

Price keeps grip on district

Manages to appeal to Triangle voters

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Rep. David Price's stronghold on the 4th District of North Carolina has been in place since Tar Heel voters elected him to the U.S. House in 1987.

And colleagues and pundits say his grip on the area's electorate isn't expected to loosen any time soon.

Though rumors have circulated about Price's possible retirement in 2006, the congressman's press secretary, Bridget Lowell, said he will not be leaving the House any time soon.

So the Republican Party now is left with the difficult task of finding an opponent who can unseat him — this time around, businessman Todd Batchelor.

Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life, said he believes Price's popularity stems from a combination of factors.

"He fits the profile of the kind of

congressman attuned to the Research Triangle," he said. "These are people who work at high-tech jobs, universities or community colleges, people who value education."

Guillory also said legislative redistricting has made the 4th District, which includes all of Orange and Durham counties and part of Wake and Chatham counties, more congenial to a Democratic candidate.

Rep. Brad Miller, D-N.C., said Price recently has pushed for federal funding for a new Environmental Protection Agency laboratory in the Triangle and has worked to improve funding for UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University.

He also has secured more than \$60 million for the initial planning and construction of a regional rail service that would connect Durham, Orange and Wake counties.

Miller said the plans are the kinds of initiatives that have made Price "a great asset to North

Carolina."

But Batchelor said Price's reign has been detrimental to North Carolina. "Mr. Price has, for over 16 years, been in support of tax increases," he said.

Batchelor also said that if he is elected, he would vote to reduce taxes and would oppose the rail system. "A little less than 5 percent of the people would use this transportation," he said.

Instead, Batchelor said he thinks federal funding would be much better spent on improving the highways in the Triangle area.

He also said Price's support of specific aspects of President Bush's K-12 education policy, the No Child Left Behind Act, is hurting teachers and children.

But Guillory said Price's record and grassroots connection with voters will help him in the end.

"He's not a celebrity. He works on real issues. That'll make him hard to beat."

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CONCERT

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young voters with this event. "First of all vote, then vote for Erskine," he said.

Bowles will face off against Republican candidate Richard Burr in the Nov. 2 general election. He is leading Burr in the polls by 10 percentage points.

In a Survey USA poll taken from Sept. 6 to Sept. 9 for WBTV in Charlotte and WTVR in Durham, Bowles garnered 50 percent of voter support; Burr gained 40 percent.

Bowles, White House chief of staff during the Clinton administration, lost the 2002 Senate race to Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C.

But Tuesday's concert was more focused on the music for a cause rather than party politics.

Johnson explained to the crowd that there were no speakers because the campaign wanted to keep the atmosphere casual.

For his part, Kishore said he wanted to help the Democratic cause.

"We're just trying to rock the fuck out."

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I wouldn't be here."

He said that although construction has not been pleasant, he is excited about the end results.

Kukovich said he already has received a positive reaction from customers.

"I think this is good for downtown," he said. "In fact, I'm sure of it."

Betsy Hayes of Peacock Alley, a store that has been located at

University Square for 23 years, said she has been happy with the renovations, despite a variety of difficulties.

She said she is hoping the renovated square will draw new customers, especially students.

Moshier said the final phase of renovations will include continued improvements of sidewalks and renovations to awnings and landscaping.

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increase in the cost per square foot to rising prices for steel, oil and electrical contracts.

A memorandum from Scroggs to Pedersen stated that square footage had been reviewed but that no additional areas were available for reduction.

The package that would request a funding increase of \$3.4 million over the current budget included reductions in construction materials, kitchen and media furnishings and retaining walls and sidewalks.

Scroggs said the district would

have considered these changes even if the project had not gone over budget.

Lisa Stuckey, vice chairwoman of the board, said she liked the design of the building because it would blend in with the feel of Carrboro.

The design includes features like extra windows for natural light, solar panels and a system that uses rainwater to flush the toilets.

The high school will be located on Rock Haven Road in Carrboro and is expected to open in 2007.

