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Candidates for Congress ask for televised debates

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A joint letter to six area television stations from the opponents in the 4th District congressional race may pave the way for up to eight prime-time debates between Democratic Rep. David Price and challenger Tom Fetzter.

Campaign officials said the joint letter was mailed Friday, but they would not speculate on how many of the debates actually would be televised.

WPTF Programming Director Bob Wolfe said Monday the station had received the proposal but could not fit the debate into the week of Oct. 3, as suggested in the letter.

Wolfe said the station would offer two other prime-time broadcast slots, but that they would be later in the month.

Prime time is considered the evening hours between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., he said.

The station will lose advertising

revenue if it televises the debates, Wolfe said, but he did not specify how much.

Price campaign chairman Mike Davis said he was not surprised that WPTF had already turned down the original dates.

"It's a starting point," Davis said of the dates. "I would guess that the likelihood that those dates would go through is slim. It's up to them (TV stations)."

Two of the stations, WFMY in Greensboro and WGHP in High Point, are based outside of the 4th District.

"They have a lot of viewers in Randolph County, so we hope they'll respond positively," said Bob Harris, press spokesman for the Fetzter campaign.

Under the joint plan, WTVD in Durham and WPTF in Raleigh would host one debate apiece during the week of Oct. 3, WRAL in Raleigh would host a debate the week of Oct.

10, the Guilford County stations would host the week of Oct. 17, and WUNC would conclude the schedule the week of Oct. 24.

Two additional debates were proposed for the weeks of Oct. 10 and Oct. 24, with any of the stations already on the list or a combination of stations hosting the events.

The campaigns agreed on a format which would provide one hour of debate broken into three 20-minute segments. Each candidate would give four minutes of opening remarks and then answer questions from the moderator, including questions provided by the opposing campaign, which the moderator would select.

In the final segment, the candidates would question each other directly, and then conclude with four minutes of closing statements.

"We're not going to make any special preparations," Harris said. "I see this as something that will give the voter a chance to see where they

stand, and let the chips fall where they may."

Davis also said he felt it was important to put the two candidates together in front of the public. The voters need to see who the candidates are, he said, and the debate format offers the opportunity for more than "30-second snippets about whom the candidate is voting for."

Price debated "two or three times" in his first congressional race, but the debate will be Fetzter's first as a candidate for office, Davis said. The two appeared together in Raleigh earlier this month.

If the debates go ahead as scheduled, they may have a large impact on the election. Davis refused to release the results of in-house polls on the election, saying what they show is that "there are a lot of people who are undecided."

Despite Price's incumbency, Davis said, "no one on Price's camp went into this thinking it would be easy."

Students charged with crimes

By WILL SPEARS
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Four UNC students identified as pledges of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity have been charged with possession of stolen property, according to Chapel Hill and University police reports.

According to police reports, stolen items included license plates, lawn furniture and other property.

The four students charged are Frank Harris Lewis, 18, of 17 Old West Residence Hall; Mark Phillip Garside, 19, of 308 Grimes Residence Hall; and Stephen Chase Hemphill, 18, and Brian David Moore, 18, both of 11 Old West.

Hemphill, Lewis and Moore were each charged by University police with possession of stolen property.

Police said Hemphill was in possession of a lawn table, and Lewis was in possession of a stolen license plate.

Garside was served a criminal summons by Chapel Hill police and was charged with one count of possession of stolen property. According to the report, he was in possession of a wrought-iron chair.

According to Chapel Hill police

reports, a representative of Chi Omega sorority reported Friday that a table, chair and couch were taken from the front of the house at 313 E. Franklin St.

The couch was found in the middle of the main floor of the Beta Theta Pi house at 114 S. Columbia St.

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Splish splash

Sophomore Tom Silk douses junior Victoria Spencer with water from the Old Well Monday. Both are students from Great Britain.

Vacant seats a chronic problem for Student Congress

By AMY WAJDA
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Student Congress has been underrepresented each of the last five years, and the last session where each district was represented is unknown, congress representatives said Monday.

Membership has fluctuated between 17 and 27 in that time, but has never been at the maximum of 29. The last time the congress was full is unknown, since membership records only go back five years.

Three districts in the congress —

two representing graduate students and the other representing a segment of off-campus undergraduates — will go without candidates in the Oct. 4 election.

Student Congress Speaker Neil Riemann said the graduate districts may not necessarily go unrepresented. "I think historically a lot of graduate districts are filled by write-in campaigns."

The off-campus undergraduate seat vacancy could be attributed to the difficulty of running in an off-campus district, Riemann said. It is

more difficult to contact people while campaigning in the more spread-out areas, Riemann said. "Off-campus districts are difficult to get people to run for because it's more complex," he said.

Congress speaker pro tempore Jurgen Buchenau said lack of information is one of the main reasons for the lack of student involvement in the congress.

"I think a lot of people are very unclear as to what we're doing," Buchenau said. "There's a lack of information about what is currently

going on in congress. They don't see what they have to do with it."

Riemann described students as being "cyclically aware" of the congress. Aside from elections and budget time, said Riemann, "we're not highly visible the rest of the year."

Jamie Thomasson (Dist. 1), a graduate representative, sees graduate students' involvement in "consuming disciplines" as a cause of the lack of graduate student involvement in the congress.

"Time and location constraints keep you caught up in your own

field," Thomasson said. "We tend to isolate ourselves, which leads to a feeling of not really being a part of the campus."

Buchenau also cited a difference in priorities as affecting graduate involvement. "They (graduate students) can't relate to issues affecting undergraduates," he said.

Riemann said graduate students are caught in a "catch-22" situation. "They don't have confidence in the government to help them, but they won't be able to make that (government help) a reality unless they run

for office," he said.

