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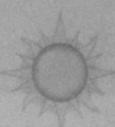
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BOG to Consider Faculty Salaries

Pay would be comparable to other schools

By GILLIAN BOLSOVER
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The UNC-system Board of Governors will consider on Friday a 2003-05 provisional budget for the system that includes a 6 percent salary increase for system faculty. The proposal is projected to require

about \$71 million in 2003-04 and \$82 million in 2004-05. The request comes at a time of continued financial difficulties for the state, largely due to the poor economy.

If passed Friday by the BOG, the budget first will go to Gov. Mike Easley and then to the N.C. General Assembly for consideration.

The board requested the increase so the system can remain competitive with peer institutions, said BOG member James Babb. It would help to retain faculty members and make the system more attractive to applicants.

A 6 percent increase was requested in the last budget but never was considered seriously by the General Assembly.

Jonathan Ducote, president of the UNC Association of Student Governments and a nonvoting member

of the BOG, said the board wanted to make sure its cards were clearly on the table in time for next year's faculty salary considerations.

He said this increase is more likely to be adopted because faculty members have not seen a pay increase in two years.

Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange, chairwoman of the N.C. House Education Subcommittee on Universities, said the UNC system cannot compete national-ly because of low salaries.

"We will continue to lose really good people until salaries become competitive," she said. "All the Republicans pledged not to raise taxes. But everyone in the House agrees with the principle of raising faculty salaries."

But BOG members said they do not expect the entire budget to be adopted given the state's budget deficit.

"We have no expectation that the

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Seniors Choose Gift to Library

486 seniors voted for \$20,000 endowment

By ELIZABETH DANIELS
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After their second trip to Student Central, 486 seniors voted Wednesday to fund an endowment for the Undergraduate Library for their 2003 class gift.

The winning gift is an endowment of at least \$20,000 to keep the Undergrad's resources up-to-date. It also includes quotes chosen by the seniors for all the new benches outside the library, as well as a plaque inside the building that will memorialize the gift.

The other two gift options were four glass etchings in the Campus Y memorializing the Sept. 11 attacks, which received 450 votes, and a special-needs scholarship given through the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid, which received 244 votes.

All told, 1,180 voters logged on — a much larger number than last year's 702.

Seniors had a chance to vote last week for the same gifts.

But due to a glitch in the voting software that listed some seniors as juniors, Board of Elections officials decided to postpone the voting to Wednesday so they could obtain an accurate count.

The change in date did not affect the vote as much as senior class officials had believed, even though the original day for seniors to vote coincided with the day for the choosing of Homecoming king and queen.

Class officers said they put a lot of effort into educating seniors about the rescheduled vote.

Senior Class President Paymon Rouhanifard said he was pleased in the turnout of voters despite Wednesday's round of voting being a second trial.

"This wasn't quite expected because it was a revote," he said. "We didn't think people would take the time to go out and vote again, so this was very

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BUSH'S APPEAL PROPELLED DOLE, GOP

President's popularity, visits to state helped Dole win

By EMMA BURGIN
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Political pundits said U.S. Sen.-elect Elizabeth Dole's connections to Washington, D.C. — not to North Carolina — propelled her to victory Tuesday, adding that she must re-establish ties to the state before heading back to more familiar territory.

Dole defeated Democrat Erskine Bowles on Tuesday for the seat vacated by retiring Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., by the largest winning margin in a U.S. Senate race in North Carolina in 23 years.

"She associated herself with President Bush and benefited from his high approval ratings. She ran as a Bush representative."

Ferrel Guillory
UNC Professor

"She certainly goes to the Senate with Washington experience and knowing many of the players in the Senate," said Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life.

But Thad Beyle, UNC political science professor, said Dole's experience was not what gave her the edge over Bowles, former White House chief of staff during the Clinton administration.

"She was the hand-picked candidate of the White House and the national Republican committee," he said.

