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SENATE CALLED FOR DEMOCRATS

Rumsfeld's resignation comes amid GOP losses

BY ALLISON NICHOLS
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A new face in the secretary of defense position might signal that President Bush is open to change in his Iraq policy.

Bush announced the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on Wednesday, a day after Republicans lost the majority in the House, in what some experts are calling a referendum on the war.

Rumsfeld, who held the position since January 2001, drew increased criticism from Democrats and Republicans alike in recent months for his handling of the war in Iraq.

"I was surprised, but Rumsfeld



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld resigned from his post Wednesday.

was certainly on the hot seat," said Joseph Glatthaar, chairman of UNC's curriculum in peace, war and defense.

"He had lost the respect of the vast majority of the military."

Bush's nominee to replace Rumsfeld, Robert Gates, could offer a new perspective in the position.

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PARTY SHIFT CONSIDERED REFERENDUM ON WAR IN IRAQ, VOTERS APPRECIATE BALANCE

BY LINDSEY NAYLOR
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The Democratic Party celebrated its takeover of the U.S. House on Tuesday night and the end of more than a decade of political drought for the party on Capitol Hill.

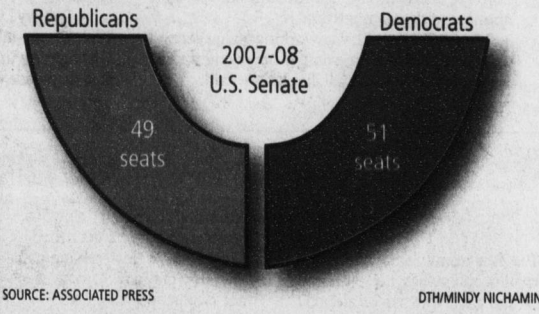
When it rains, it pours. The party was guaranteed at least a 50-50 U.S. Senate following the Wednesday announcement of Montana Democrat Jon Tester's win over the state's incumbent Republican senator.

Shortly thereafter, President Bush announced the resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, long-time recipient of criticism from the left.

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The Senate's new balance of power

With the Va. Senate race declared a victory for Democrat Jim Webb against Republican George Allen on Wednesday, the Democratic Party now controls both the chambers of Congress.



BUTCH DAVIS RUMORS SWIRL

Several media outlets reported Wednesday night that Butch Davis signed on to become UNC's football coach, but both Davis' agent and UNC officials say that there isn't a deal in place.

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Judicial hopefuls awaiting final call

Provisional ballots to determine race

BY KAYLA CARRICK
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

The fat lady has yet to sing the final results of the Orange-Chatham county Superior Court judge election.

Unofficial vote tallies show candidate Allen Baddour beating Adam Stein by 70 votes in the race

to earn one of two spots on the bench. Incumbent Carl Fox was last night's winner by a definitive margin.

And with 805 provisional ballots still to be counted, Stein is not ready to throw in the towel.

"I'd rather it be this close than if it wasn't close and I lost," Stein said.

"It's not over yet and I'm glad there's still a chance that I may win."

Stein's optimism comes from his success at the polls in Orange County, where a majority of the provisional ballots are held.

The Orange County Board of Elections received 610 provisional ballots. The other 195 belong to Chatham County.

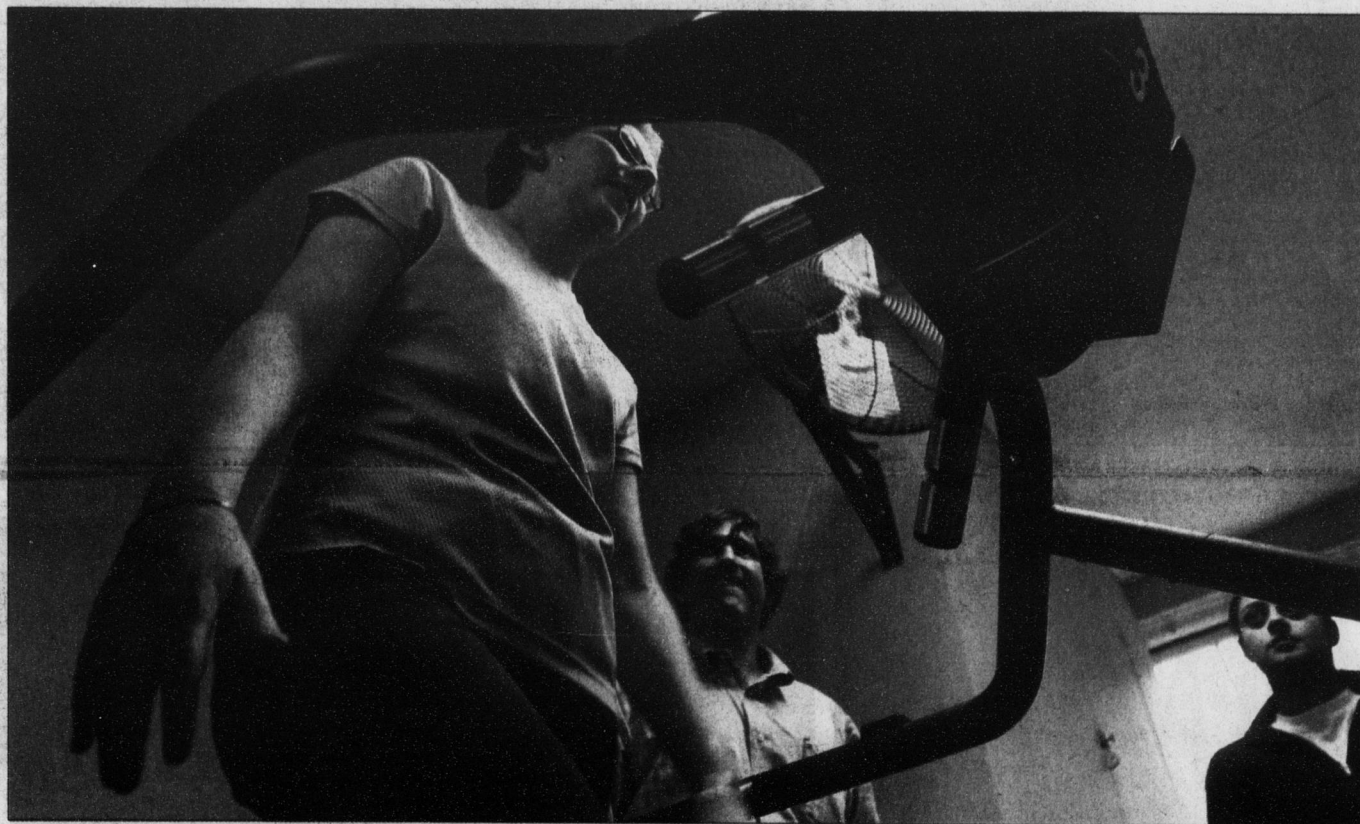
"Those numbers will encourage my people," Stein said. "One looks at those numbers and says, 'Well, it looks possible.'"

