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## David Price for Congress

If you care about higher education, affordable housing, women's reproductive rights and improving the economy, then vote to re-elect Chapel Hill's own Rep. David Price to continue serving the 4th District.

As a professor of political science and public policy at Duke University for 13 years before winning a seat in Congress in 1986, Price understands the importance of education as the key to economic prosperity in the future.

And he believes government has the responsibility to provide opportunities for quality higher education. During his first three terms, Price has introduced and passed Congress bills to decrease the tax burden on recent college graduates trying to pay back tuition loans, to promote better math and science teaching and to support university research.

As an indication of his understanding that higher education will reap the benefits of better teachers in the public schools, he introduced in 1989 the Science and Technological Literacy Act, which aimed to improve the science curriculum in the public schools. He also was an originator of the Adult Literacy and Employability Act, which is designed to improve basic skills of adults.

Price also supported legislation aimed at school improvement, employee education and vocational education.

In this year's budget package, Congress funded Price's initiatives to help lower-income families fulfill the American dream by putting off home payments for five years. Allowing more families to



get a foothold in the country's economic infrastructure eventually will help improve the ailing economy.

On the environment, Price's voting record is clean. He supports closing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to all oil drilling and wants to designate it as a wilderness area. He has worked to protect rain forests and wants to ban the dumping of plastics in the ocean. Price also has supported initiatives aimed at preventing groundwater contamination and oil spills and has worked to promote recycling and energy conservation.

Although the Democrats have billed 1992 the "Year of the Woman," members of the party in the 4th District hope it doesn't spread to Price's race. Republican Vicky Goudie, an executive on the N.C. Board of Cosmetic Examiners, doesn't have much of a platform. She espouses the same "clean up Congress" rhetoric as many other conservatives, but doesn't have much to back it up. She supports term limits (a virtual non-issue) and a constitutional balanced-budget amendment, and she doesn't support Affirmative Action. The Independent Weekly reports that she's opposed to the Equal Rights Amendment.

Price has been ranked as one of North Carolina's most effective representatives in Congress. Vote Tuesday to keep him there.

## Carey, Marcoplos for county commissioners

The Daily Tar Heel endorses Mark Marcoplos and Moses Carey for the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

Marcoplos, the only independent candidate running for one of the two vacant seats on the board, has many interesting and fresh ideas to offer Orange County residents.

Although Marcoplos' main platform has been the environment, his concerns have traveled to other areas of importance as well: attracting new businesses to Orange County, district representation and increasing public input. Marcoplos' idea of keeping businesses in Orange County small and locally owned isn't just reasonable but something the board of commissioners needs to think about. Small, locally owned businesses based in the community not only would help stimulate the local economy, but also would provide residents with the opportunity to become entrepreneurs while contributing to the growth of Orange County.

Marcoplos has demonstrated that he cares about what the public thinks and getting public input. If elected, we hope Marcoplos holds true to this and continues to act as the go-between for residents and county government.

While the DTH is not in agreement with all of Marcoplos' ideas — mainly his opinion that the most effective way to have representation is to divide the county into nine 10,000-person districts — the candidate does present enough new ideas and differing opinion to add a twist on the discussion of district representation and other issues.

Although Marcoplos appears to be a bit idealistic in his platform and his vision for the county, it's an idealism that is good and lacking on the board. County Commissioner Don Willhoit, who is running for his sixth term on the board, has served the county well. But Marcoplos is someone who could serve the board better. At a time when issues such as district representation and the environment have yet to be



resolved, county commissioners could use a new face and list of refreshing ideas, and they could use someone willing to listen to all sides, including the people whom they are there to serve — Orange County residents.

On this same note, Orange County residents should once again support Moses Carey, the Democratic incumbent. In his eight years of service to the residents of Orange County, Carey has emphasized a variety of important issues that affect all segments of the county's population. In addition to the issue of providing children with a quality education, Carey has brought attention to the needs of the county's poor.

