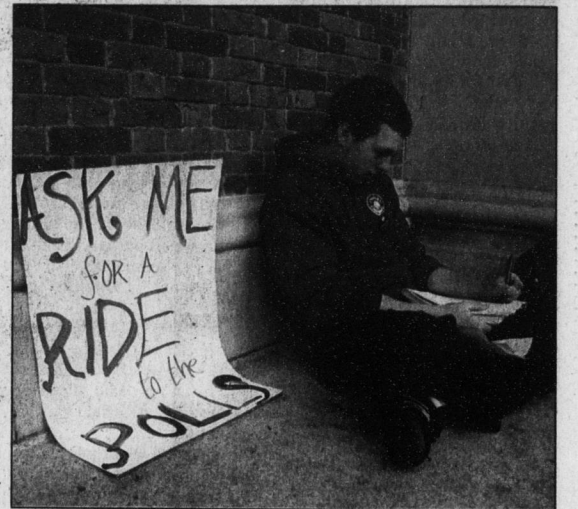


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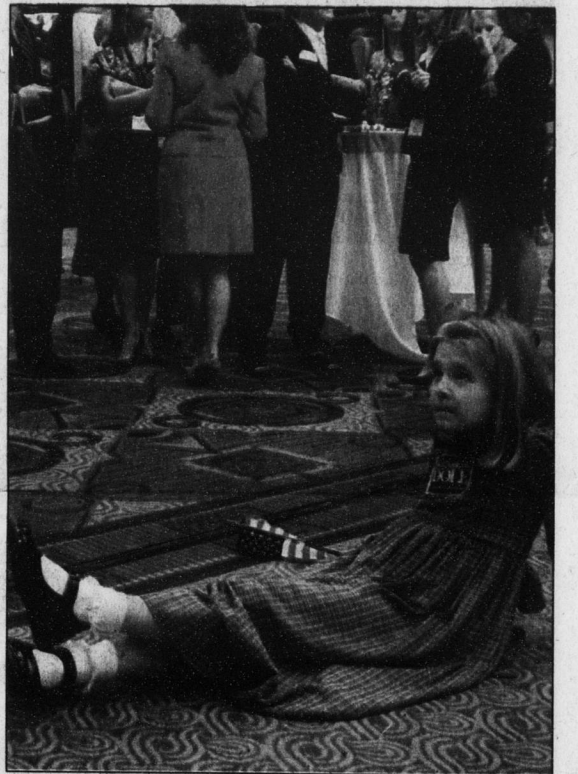
DTH/SARAH RIAZATI

U.S. Senate: Elizabeth Dole concedes her race for a second term representing North Carolina to Democratic challenger and N.C. Sen. Kay Hagan. The Republican told supporters at her Election Day event in Salisbury that serving as North Carolina's first female senator has been an honor but noted that she was not pleased with the tone of this year's campaign.



DTH/ZOE LITAKER

Rides to the polls: Chris Clayman, a member of Young Democrats, waits outside Morehead Planetarium to offer rides to voters attempting to reach polling stations on Election Day.



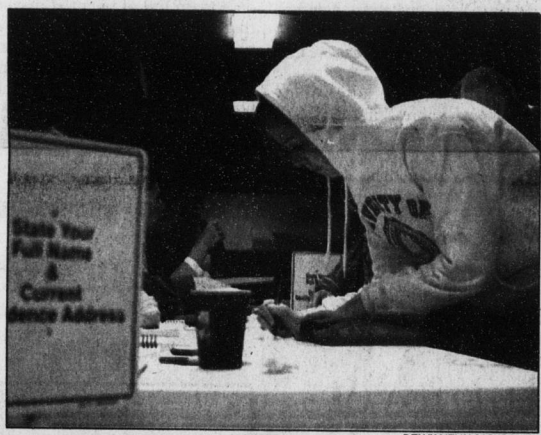
DTH/COLLEEN COOK

Republicans at watch: Elizabeth Riddick, 7, a supporter of Elizabeth Dole, waits to hear the final results of the U.S. Senate race at the N.C. GOP Victory 2008 Election Night party Tuesday.



DTH/MATTHEW NEIMKIN

N.C. Senate: Democratic incumbent Ellie Kinnaird celebrates her victory with fiancé Dan Pollitt on Tuesday at Spice Street. She won a seventh term representing the 23rd District in the N.C. Senate.



DTH/KAITLIN MCKEOWN

Voting Tuesday: Kendall Hedding, a junior math and political science major, verifies her registration before voting at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on East Rosemary Street on Tuesday afternoon.



DTH/ELIZABETH LADZINSKI

Orange County Commissioner: Bernadette Pelissier (right) looks over District Court Judge Page Vernon's shoulder at results on a laptop screen showing her win in the commissioner race at Town Hall Grill.



DTH/EVELYN GREENE

Outside the polls: Democrat N.C. Sen. Kay Hagan of Guilford County greets a family at the St. James United Methodist Church polling place in Raleigh as she travels around the state to talk to voters on Election Day. The U.S. Senator-elect later celebrated her victory over incumbent Republican Elizabeth Dole at a rally in Greensboro Coliseum.