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DEDC

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implement the broad design that we have come to."

Another concern of the DEDC was the appropriation of public funds for the project.

The board made it clear that public funding from the town needed to be avoided if possible because the town does not want a tax increase.

As the proposal now stands, the vast majority of the project will be privately funded, Strom said.

"We want this to be a self-financing project," Horton explained. "Private money will be sufficient enough to displace public costs."

The group did not have the specific financial analysis of the proposal's total cost that the DEDC had requested.

Horton assured the board that financial information would be available at the council's public forum Monday.

"We don't want people to lock on to numbers that are certain to change in the upcoming weeks," Horton said.

The Town Council plans to hold

another public meeting in October. At that meeting, council members will discuss the plans further after citizens have had a chance to review the information presented at the public forum.

"We're trying to make decisions that meet our goals and protect the public interest at the same time," Strom said.

The DEDC was created by the council to address the joint interests of the town, University and private sector downtown.

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WIRELESS

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to \$700 a month, Vogel said.

The Carr Mill Mall and Century Center area should have wireless access by Dec. 31, and the dumb-bell configuration of the network should be completed by June 2005, he said.

The installation will offer more areas of free public wireless Internet access to people gathering in downtown Carrboro.

"We're trying to create a friendly place for laptops downtown," said

Carrboro Town Manager Steve Stewart. "It's been very well-received ... and we are constantly looking for areas to expand (wireless access)."

In addition to the six public access points, additional private access points will be created at the Town Hall, Town Commons and Century Center for exclusive use by town departments.

Once the wireless zone is completed, police with laptops in their patrol cars will be able to access information much faster.

"Now (police) won't have to call the station and wait to get infor-

mation," Vogel said. "They can do searches right from their cars."

He said there will be different access points based on use. "The construction of private and public access points keeps the public on their own network and the police on their own network."

Laptop users who want to access the wireless network in downtown Carrboro can obtain directions on how to connect to it at <http://www.tocwireless.net/go.htm>.

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Richard White Lecture Hall
Duke University's East Campus

Welcoming Remarks
Robin Kirk, Duke Human Rights Initiative

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24, 2004
Room 240, John Hope Franklin Center
2204 Erwin Rd, Durham, NC

1:00 - 2:00 pm EDT
Opening Remarks
Srinivas Aravamudan, Director, FHI, Duke
Peter Lange, Provost, Duke
Gilbert Merx, Vice Provost for International Affairs, Duke

Robert Quinn, Director, Scholars at Risk Network, NYU
Director, Institute of International Education's Scholar Rescue Fund

2:00 - 3:30 pm EDT
Particular Knowledge and Global Human Rights
Moderator: Grant Farred (Literature Program, Duke; Editor, *South Atlantic Quarterly*)

Shameem Abbas (English Dept., University of Texas, Austin)
"Potent Knowledge: Unaware Scholarship"
Jean-Mathieu Essis (Center for International Cooperation, NYU)
"Democracy in the Age of Terror: What We Know and Why It Matters"
Thomas Keenan (Human Rights Project, Bard College)
"Evidence in Question: Knowing and Doing in Human Rights"

3:45 - 5:15 pm EDT
Challenging the Status Quo: Humanities/Law/Politics
Moderator: Walter Mignolo (Romance Studies, Duke; Director, Center for Global Studies and the Humanities; Co-coordinator, editorial collective *Worlds and Knowledges Otherwise*)
Jacqueline Moudeina (Dickinson School of Law, Penn State)
"Jacqueline's Fight"
Emmanuel Tatah Mentan (Political Science, Illinois Wesleyan)
"Risky Knowledge in Cameroon: Insecurity of Tenure and State Terror"
Karen Engle (UT School of Law, Austin)
"The Perilous Representation of Rape Victims in Bosnia"

5:20 - 6:20 pm EDT
Dialogue with Panelists


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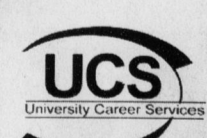
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