school year.

But the publicity and promotion of those events will be hindered by the cuts that inevitably will be made this year to the University's budget.

Arts Carolina, an organization charged with aiding such promotion, could be cut entirely.

Initial University funding for the three-year-old organization, which coordinates and promotes collaborative events within the UNC arts community, will expire Dec. 31.

Arts Carolina Director Amy Brannock said the renewal of the funding will hinge largely on the magnitude of state budget cuts to UNC, which won't be decided until the General Assembly passes a state budget. "It's a little scary right now for Arts Carolina," she said. "Everything is on hold until the budget passes."

David Hammond, artistic director for PlayMakers Repertory Company, said that with University arts programs already being forced to cut publicity expenses, the reduction or elimination of Arts Carolina would be especially detrimental to the artistic climate at UNC.

"Arts Carolina has been very valuable in promoting arts on campus and the role

of art in education," he said. "It would be a true loss for the UNC arts community."

The state is facing a \$1.5 billion budget shortfall as legislators attempt to write a budget for the current fiscal year. Budget proposals being evaluated by the N.C. House and Senate have multi-million dollar cuts to higher education.

But campus officials said the Carolina Performing Arts Series, Ackland Art Museum, PlayMakers and the Carolina Union Activities Board will not be directly affected by the cuts. These organizations receive enough outside funding to keep their events from being hurt.

Administrators for PlayMakers said cuts to the Department of Dramatic Art — which provides personnel and office space to PlayMakers — will hurt their ability to market events.

But Hammond said PlayMakers performances and events are funded entirely by box office sales and outside grants, protecting the performances.

Officials at the Ackland Art Museum and PlayMakers said they have scaled back their publicity efforts in order to keep budget cuts from affecting actual performances and exhibitions.

"Our exhibitions and programs are still continuing as planned," said Andy Berner, assistant director of development for the Ackland Art Museum. "It's just a matter of slimming down the things we do but not cutting anything that will keep us from finishing our program goals."

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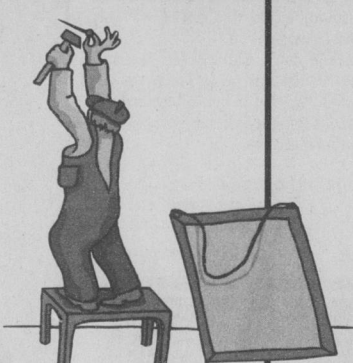
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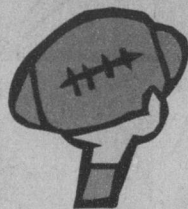
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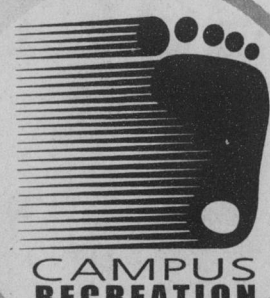
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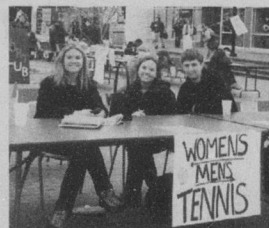
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH

10AM-2PM in THE PIT

(RAIN DATE: AUG. 29TH)

Have all your questions answered and meet representatives from each club. If you are unable to attend this event and would like more information please call 962-1013 or email [smbardle@email.unc.edu](mailto:smbardle@email.unc.edu)

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and best of luck this fall!!



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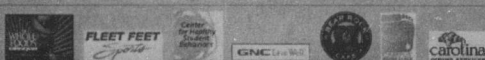
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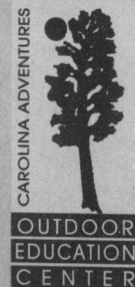
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