#### JUDGE

ing to his team's statistical analysis, if provisional votes mirror Election Day totals, Stein only will close the margin by about 10 votes.

"I'm thrilled with the results, and I'm confident that they will stand," Baddour said.

"It's certainly not over until every vote is counted, but my expectations are the provisional ballots will not alter the outcome."

Baddour said the statistics could change depending on which pre-cincts the provisional ballots are in.

Terry Sullivan, a UNC professor of political science, said elections that come down to the provisional

And, Wednesday night, Virginia called the defeat of Sen. George

Allen, R-Va., by challenger Jim

Webb, giving Democrats 51 Senate seats and the kind of power they

But Ron Haskins, a senior fel-

low at the independent research-

and policy-oriented Brookings

Institution, cautioned against overconfidence. He said the party's victo-

ries stem more from citizens' disgust

with the war in Iraq, the budget defi-

cit and government corruption than

trolled Congress could mean the kind of balance of party power

that, in past decades, effectively has

produced policies such as welfare reform and a balanced budget.

"The American public likes a divided government," he said. "I

think they're not overly trustful of

either party."
Schorr Johnson, communications

director for the N.C. Democratic Party, said the midterm elections

showed the power of democracy and

the public's wish for change.
"People voted clearly and

resoundingly for a new direction,

he said. "That's what we have elec-

C.P. Helms, executive vice chairman of the UNC College

Republicans, said the Democratic

campaign was a continuation of the

finger-pointing 2004 presidential

race. He said the difference between

that year's Democratic loss and 2006

from the Democratic agenda. Still, he said a Democrat-con-

haven't enjoyed since 1994.

**MIDTERM** 

ballots are rare, despite recent close calls in national elections.

"We found out from Florida in 2000 that a lot of these votes don't get counted at all unless it makes a difference," he said.

And in this race, they very well could

If final tallies released Nov. 17 put the two candidates within a 1 percent margin, there will be a mandatory recount, something that hasn't happened in Orange or Chatham county in at least the past eight years, said Barry Garner, director for the Orange County Board of Elections.

If the candidates are separated by more than 1 percent, either can-didate can call for a recount, which

"With Bush's approval ratings where they are, 'not Bush' is finally

a strong enough platform."

UNC political science professor Thad Beyle said voters expect

Democrats to appease their con-

cerns, and the timing of Rumsfeld's exit indicates Republicans' aware-

ness that they are not in the clear.

"I think they're realizing what happened in the voting booths

Tuesday is something that they

have to respond to," he said. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., who is in

line to become House Speaker, has promised to pass legislation imme-

diately upon official takeover of the

Congress. Favorite party initiatives include lowering student loan rates

and balancing the budget.

Haskins said the lofty ambitions

could be foiled by party dissension as members push diverse agendas and campaign for the spot of major-

ity leader, the second most power-

ful position behind Speaker. Pelosi already is trying to put

out party fires by meeting with Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., to stop him from seeking Bush's

impeachment - a move Haskins

said "would ruin things on the Hill

He said Democrats' effective-

ness could determine which party

wins the White House in 2008.
"There's plenty of things the

Democrats can do if they can keep

their majority and if they can get along reasonably with Bush," he said. "Who knows if they're going

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to be able to pull it off."

right off the bat."

would have to be approved by the board of elections.

Without provisional votes, the two are separated by less than onetenth of 1 percent.

The fourth candidate, Charles "Chuck" Anderson also has a slim chance of taking the second seat as he sits 652 votes behind Baddour and 582 behind Stein. He would need to win more

than 80 percent of the provisional votes to close the gap between him and Baddour. Stein said he will look at his options once the final numbers

are made public. "I'm hoping to be ahead then, and I'm hoping it will be Allen Baddour's call," he said.

irregularities at the polls, it didn't seem necessary for a candidate to call for a recount if it wasn't mandated by either board of elec-

Baddour said that without any

Both Baddour and Stein said the close race, with the possibil-ity of a recount didn't come as a

surprise.
"I think that all the candidates ran very hard and very fair and very tough campaigns," Baddour

"I hope that all of us put together a race that helps the voters make informed decisions."

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# What did the midterm



"Policies toward certain polarized issues might play out differently, but I still think they're in it to stay in

LAURA WILLIAMSON, JUNIOR, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, ON THE DEMOCRATIC HOUSE MAJORITY



"I'm not terribly surprised because of the way that the Republican-dominated administration has alienated so much of the al community."

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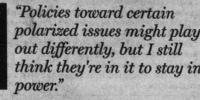
"It was the first time I can recall winning, and it feels so much better to win than it does to lose."

BEN KAPLAN-SINGER, SENIOR, POLITICAL SCIENCE

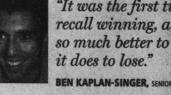


"I just hope that all the issues and stuff will be on the way to being resolved, and we can fix the problems Bush has created.