While Marcoplos will offer idealism to the board, Carey will offer rational thought on other matters, such as how to deal with the drug problem in Orange County or the co-existence of business and the environment.

On the drug issue, Carey stresses the need for public education and treatment. On the other, he recognizes the value of natural resources and realizes that the county cannot accommodate all kinds of businesses.

If elected, Carey has promised to stimulate dialogue on district representation. Rather than create divisiveness among residents, Carey would like to see a type of representation designed to accomplish objectives that it's designed to do.

With Mark Marcoplos and Moses Carey on the Orange County Board of Commissioners, residents are getting two men interested in the issues and in hearing public concerns. While one will be a newcomer offering fresh and innovative ideas, the other will be a veteran, continuing to serve all of Orange County — young and old.

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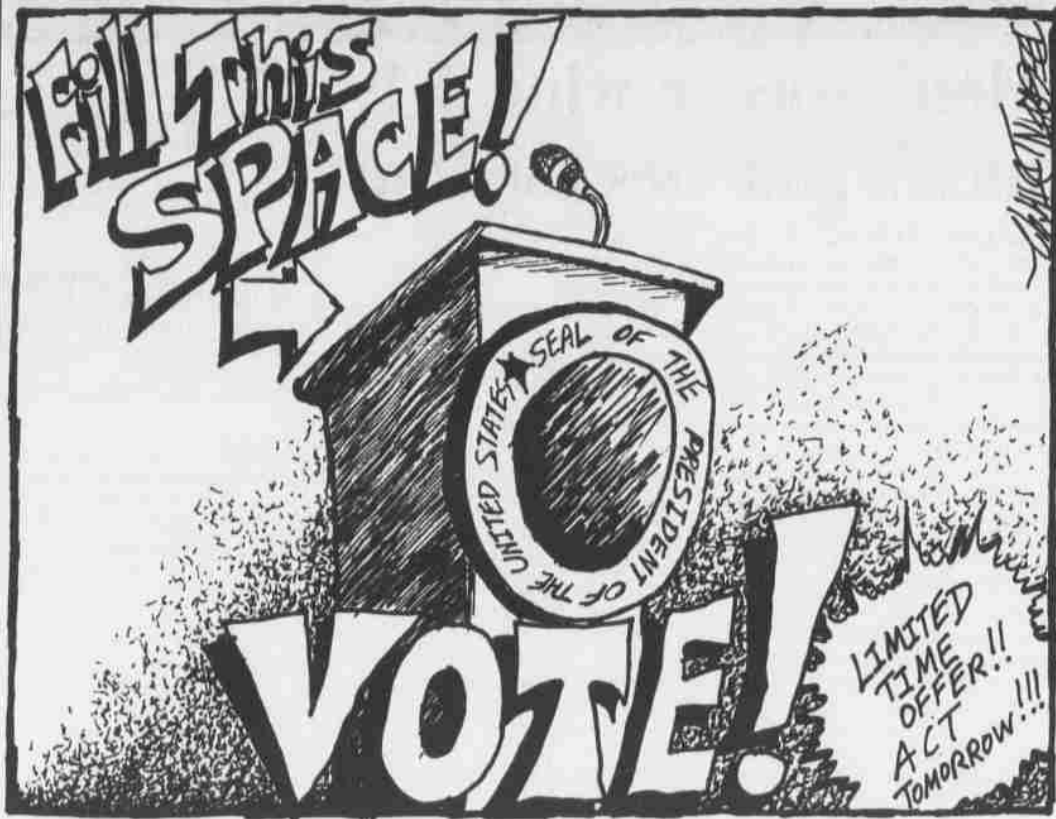
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## Vote to end tide of oppression aimed at gays

Halloween ... What can I say? I mean, it's not every night that fraternity boys and athletes parade down Franklin Street decked out in evening gowns and pink chiffon nighties. I tell ya', if you want to see one confused homosexual, try finding me in downtown Chapel Hill on Oct. 31 — the night gender-bending goes mainstream.

