

Price describes accomplishments, goals

By STACI COX
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Rep. David Price, D-N.C., outlined his bill to restore tax exemption on student loans and scholarships with about 40 young Democrats and six college Republicans at a Young Democrats meeting in the Student Union Tuesday.

"It is absurd to allow people to deduct the interest when they buy a yacht, but pay taxes when they take out a student loan," Price said, criticizing President Reagan's 1986 tax reform act that eliminated the tax-exempt status of interest on student loans and on scholarship funds.

Price is gathering support for the bill, which has about 60 co-sponsors in the House, he said. Other members of Congress are sponsoring similar bills, and one of the bills should reach

the House floor during the next session, he said.

On the eve of his official entry into a re-election race, Price highlighted Congress' achievements during his first term as 4th District representative.

Price helped win \$1.7 million in funding for expanded Environmental Protection Agency research facilities in Chapel Hill, he said.

Among the bills passed in 1987 are a repeal of the Nuclear Waste Requirement Act and funding to consolidate the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) buildings in the Research Triangle Park, Price said.

The Nuclear Waste Requirement Act required a high-level waste dump in the Eastern United States if one is placed in the West, Price said. The

North Carolina sites under consideration were unacceptable because of high population in the areas and problems with soil quality, Price said. The repeal passed without debate, but only because it was added to the final package containing all remaining legislation for the session, Price said.

As a member of the banking committee, Price is sponsoring a consumer-protection bill that would require up-front, full disclosure of requirements for home-equity loans, he said.

Price is part of a Southern effort to combat illiteracy. He is the Democratic co-chairman of a bipartisan group of Southern congressmen that is studying solutions to the growing problem of adult illiteracy and high school drop-outs, he said.



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Reagan gives CIA authority to continue aid to contras

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — President Reagan authorized the CIA to resume air drops of weapons to Nicaragua's contra rebels Tuesday, as congressional opponents worked to offset an expected presidential lobbying blitz for an extension of military aid.

The House votes Feb. 3 on Reagan's request for an as-yet-undetermined amount of new military aid. If it approves the request, the Senate will vote the next day.

In a speech to administration political appointees Tuesday, the president reiterated his belief that only continued military pressure on Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government will lead to peace for the region.

The administration's task in winning new lethal supplies was made more difficult over the weekend when Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega promised to make substantial concessions to keep the peace process alive.

North investigation approved

WASHINGTON — Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North failed Tuesday in a bid to have the Supreme Court block a criminal investigation into his role in the Iran-contra affair.

The justices, without comment, refused to change a ruling that Attorney General Edwin Meese properly delegated authority to independent counsel Lawrence Walsh to conduct the inquiry.

The high court order clears the way for Walsh to seek indictments against North and other key participants in a scheme to divert the proceeds of secret U.S. arms sales to Iran to the Nicaraguan contra rebels.

Israel bans food shipments

JERUSALEM — Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin confronted stone-throwing Palestinians in a West Bank refugee camp Tuesday and said the army will use beatings rather than bullets to

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quell riots that began six weeks ago.

He also said Israel would bar foreign countries or private groups from shipping food to Palestinian refugee camps in the occupied territories. United Nations officials say some camps are short of food because of curfews.

Rabin denied there were food shortages in the camps. Soldiers barred a convoy of four food-laden trucks sent by a private Israeli organization from entering the Gaza Strip.

Soviets decry child labor

MOSCOW — The Soviet prosecutor's office says criminal exploitation of children performing menial labor on state farms kills hundreds of students and cripples thousands more each year.

The prosecutor's office complained that children as young as 10 are brought into farm labor collectives where they put in 12 hours a day.

The Tass article marked the first public criticism of the long-standing practice of recruiting children for farm work, although the author suggested that some child labor is necessary.

Hart invites opposition

FAYETTEVILLE — Gary Hart challenged his Democratic presidential rivals to unveil their deficit reduction plans Tuesday, a subject in which he said Americans were more interested than "peeking in people's windows."

Hart, on his first campaign foray to the South since re-entering the race, said he believed Bible Belt conservatives were ready to listen to his ideas on domestic and foreign policy and forgive the moral indiscretion that temporarily put him on the sidelines.

Collider

The DOE gave the list in no order of preference, but some officials see certain states as front-runners.

"The proposals from Texas and Illinois have significant strength," said Eugen Merzbacher, a UNC Kenan professor of physics.

N.C. experts seem to be pleased but not shocked with how well the state has done in the competition.

"I was happy . . . it just confirmed my belief that we were a good site," said William Dunn, SSC project director for North Carolina.

Merzbacher said he expected North Carolina to appear on the list of finalists, and he thinks the state has a very good proposal.

The SSC would have a major impact on the state, according to some N.C. officials.

"It would further enhance North Carolina's reputation (in the sciences)," Dunn said. The SSC also would add 3,000 scientifically related jobs to the Triangle, he added.

Merzbacher added, "Having it so close by would be a great boon to the University in general."

Research by the National Academy of Engineering and the Super Collider Site Evaluation Committee of the National Academy of Sciences enabled the DOE to announce the list. Twenty-one distinguished people in the physical and social sciences made up this committee, said Raphael Kasper, project director for the SSC at the academies.

Kasper said the committee made its decisions based on six categories — geology and tunneling, regional resources, environment, setting, regional conditions and utilities.

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Candidates use videos to get message across

By CARRIE DOVE
Staff Writer

The age of video has invaded the political arena. Campaign videos, cable television advertising and satellite interviews are giving presidential candidates local exposure without the large expenditures of network advertising.

"The VCR revolution permits people to have the candidate in their living rooms, allowing a larger grassroots campaign," said John Sweeney, assistant professor of journalism at UNC.

More than half of American households have VCRs, and almost 50 percent subscribe to cable television.

Many candidates are producing biographical or issues-oriented videos to use at home "video parties" for fund-raising or gathering support, Sweeney said.

"It is a way of getting out the story (about a candidate) that is less

expensive (than a network advertisement)," he said.

Republican Gen. Alexander Haig is producing a promotional video which should be released next week, said Tim McCook, assistant press secretary for Haig's presidential campaign.

Presidential candidate Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., made a seven-minute biographical video and has no plans to make another, said David Karle, Simon's press secretary.

"We use it for organizing and fund-raising, to complement campaign literature and policy papers," he said.

Republican candidates Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont and Pat Robertson have made similar videos, their spokesmen said.

Satellite interviews let candidates conduct interviews all over the country from a central location.

"To meet all the requests we have for interviews, use of satellites is often the only way," Karle said.

In November, Southern journalists took turns interviewing Simon through a satellite hookup in Miami, Karle said. Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis used a similar hookup in Texas to answer questions from college students across the country last fall, he said.

Advertising on cable television is cheaper than on the networks and permits the candidate to target a specific audience, but some candidates are choosing to stay with the traditional 30- or 60-second spots on network TV, spokesmen said.

"(The Haig campaign is) running some advertisements in New Hampshire on network stations and playing to the voter-at-large," McCook said.

Simon advertises on both Cable News Network and the networks, Karle said.

Sweeney points to the high cost of producing commercials, and said that candidates will concentrate more on direct mail for raising money.

"Political advertising is going to be less of an influence (than direct mail)," he said.

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