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A family affair

REPUBLICANS FROM ALL WALKS HOLD MEETING OF THE FAITHFUL



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Organizer Frank Lee (center) welcomes Richard Burr, the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, at a rally and barbecue in Smithfield on Tuesday night that attracted more than 700 supporters and community members. Among the attendees were current GOP Sen. Elizabeth Dole in addition to former Sens. Lauch Faircloth and Jesse Helms.

BY ALEXANDRA DODSON
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SMITHFIELD

Support for the letter "B" brought some of the biggest names in North Carolina politics to a Republican rally at the Central Marketing Tobacco Warehouse on Tuesday.

Sen. Elizabeth Dole and former Sens. Lauch Faircloth and Jesse Helms were among the several hundred supporters who turned out to stump for President Bush, U.S. Rep. Richard Burr and gubernatorial hopeful Patrick Ballantine.

The fourth "B" was barbecue. Attendees filled their plates with the North Carolina staple and listened — first to the live bluegrass music on the stage and then to the array of politicians, both local and national, who stressed the need to vote Republican in the upcoming election.

"We are going to have a resounding victory on November 2nd," said Dole. The crowd cheered as she spoke of Bush and the campaign promises on which he has delivered.

Dole also discussed the state's recent victory in the fight for a tobacco buyout, a fight in which she said Burr played a critical role.

"(The buyout) would never have made it off the House floor without Congressman Richard Burr's leadership," she said. "It's done, folks, and I'm so proud to have had a part in this. Persistence and perseverance paid off."

Helms also spoke to show support for Burr. As he took the stage, the audience sang a belated "Happy Birthday" to the man who served North Carolina for 30 years in the Senate and turned

83 Monday.

Parents lifted their children in the air so they could see Helms, who said he had followed Burr closely throughout his political career.

"(Burr is) valuable property," he said. "He's going to make us very proud — very proud."

Burr stood at the podium in front of an American flag and expressed his thanks to Helms, Dole, Faircloth and everyone else who turned out to support him. He also encouraged everyone to cast a vote in this election.

"I am a candidate for the United States Senate,

and I desperately need your vote," he said.

Also speaking was Lisa Ballantine, wife of Patrick Ballantine, who said her husband was campaigning in Greensboro.

"I know my husband is the right leader for North Carolina, and I know you feel the same way," she said.

"Support the three Bs — Bush, Burr and Ballantine."

Most of the crowd was at the rally to do just that. Gerald Whitehurst, former mayor of Kenly said he tends to vote "90 percent Republican."

"I came out here to show support for the ticket," he said. "I think it's a great ticket." Others had more specific interests.

Randolph County tobacco farmer Glenn Patterson said he attended the rally to hear Burr's stance on tobacco policies.

Still undecided on who he will support in the Senate election, he said a buyout would be beneficial to farmers like himself.

"I'm a third-generation farmer," he said, "and I've loved every minute of it."

Burr summed up the evening with a request for party interest and activism.

"It really doesn't matter to me what motivates you as long as you get motivated."

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Change in leadership runs well for CAA

Members expect smooth transition with Strunk

BY KRISTLE SPELLMAN
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An empty vice president position was the only trace of William Keith's resignation from the Carolina Athletic Association at its meeting Tuesday night. Former Vice President Lindsay Strunk has stepped up as president of CAA without any complaints after Keith stepped down from the position Oct. 13.

"I work with such a strong group of people that the transition has been pretty effortless," Strunk said.

Although he no longer will serve as CAA president, Keith said after the meeting that he will still be an active member of the organization. He said he plans to work with ticket distributions and other general operations.

"I have the utmost faith in Lindsay's leadership," he said. "I am looking forward to this new role in CAA."

In the past, there has been confusion about the definitions of the role of CAA. Strunk said she acknowledges this but believes steps have been taken to combat misconceptions.

"The role of CAA is to be the voice of and representatives of students for involvement with athletics," she said. "The confusion comes in when people think we are a part of student

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Rough toils, lack of time hurt leaders

BY GEORGIA CHERRY
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In the past month, two high-profile student leaders on campus have stepped down from their positions, highlighting the demands of serving as a representative of the student body.

Bernard Holloway, former student body secretary, and Will Keith, former Carolina Athletic Association president, resigned from their positions Sept. 19 and Oct. 13, respectively. Both cited personal reasons as their rationale.

Being a student officer demands an immeasurable amount of dedication and time, several officials said. Holding a leadership position can become a full-time job — without the paycheck.

"While we all know what it requires, I think the time commitment of being a student leader can be surprising," Keith said. "It's like taking on a full-time job, and a lot of student leaders work harder than most people understand."

Student Congress Speaker Charlie Anderson expressed a similar sentiment.

"I'm always in the office, usually from 9 a.m. to midnight, during the week," he said. "I didn't anticipate it would be this much work. I definitely knew it was a commitment, but

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On the Road The DTH follows the highlights and low points of a presidential campaign

STAYING ON HIS HEELS

Editor's note: This story is the first in a series by Daily Tar Heel reporter Cleve R. Wootson Jr., who will be following vice presidential candidate and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards on the campaign trail this week in the key swing states of Ohio, Iowa and Florida.

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.
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This morning, John Edwards, the senior senator from North Carolina, woke up in a hotel hundreds of miles away from the mill town where he was raised.

Some say Edwards, as he vies for the vice presidency, is an ambassador for North Carolina, helping people understand the struggles faced by many state residents.

But critics say the more time the state's senior senator spends on the campaign trail, the less time he can

dedicate to doing the job he was elected to do.

U.S. Rep. David Price, a Democrat whose district includes Chapel Hill, said Edwards' candidacy has helped him and other legislators tell the story necessary to pull this state out of its worst economic recession since the Great Depression.

"It's certainly a story that a lot of people can identify with across the country," Price said. "It has to do with his biography — what ordinary folks are going through, especially in the economic hard times. I would agree that his story has added to the understanding."

But others say Edwards is too busy telling his own story to listen to the pleas of the people in his state.

U.S. Rep. Howard Coble, a Republican congressman whose dis-

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DTH FILE PHOTO/JUSTIN SMITH

Sen. John Edwards waves to delegates before speaking at the Democratic National Convention in Boston at the end of July.

Coalition gathers to sink fossil fuels

BY WILLIAM FONVIELLE
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In hopes of combating global warming one tennis ball at a time, concerned students erected a dunking booth next to the Pit on Tuesday to spread their environmental message.

The event was just one part of Energy Independence Day, when students around the country signed a petition calling for politicians to halt the use of fossil fuels.

Officials with Energy Action, a group of organizations that works to strengthen the clean energy movement in North America, said they hoped to collect 30,000 signatures Tuesday at more than 250 campus-based events nationwide.

The petition also was aimed at making citizens, especially students, more aware of the prob-

lems caused by a reliance on coal and oil.

"The point of today isn't so much to say no to dirty energy, but just to say yes to cleaner energy," said Dennis Markatos-Soriano, projects director of Students United for a Responsible Global Environment, which helped organize Tuesday's actions.

Charlie Anderson, speaker of Student Congress and former chairman of student government's Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee, was assigned to the role of victim in the dunking booth.

Anderson dressed as the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse to symbolize the effects of global warming on the N.C. coast, he explained.

"Part of this is about raising

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