Audrey Vanden Heuvel, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation (GPSF), sees the lack of graduate student involvement as a problem of awareness, not apathy. "It's a communications problem," Vanden Heuvel said. "The biggest problem is that they're not aware of the openings and what they could do."

No one from Student Congress has communicated with the federation

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Candidates' debate performances prompt diverse reactions

UNC students pronounce differing verdicts on debate; both candidates garner support

By SANDY WALL
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Student reaction to Sunday's presidential debate between Democrat Michael Dukakis and Republican George Bush is as mixed as the national electorate's opinion, with supporters of both candidates claiming victory.

"I do believe Governor Dukakis came out the winner," said Wayne Goodwin, president of the UNC Young Democrats. "I thought Governor Dukakis was mistake-free."

Dukakis took the offensive early and set the agenda for the debate, coming across as "decisive," he said.

In this election, the most important issues are leadership and judgment, Goodwin said. He questioned Bush's judgment concerning the Iran-contra affair, his dealings with Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega, and the selection of Ind. Sen. Dan Quayle as his running mate.

Peter Hans, executive director of the UNC College Republicans (CR), saw the debate quite differently.

"Bush did an excellent job spelling out the differences between himself and Mr. Dukakis," he said. Bush represented more mainstream public opinion and did a good job labeling Dukakis as a "far-left liberal," clearly winning the debate.

Dukakis's answers were often redundant, and his style was "simplistic and rather dull," Hans said.

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— Peter Hans, executive director of UNC College Republicans

CR member David Whitehead said while Dukakis skirted some questions, he noticed no major mistakes by either candidate.

"(But) if I hear Noriega or Iran-contra one more time, I'm gonna throw up," he said.

Missy Frye, a senior therapeutic recreation major from Belmont, said Dukakis' early remark calling Bush "the Joe Izu of American politics" was silly. Dukakis is a good speaker, but not a good persuader, she said. Frye, who leans toward Bush, said Dukakis did not present himself well.

Ruffin Hall, a freshman political science major from Fayetteville, said both candidates won. Dukakis succeeded in establishing his credibility and Bush succeeded in portraying Dukakis as a left-wing liberal, he said.

Mario Nicolas, a sophomore psychology major from Long Island, N.Y., said he plans to support Dukakis.

"He was clearer and not as nervous as Bush," Nicolas said. "He held himself well."

Nicolas said he was disappointed there was no mention of South Africa and other "black issues outside of America."

Both candidates were well-prepared, so the debate was a "toss-up," said Taft Stephenson, a junior economics major from Lynchburg, Va. Bush's stand on national defense was the most prominent issue of the debate, said Stephenson, who supports Bush.

Abortion was the most prominent issue of the debate, and the candidates' opinions on it made sophomore Sabrina Smith, a business major from Lumberton, lean toward Dukakis. But she may not support him if he cuts the military, because she is in ROTC, Smith said.

Lisa Campi said she "was pleasantly surprised with Bush" and plans to support him. The freshman business major from Rockaway, N.J., said, "I do not want to see that man (Dukakis) in office."

Ilva Jones, a junior economics and speech major from Goldsboro, echoed the popular sentiment that the debate was very close. "It was very informative," she said.

By MICHAEL SPIRTAS
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Most experts interviewed Monday said that in the aftermath of the presidential debate Sunday, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis emerged victorious, but few agreed on the margin or effect of the victory.

"Dukakis was more forceful," said Thad Beyle, political science professor. Beyle, who attended the debate at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, said Dukakis needed to be forceful because he is running against an incumbent.

Dukakis was most forceful on the issues of defense and health care, Beyle said.

Matt Reese, a fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics, said both candidates performed well, but Dukakis looked presidential and knowledgeable.

"Dukakis did marginally better than (George) Bush," said Rogers Smith, political science professor at Yale University. Yet Smith said Dukakis' performance would not be enough to swing voters in his direction.

But at least one political expert said the vice president won.

"Bush was marginally more effective than Gov. Dukakis," said Dave Hoppe, vice president for governmental relations at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Bush seemed calm and in control,

Dukakis was most impressive when discussing his view of the federal role in issues such as health insurance and the homeless problem.

— Dave Hoppe of the Heritage Foundation

an area which has been a problem to the vice president in the past, said Bill Balthrop, associate professor of speech. In this respect, Bush has done a good job in continuing the image-building that his campaign has worked on since the Republican convention, he said.

Phillip Meyer, Kenan professor of journalism, helped conduct a study on 100 undecided voters during the debate. The study, which measured the voters' reactions every two seconds of the debate, showed the candidates coming out fairly even, he said. But this was a victory for Dukakis, who came into the debate as more of an unknown and an underdog, Meyer said.

In their second and last debate in October, Dukakis should fill in background information on his

domestic proposals, said Hoppe of the Heritage Foundation.

Bush needs to be more specific on issues and not as easygoing in their second and last debate in October, Balthrop said.

The vice president's campaign would do well to lower voters' expectations for the next debate, much as they had done for Sunday night's clash, Reese said.

Most experts expressed dissatisfaction with the format of the debate. The Bush team insisted on the rules, which allowed only a panel of reporters to question the candidates.

The Bush camp, which was protecting a slight lead in the polls, had more to lose from an open debate, Smith said.

Beyle said he was surprised at how quickly the debate became combative, with Dukakis using his first statement to attack the Reagan-Bush administration's dealings with Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega.

"There was not much foreplay," Beyle said.

Dukakis performed best when he charged that Bush, by opposing abortion, was branding women who choose such an option as murderers, the experts said.

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Happiness is the interval between periods of unhappiness. — Don Marquis