I've heard it said that the only difference between a straight man and a gay man is a six-pack, but I think Saturday night proved otherwise. Halloween showed that the only difference between the two is fashion sense and the ability to walk in high heels. After all, some of those frat boys did look a little too comfortable in their pink panties and purple pumps.

Kind of makes you wonder, doesn't it?

But, alas, I'll have to wait a week or so before I can ponder the true meaning behind the costume choices of the University's macho men. After all, there's something a little more frightening afoot than ghouls, goblins and jocks in bad drag.

That something will be played out tomorrow in the polls.

It started with the phrase "family values" — just a harmless phrase used to bludgeon us with a fundamentalist view of morality. And although it was first tossed about from the pulpits of the most conservative of churches, this ambiguous phrase found its way into the national media — coming from the lips of our nation's leaders. And as I squirmed and shuddered my way through hours of a hate-filled Republican national convention, I began to get a little scared.

I got a little scared as people cheered for Pat Buchanan and his tirade of ignorance and fear. I got a little scared as Barbara Bush removed the red ribbon she had been wearing (in respect for those who have died from AIDS) before she took the stage with her husband. I shrank back from the signs held proudly by convention-goers that declared: "Family values forever; gay rights never!"

I was scared ... scared as hell. But I had faith in the American people to see through the code words. I had faith in the American people to vote with their hearts and their minds. I had faith in the

American people to discard the mindless rhetoric for the ideals of justice and equality for all people.

My faith might have been misplaced.

Because, although the calls for "family values" might have faded into silence, they were replaced by something much more frightening — proposed legislation in two states to require discrimination against gays and lesbians. In Colorado and Oregon Tuesday, gays and lesbians will be voting for their very lives.

In both states, initiatives are being considered that, among other things, would wipe out any anti-discrimination legislation already in place. In Oregon, it's called Ballot Measure 9; in Colorado it's called Amendment 2. But the different names don't mask their same effect: legislating hatred, promoting discrimination.

The campaign has not been a pretty one. In Oregon, local gay leaders have had the windows of their cars and homes shattered in the middle of the night. A lesbian activist was run off the road by a driver who screamed, "Queer!" Computer lists in the offices of Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon were stolen and people whose names were on the lists began receiving threatening phone calls. In both states, neo-Nazi groups linked arms with fundamentalist Christians in the crusade to pass the initiatives.

Strange bedfellows, huh?

Somewhere, Hitler is laughing. Ballot Measure 9 would even ban certain books in Oregon libraries. It would require schools to teach that homosexuality is comparable to pedophilia. It could prevent school counselors from helping a struggling gay student through the "coming out" process.

Is this the America I know? Is this the land that was founded on religious tolerance? Is this the place that so values equality?

Proponents of the legislation say gays and lesbians are seeking "special rights." They say we're already protected under



Doug Ferguson  
To A Different Beat

the U.S. Constitution. They say we are seeking to promote homosexuality with our nation's youth.

They're wrong. Gays and lesbians seek equal rights, not special rights. We don't deserve to be fired because of who we are. We don't deserve to be kicked out of our homes because of our sexual orientation. We don't deserve to have our love compared to malicious acts of criminal violence.

Right now, the U.S. Constitution does not protect us. Right now, we can be stepped on with the full approval of the U.S. government. Right now, we are just fighting for our right to be left alone.

Is that asking too much? They think so in Oregon and Colorado. The initiatives are given a good chance of passing.

So where does it end? Another holocaust, perhaps? Gays and lesbians were in the concentration camps with Jewish people during World War II, and I don't think the notion of it happening again is entirely inconceivable.

And if you do, think again. The fire bombs are already flying in Oregon and Colorado. Activists even have been murdered in the night. A whole class of people is being targeted for a campaign of hatred.

Sound familiar? We can't allow this to happen. We can't use the polls as a weapon of prejudice and bigotry. We can't let our gut-level fears and anger motivate thoughtless action.