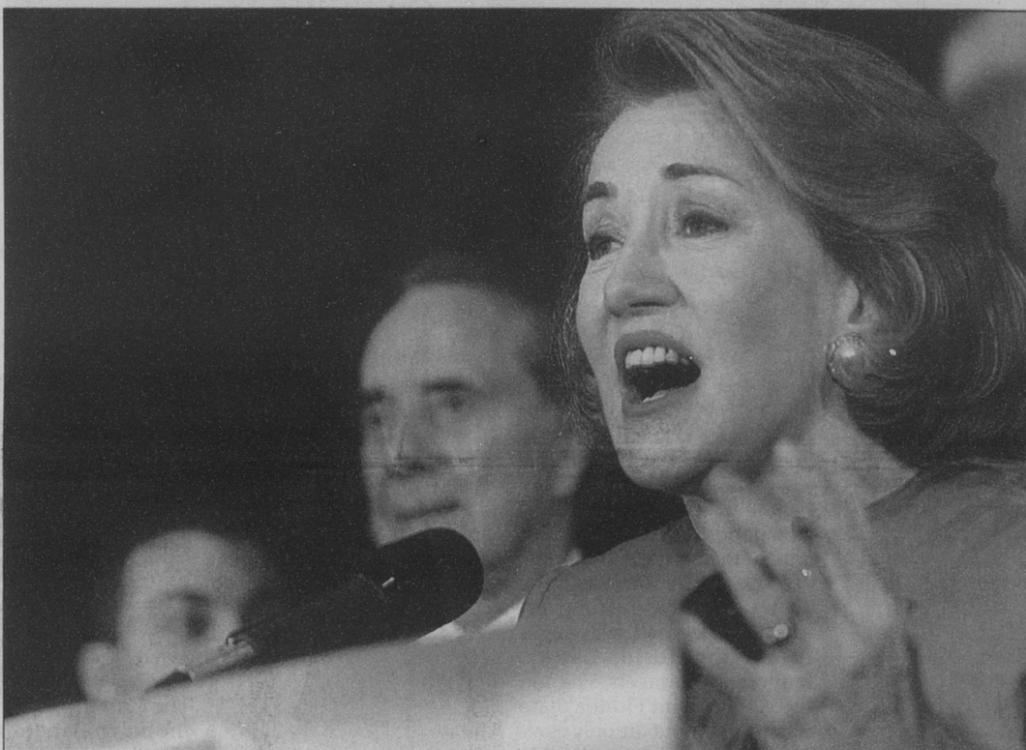
The Washington influence eliminated any competition's viability prior to the Sept. 10 Republican primary, Beyle said. "They eased her way into getting the nomination."

Because of the redistricting battle in the N.C. General Assembly, the state had a late primary, so the general election campaign lasted only two months. "She had a relatively easy first 10 to 12 months of her (entire) campaign," Beyle said. "(Dole) didn't really want to do debates."

Dole also benefited from visits from President Bush, he said.

Guillory said that Bush's support helped Dole win the election and that Dole, in turn, will help spread Bush's

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U.S. Sen.-elect Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., celebrates her victory Tuesday night over Democratic challenger Erskine Bowles while her husband, former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (center), looks on. Dole captured 53 percent of the vote compared to Bowles' 45 percent.

Election Success Could Aid Bush's Agenda

By FAYE FERNANDES
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President Bush's success in leading his party to control of the U.S. Senate could help him achieve his political goals when Congress reconvenes in January, policy experts say.

The national elections were a success for the party, with the GOP extending its majority in the House and gaining the majority in the Senate. Republicans picked up seven of 13 U.S. con-

gressional districts in North Carolina.

Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life, said that with both houses of the U.S. Congress controlled by Republicans, President Bush will be able to push more of his initiatives, such as the creation of a Department of Homeland Security, through Congress. "It really strengthens President Bush, at least for a while," he said. "It doesn't give him a huge mandate, but it definitely strengthens his position."

John Samples, director of the Cato Institute's Center for Representative Government, stated in a press release that although Bush's high approval ratings helped the Republican party, they were not the determining factor in the election.

"The Republican victories were the culmination of an anti-government mood among the American people, a mood that has been growing for several years," the statement said.

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Stevens Wins N.C. Senate Seat, Will Leave BOT

By ARMAN TOLENTINO
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UNC-Chapel Hill trustee Richard Stevens, who some student leaders call an advocate for their cause, easily won election to the N.C. Senate on Tuesday night.

Stevens, a Republican, received 62 percent of the votes cast in District 17, which consists of the southern half of Wake County.

He will resign from the UNC-CH Board of Trustees on Jan. 29, after which he will begin his term in the state legislature. "I'll be leaving the Board of Trustees but not forgetting Chapel Hill," Stevens said Tuesday evening at his victory celebration.

The UNC-system Board of Governors will appoint a temporary replacement to carry out the remaining five months of Stevens' term on the BOT. In June, the BOG will appoint someone to a full four-year term.

"I hope they will bring in someone who is just as passionate about the job as Stevens was," said Student Body President Jen Daum.

Stevens said that although he will no longer serve on the BOT, he will continue to serve the University from his new position. "I've enjoyed working with the University, but I'm not going away," he said. "There will be many opportunities for me to work with the University, just in a different way."

Many have characterized Stevens,

who has worked with a different student body president in each of his eight years on the BOT, as an advocate for student concerns.

"I tried to look out for all interests, but I certainly cared about student interests," he said. "I have no doubts that student issues will continue to be addressed by the board."

BOT Vice Chairman Stick Williams said Stevens will be an advocate for issues concerning UNC-CH in the N.C. General Assembly.

"He will bring firsthand knowledge of why these issues are important," Williams said. "He will be able to speak intelligently on issues important to this University."

Stevens said he hopes he was of value

to the BOT. "I feel I brought a passion and critical eye to this institution."

Williams said he is sad to see Stevens go. "I just have great admiration for him," Williams said. "He has a great love for this University, and he was willing to tackle the tough issues. The University is a better place because of him."

As Stevens looks ahead to his position on the N.C. Senate, he also is looking back at his time on the BOT. "I am going to miss working with students, faculty and staff," he said. "I've enjoyed my experience on the board. It has been a very critical part of my life."

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UNC trustee Richard Stevens enjoys his victory Tuesday night after being elected to represent Wake County in the N.C. Senate as a Republican.

More important than winning an election is governing the nation. That is the test of a political party.

Aldai Stevenson