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ELECTION RESULTS 2006

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ONLINE: CHECK OUR BLOG TO SEE HOW CANDIDATES FARED IN OTHER KEY STATEWIDE RACES INCLUDING THE HOUSE DISTRICT 13 RACE BETWEEN DEMOCRAT BRAD MILLER AND REPUBLICAN VERNON ROBINSON.

Democrats gain control of U.S. House

U.S. SENATE

BOB CASEY, JR. (D) defeated **RICK SANTORUM (R)** in Pennsylvania

SHELDON WHITEHOUSE (D) defeated **LINCOLN CHAFEE (R)** in Rhode Island

ROBERT MENENDEZ (D) defeated **THOMAS KEAN (R)** in New Jersey

U.S. HOUSE

HEATH SHULER (D) defeated **CHARLES TAYLOR (R)** in North Carolina, 11th district

TIM MAHONEY (D) defeated **MARK FOLEY (R)** in Florida, 16th district

BARON HILL (D) defeated **MIKE SODREL (R)** in Indiana, 9th district
*Unofficial tallies

Experts say results show voters discontent with war

BY SAMUEL LAU
STAFF WRITER

The Democratic Party gained control of the House of Representatives while the Senate remained still up for grabs late into Tuesday night's midterm elections.

As of 11:30 p.m., initial election results showed the Democrats had picked up the necessary 15 seats needed to win a majority in the House, in addition to three seats in the Senate.

The Democrats need to gain six seats in the Senate in order to win control of both houses of Congress.

Benefiting from President Bush's low approval rating and general public discontent with the war in Iraq, the Democrats gained key House positions in states including North Carolina, Indiana and

Pennsylvania.

"The Democrats will have a lot to say about domestic policy over the next two years, and the Bush administration has a sign that the current Iraq policy is not working in a way that gives them any influence," said George Rabinowitz, UNC political science professor.

All 435 House seats, which come with two-year terms, were contested Tuesday.

The last time the House had a Democratic majority was in 1994.

Winning the House, which is influenced much more by the majority party than the Senate, allows the Democrats to set the agenda and bring items to the House floor that the Republicans have tried to keep off, said Bruce Oppenheimer, a professor of political science at Vanderbilt University.

Rutgers political science professor Ross Baker added that the Democrats also will call for a number

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INCUMBENT PRICE WINS EASY RE-ELECTION IN 4TH DISTRICT

BY ELIZABETH DEORNELLAS
STATE & NATIONAL ASSISTANT EDITOR

RALEIGH — Although there was little suspense in the race for U.S. Congressional District 4 of North Carolina, election night 2006 still held significance for both candidates.

At the N.C. Democratic Party headquarters, U.S. Rep. David Price waited to see if the Democratic Party would succeed in gaining a majority in the U.S. House.

Price said he would assume a new leadership role in a Democratic House, becoming chairman of the Homeland

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 4

DAVID PRICE (D) 65 percent
125,166 votes
 STEVE ACUFF (R) 35 percent
67,609 votes
*Unofficial tallies

Security Appropriations Subcommittee.

"That would be the biggest change for me personally."

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Judicial race down to wire

Fox wins, second seat still in doubt

BY KAYLA CARRICK AND RACHEL ULLRICH
ASSISTANT CITY EDITORS

After a closely fought battle for two Orange-Chatham county Superior Court judgeships, the final result could be still to come.

Unofficial vote tallies show Allen Baddour beating Adam Stein by 70 votes. Senior Superior Court



Carl Fox retained his Superior Court seat decisively Tuesday night.

Judge Carl Fox retained his seat by a definitive margin.

Pandora Paschal, deputy director of the Chatham County Board of Elections, said provisional ballots won't be counted until Nov. 17. Once they are counted, a recount will be mandatory if the two candidates are within one-half of a percent of each other.

If the candidates are separated by more than one-half of a percent, Stein still can call for a recount, Paschal said.

Despite the possibility, Baddour was celebrating Tuesday night.

"We knew it would be close and that's why we've been knocking on doors since August," he said.

Baddour said that he wrote postcards to voters and that he couldn't have won the seat without

SUPERIOR COURT

CARL FOX 35.5 percent
27,489 votes

ALLEN BADDOUR 21.9 percent
17,020 votes

ADAM STEIN 21.8 percent
16,950 votes

CHARLES ANDERSON 21 percent
16,368 votes

*Unofficial tallies, pending a possible recount

his supporters.