Because if the initiatives pass in Oregon and Colorado Tuesday, groups around the nation could start similar movements in every state in the Union. A tide of oppression could sweep this land — a land known and respected for its democratic ideals.

Dan Quayle might not be able to spell hypocrisy, but I hope that you can.

Vote with your hearts tomorrow, but don't leave your minds at home. Think about the power you have in the polls. Think about the responsibility you have to your fellow Americans. Think about Oregon and Colorado.

And with those thoughts in mind, I hope you'll make the right choices.

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### READERS' FORUM

#### Invest in education: Vote yes on school bond

Editor's note: Mark Chilton is a member of the Chapel Hill Town Council.

To the editor: As students at UNC and residents of this community, we have a special connection to education here in Orange County. Tuesday, the students of UNC have an opportunity to show their commitment to public education from kindergarten to graduate school.

Orange County's \$52 million school bond referendum is worthy of our support. The growing population of younger people in our county needs and deserves the expanded facilities that the school bond would provide. The bond would pay for the construction of two middle schools and one high school and for the installation of computer technology.

America and especially North Carolina cannot afford to pass up an opportunity to invest in our future by investing in our next generation. Please vote yes on the school bond.

MARK CHILTON  
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#### Applications available for Peer-Advising Program

To the editor: When you were a first-semester freshman, did you ever wish you knew a junior or senior in your possible major to consult for advice on classes? Wouldn't it have been great to learn from others' experiences with courses and professors? Next semester, the General College will create such a program with a pilot Peer-Advising Program.

Freshmen and sophomores often are confused as to which classes to take and which areas of study to pursue. The General College is usually jam-packed during pre-registration because students understand the importance of choosing an appropriate blend of classes for a particular major. It is intimidating to decide on a schedule of classes from a brief few words mentioned in the registration packet.

The Peer-Advising Program will give freshmen and sophomores the opportunity to consult with their upper-class peers for insight on their own personal experiences at UNC. Peer Advisers will act as "goodwill ambassadors" and be a positive supplement to the General College advising staff. They will be a volunteer group of juniors and seniors, chosen through an application and interview process by a selection committee. These trained volunteers will allow student perspectives to enter into the advising process.

During the next two weeks the General College will be accepting applications from juniors and seniors interested in becoming Peer Advisers. Peer Advisers will enhance the entire advising process, contribute to student needs and develop personal attributes. The program will allow students to assist their fellow students in academic problem-solving while working alongside a faculty adviser. Each individual greatly will improve interpersonal and group communication skills, learn more about general education and campus resources, and build an impressive resume.

Peer Advisers will have several responsibilities, the most important of which is the opportunity to utilize and share personal experiences as a UNC student. Each person will serve as an information source for underclassmen and as an advocate for students' needs. By participating in advising projects

and activities, Peer Advisers also will teach long- and short-term planning to the new students at our University. In addition, this group of volunteers will assist in exploring degree options, class scheduling and course selection.

Applications for the Peer-Advising Program are available in 116 Steele Building, at the Union desk, Campus Y and the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center. Currently, we are looking for students who are majoring in: business, history, political science, philosophy, music, art, dramatic art, public/ allied health, geography, sociology, anthropology or interdisciplinary studies. Each student is requested to submit one letter of recommendation from a faculty member and be available for interviews. Motivation, enthusiasm and the ability to communicate effectively are all qualities that greatly will contribute to the position of Peer Adviser. If you will be at least a junior by the spring of 1993 and have a 3.0 grade point average, the Peer-Advising Program is a fantastic outlet to give back to the University in a positive manner while helping your peers. Not only will it provide a worthwhile experience for your future, but it also will bring a sense of satisfaction by allowing others to learn from your experiences and lessons at UNC.

It is time for students to take the initiative and bring a student perspective to the advising process. Let's all work to provide such an enhancement to our already outstanding advising program.

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