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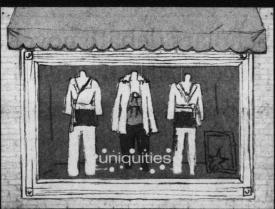
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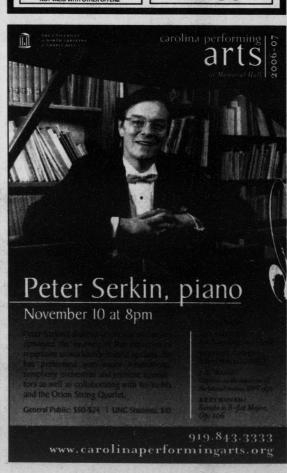
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### RUMSFELD

Gates, the president of Texas A&M University, was director of the CIA under Bush's father and a CIA

employee under six presidents.
"You will find that he's going to be a breath of fresh air in Washington," said Doug Slack, speaker of the faculty senate at Texas A&M. "Our loss

s the country's gain."

Daniel Graham, sophomore political science major at Texas A&M, said the mood on campus Wednesday was somber as students learned of the imminent departure

of their popular president.
"Dr. Gates has done a lot of good things for the university," he said.

The Senate must approve a prospective secretary of defense. Gates' appointment likely will not be controversial, said George Rabinowitz, UNC professor of political science

Slack applauded Gates' open and kind leadership style and said the former intelligence guru listens to every side before making decisions. Glatthaar also said Gates has a

reputation for strong leadership.
"How good a secretary of defense he will be it's hard to say, but I think he will be unquestionably more politically astute than Donald Rumsfeld."

UNC history professor Don Higginbotham said he is amazed the president kept such a controversial member in the cabinet for so long.

"He's been rather slow to get it

that the secretary of defense has been a liability and a drag on his administration."

Experts agree that Rumsfeld's res-gnation and Gates' appointment are part of the administration's desire to

shift policy regarding Iraq.
"We can't stay the course. It's absurd," Glatthaar said.

After a poor GOP showing in mid-term elections, Bush needed a bold move to demonstrate his willingness

to compromise, Rabinowitz said.

Army personnel said they could not predict if the shift in leader-

ship would affect armed services. Lt. Col. Greg Daddis, UNC prosor of military science in the ROTC, said troop morale is tied to serving ideals, not to politics.

We're committed to the Constitution and supporting that Constitution, as opposed to sup-porting specific individuals in government." Jenny Stevens, administrative vice chairwoman of UNC College

Republicans, expressed concerns that Rumsfeld's resignation could trigger a hasty exit from Iraq.
"It could be a situation where

there's a rush to put in this timetable where it's just sort of put together in a placating manner," she said.

Higginbotham cautioned against

nking on a new Iraq policy. "I don't think we can just assume that's going to happen because Rumsfeld's out of the picture."

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## THERAPY

The three women enrolled in the program, and they come to the Women's Gym three times a week.

They walk on treadmills, do abdominal exercises and cardiovas-cular work. They also learn to regulate their heart rate and breathing

and develop a positive outlook.

Groff said she thinks the combination of exercise and therapy makes the program different from others that assist cancer patients.

Battaglini said the program also stands out because its volunteers come from many different programs within the University. Students from the exercise and

sport science and the allied health sciences departments volunteer. The program receives help from physical therapists, trainers and physicians. "It's a gamut," Battaglini said, not-

ing that six new patients are joining the program this week and 20 more are expected for December. "We are going to grow pretty quickly."

The program is funded by a \$42,513 grant from the N.C. Triangle

affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, which funds breast cancer programs.
"We have grants that we fund

within our 13-county service area every year," said Kathy Burns, chairwoman of the grants committee of the N.C. Triangle affiliate.

Last year the affiliate provided about \$650,000 to programs such as Get REAL and Heel, Burns said.

Groff said she and Battaglini also have applied for a grant from the national Komen foundation. The grant would allow Groff and her colleagues to conduct an indepth research project to determine the effects of the program.

"If we find that these are effective interventions, we hope that they will be implemented through-out the United States," Groff said. Hoag said she is pleased with her experience in the program.

I feel like I have more energy, and I'm beginning to see a difference in muscle tone," she said. "For me this is just perfect."

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### TREE

to the community through my dancng," Henson said. "This gives people who have a lot the opportunity to give to people who don't have a lot, especially during the holidays."

The Bouncing Bulldogs, a jump rope team, wrapped up the show with impressive talents of their

The crowd's heads bobbed along to the beat of a jump rope hitting the floor as Timothy Martin fit nine bouncing people into the span of his rope.

Martin said, "It's really special

to be able to show our support for something like this by doing some-

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