In Orange County, Stein beat Baddour by more than 2,000 votes. Baddour beat Stein by about the same amount in Chatham County.

But Baddour said that accord-

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Therapy gives healing power to patients



Gretchen Hoag walks on a treadmill Wednesday as Claudio Battaglini and senior exercise and sports science major Leena Patel look on. Hoag is one of three women participating in a new program, Get Recreation, Get Exercise, Get Active, Get Living and Heel, that aims to help cancer patients through exercise and mental therapy.

Program for cancer patients stimulates through exercise

BY EMILY STEPHENSON
STAFF WRITER

Gretchen Hoag used to despise exercising.

"My husband tried everything to get me to exercise," said Hoag, a Chapel Hill resident who is participating in breast cancer therapy.

But when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, Hoag

had to change her attitude.

"I knew that post-cancer-diagnosis exercise was really important," she said. "I needed something to make me exercise."

She found it when she joined a program developed by both UNC's Department of Exercise and Sport Science and the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The program, Get Recreation, Get Exercise, Get Active, Get Living and Heel, started in October and combines exercise and recreational therapy to help breast cancer patients manage symptoms and treatment, said Diane Groff, program director and professor of exercise and sport science.

The program is the brainchild of Groff and Claudio Battaglini, also a program director and exercise and sport science faculty member.

Battaglini came to the University with a background in working with exercise for cancer patients.

Upon learning of Groff's work with recreational therapy, Battaglini proposed that physical and psychological therapy be employed to help breast cancer patients.

"He said, 'Let's work with the mind, too,'" Groff said. "The concept was born of Get REAL and Heel."

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Mall rolls out tree for underprivileged children

Hatchell helps kick off charity effort

BY LAURA SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Some of the area's finest young talent showed off various skills at University Mall on Wednesday at the Wish Tree 2006 Opening Night.

The event, designed to encourage people to donate toys to the Chapel Hill Service League's Christmas House, was attended by several familiar faces, including UNC women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell.

Hatchell, honorary chairwoman of the Christmas House, encour-

aged guests to take paper cutout bears, which contain the ages and names of underprivileged children, from the Wish Tree.

Gifts can be placed under Wish Trees at University Mall or Carr Mill Mall. Parents will pick up the toys on Dec. 2.

Hatchell said she plans to put together an assortment of sporting goods for the 10-year-old boy she selected from the tree.

Basketball players Erlana Larkins, Ivory Latta, Meghan Austin and Christina DeWitt joined her to show

their support of the program.

"This is such a great community project," Hatchell said. "The Chapel Hill Service League does such a tremendous job with this."

Carol Douglas, publicity co-chairwoman for the service league, said the Wish Tree is different from other toy donation projects.

"One of the things that makes it so unusual and unique compared to other programs like it is that the Christmas House is set up for parents and guardians of the children on the Wish Tree to come in and choose the toys for the kids," Douglas said.

Family specialists at schools in

Orange County refer parents and guardians of children in need to the Christmas House.

Last year the program served 841 children.

The night included several acts including Grupo Danza Folkloricas Colombianas and the Glenwood Gator Show Choir from Glenwood Elementary School.

The Triangle Youth Ballet performed a classical ballet.

Dancer Callie Henson said she was glad to be able to be a part of the cause.

"I really felt like I was giving back

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Stephania Montano, 4, of Grupo Danza Folkloricas Colombianas, steps out of line during a routine at the Wish Tree opening night celebration.

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, the Tuesday front-page photo outline accompanying the story, "Nelson a newcomer," incorrectly states where Mike Nelson was celebrating. He was at La Residence. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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HEY, TEACH A program allows college students to teach underserved students

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TOO POLITICAL?

Student Congress leaders say this year's body is becoming divided along party lines leading some to question if partisan politics is good for students.

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DOMINATING THE POOL

UNC men's and women's swim teams take first in every event and second in all but two against Duke on Wednesday in a meet at Koury Natatorium.

this day in history

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Chilean President Ricardo Lagos Escobar receives an honorary UNC degree. Escobar taught in the Latin American studies department as a visiting professor in the 1970s.

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