"It was pure hard work," said David Baddour, Allen Baddour's brother. "We knew if it didn't work out, it wouldn't be for lack of effort."

Baddour has served as resident Superior Court judge for Chatham and Orange counties since Gov. Mike Easley appointed him to the post in February.

He said he plans to take the rest of the week to be with his family before getting back to the bench.

Stein's wife, Jane Stein, said she was surprised with how the numbers were adding up because Stein fared better than Baddour in the primary.

"I'm sorry Adam's not ahead," she said. "He is a wise man with legal experience."

Stein thanked a room full of his supporters, including his children and grandchildren, after the results came in at his Chapel Hill home.

"I've been so proud to have the support of you all," Stein said to the group. "I think we did everything we could do."

Stein's daughter Gerda Stein helped her father with the cam-

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Mike Nelson (left), newly elected county commissioner and former mayor of Carrboro, celebrates with Paul Cole, operations manager of the UNC music department, at the West End Wine Bar on Franklin Street on Tuesday after hearing his successful preliminary election results.

NELSON A NEWCOMER

ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ALICE GORDON (D) 30.6 percent
25,946 votes

BARRY JACOBS (D) 30.2 percent
25,693 votes

MIKE NELSON (D) 27.7 percent
23,500 votes

JAMIE DANIEL (R) 11.5 percent
9,763 votes

District representation referendum passed with 68.5 percent of the vote. See pg. 5 for a full story on the referendum's impact.

*Unofficial tallies

BY GRAY CALDWELL
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Democrats won the day Tuesday, as the two incumbents and a former Carrboro mayor beat out the sole Republican candidate for seats on the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

Board chairman Barry Jacobs and commissioner Alice Gordon were re-elected, and Mike Nelson joined the board with 23,500 votes, or 27.7 percent. They defeated Republican Jamie Daniel for four-year terms.

"I just feel good," Nelson said. "I'm excited about the prospect of serving the people of Orange County."

Nelson served as the mayor of Carrboro for

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Commissioner Alice Gordon was the top vote-getter in the election and netted her fifth term on the board. She said she welcomes Nelson aboard.



Board chairman Barry Jacobs finished in second place and earned another four-year term. He said he's eager to continue the work he started.

Incumbents win unsurprising victories in N.C. legislature

N.C. SENATE DISTRICT 23

ELLIE KINNAIRD (D) 73.6 percent
31,532 votes

E.B. ALSTON (R) 26.4 percent
11,312 votes

N.C. HOUSE DISTRICT 54

JOE HACKNEY (D) 69.9 percent
15,623 votes

ALVIN REED (R) 30.1 percent
6,727 votes

N.C. HOUSE DISTRICT 56

VERLA INSKO (D), unopposed
14,217 votes

N.C. HOUSE DISTRICT 50

BILL FAISON (D), unopposed
12,394 votes

*Unofficial tallies

BY BRENDAN BROWN AND LINDSEY NAYLOR
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As election updates rolled in Tuesday night, Democrats and Republicans used various venues throughout Orange County as meeting places to discuss the evening's results.

Some found solace in meeting with fellow politicians, while other candidates decided to spend the evening at home with their families.

Two Democrats, Rep. Bill Faison, D-Orange, and Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange, ran unopposed, but thousands of votes still

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Incumbent Joe Hackney defeated Republican challenger Alvin Reed at the polls. Hackney, the N.C. House majority leader, said he works for voters all year long.



Incumbent Verla Insko did not face opposition in her effort to keep her seat in the General Assembly. Insko has served in the legislature since her 1996 election.



Ellie Kinnaird (right) talks with Katrina Ryan, president of Orange County Democratic Women.

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the Nov. 1 front-page article, "UNC to host Chinese official," incorrectly states that the Health and Nutrition Survey focuses on AIDS prevention. It focuses on a variety of health and nutrition issues. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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SEEING THE LIGHT Students take an off-campus tour to assess lighting needs

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Forum addresses the often-touchy issue of ethnic labeling

STEPPING IT UP Panhellenic Council set for annual Homecoming step show

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GADGET IS CLICKING
New electronic devices known as "clickers" aid professors in getting students to participate in lecture classes and see few technical problems.

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IT'S HIS DAILEY
UNC quarterback Joe Dailey will start against Georgia Tech after throwing three touchdowns and no interceptions against Notre Dame on Saturday.

this day in history

NOV. 8, 1924 ...
Rameses the Ram leads the UNC football team onto the field for the first time. The Tar Heels defeat Virginia Military Institute by a score of 3-0.

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