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Today's Weather

Mostly sunny, high 60s.
Friday: sunny, low 60s.

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Price brings hand-shaking tour to campus Student hospitalized in chemical explosion

With a week left before elections, Price appealed to students in the Pit.

BY ANNE HARDEN
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Unseasonably warm weather brought students to the Pit at noon Wednesday where they could meet 4th District Congressional candidate David Price, who showed up to talk politics and shake hands.

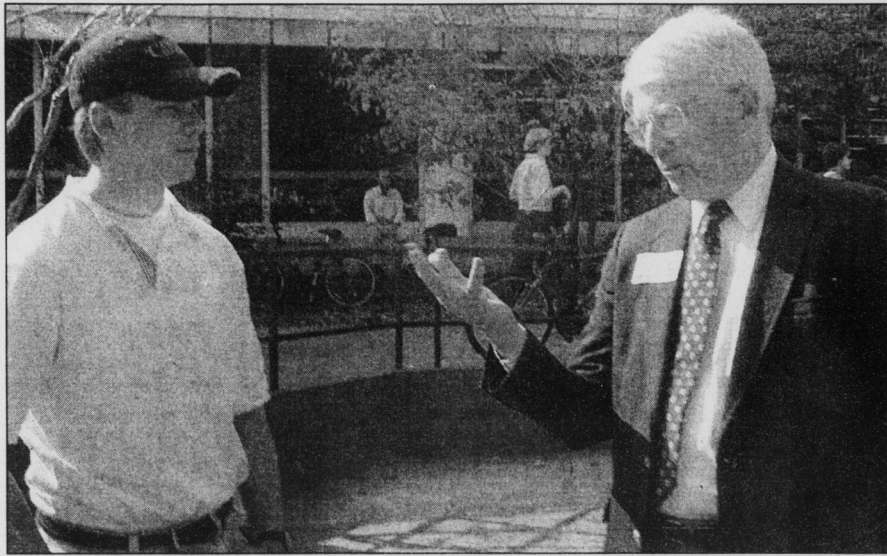
Price and his campaign came out in full force, answering questions from potential voters and recruiting volunteers.

"This has been a high pressure race," said Price, a Democrat. "(Rep.) Fred Heineman has run an expensive and very personal television campaign."

Price is responding with visits like this one to the UNC campus, he said. UNC student and Price staffer Inie Holderness said Price would spend the next two days mingling with constituents on Franklin Street, attending Rotary Club barbecues and joining a Democratic rally at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.

"Mainly, I'm just going out and meeting voters," Price said.

The voters he met in the Pit were highly concerned about the future of public education in North Carolina. Price told students he supported financial aid



Democratic candidate for the 4th Congressional District David Price talks to Sophomore Olaf Zerback in the Pit on Wednesday. Price made the campus campaign stop to interact with students in preparation for Tuesday's election.

through the federal college loan program. Recent cuts that Congress had dealt the program did not please him, he said. "He has a whole issue sheet on Caro-

lina," said UNC student Darrell Lucas. "He talked a lot about the partnership between Raleigh and Washington (in the area of education)."

Other students asked Price to address the issue of campaign finance reform.

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BY SHENG LEE
STAFF WRITER

Doctoral student Charlotte Carroll received glass lacerations and acid burns in a chemical explosion Wednesday morning in Kenan Laboratories, but she was listed in fair condition at UNC Hospitals on Wednesday evening.

Students and employees were evacuated from Kenan for about 45 minutes following the explosion. They were allowed to return to the building shortly before 10 a.m., but the sixth floor remained closed for cleanup.

Carroll was working in a sixth-floor lab of Kenan when the accident occurred.

She was using standard procedures to remove a residual selenium reagent from a recently completed chemical reaction, said Edward Simulski, chairman of the chemistry department, in a press release. She washed out the chemical reaction glassware with nitric acid to oxidize the remaining selenium reagent.

Carroll then poured the acid solution into a glass chemical waste bottle and sealed the hood, Samulski stated. The oxidation reaction was probably incomplete, which caused pressure to accumulate in the bottle. This led to the explo-

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EDWARD SIMULSKI

Department of Chemistry Chairman

sion, he stated.

Carroll was wearing the proper protective gear at the time of the injury, Samulski said Wednesday afternoon.

"It looks like all legitimate safety procedures were taken," he said.

The South Orange Rescue Squad transported Carroll to UNC Hospitals, where she was admitted to the emergency room.

Samulski said Carroll's hospital expenses would probably be covered.

"I'm sure that there are standard insurance procedures concerning her student status," he said.

No one else was injured in the explosion and no fire occurred, but an overhead light cover in the fume hood was damaged.

The UNC Police and Health and Safety Office, and the Chapel Hill Fire Department also responded to the accident.

Fright Night warning: Middle schoolers get taste of democracy in election leave alcohol indoors

BY RACHEL SWAIN
STAFF WRITER

As the countdown begins for tonight's fest on Franklin Street, area police and businesses are busy preparing for the anticipated crowds.

But if you're planning to participate in the annual fright night party, leave the alcohol at home.

"We're going to be very assertive in alcohol enforcement," said Chapel Hill Police Department Capt. Gregg Jarvis. "The open-container ordinance will be strictly enforced. We're pushing to prevent public alcohol consumption because Halloween's been much more enjoyable, including for the officers, since the alcohol enforcements."

The department has spent the past three weeks preparing for Halloween. "We've looked at past Halloween nights' scenarios to know what we should be prepared for," Jarvis said. "We're going

to have a sufficient number of officers on duty to take care of whatever problems may arise."

Because the department is expecting 10,000 to 15,000 partygoers to hit Franklin Street tonight, they've sought the aid of Carrboro and University police, the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Orange County Emergency Medical Services to help control the crowd. "We'll respond as the crowd dictates," Jarvis said.

Even though the officers are prepared for the worst, Jarvis said they were confident the crowds would behave. "For years Halloween has been a festive crowd that usually cooperates with our requests and makes it easy for everyone to have a good time," he said. "Past problems have been minor incidents. Just don't infringe on anyone else having a good time when you're out there."

SEE HALLOWEEN, PAGE 2

BY SALLIE LACY
STAFF WRITER

Democratic candidates would be riding high if students at Phillips Middle School had their way.

The school's sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders cast their ballots last week in a mock election sponsored by CNN and Time magazine.

The results gave Bill Clinton 70.7 percent of the votes, Jim Hunt 76.1 percent of the votes and Harvey Gantt 79.1 percent, said the school's assistant technology specialist, Thomas Wicker.

The vote was limited to the offices of president, N.C. governor and U.S. senator, librarian Carolyn Parker said.

Bob Dole received 21.7 percent of the votes and Ross Perot received 7.6 percent. Republican gubernatorial candidate Robin Hayes got 19.6 percent and Republican Senate incumbent Jesse Helms got 20.9 percent of the votes.

Social science teachers at Phillips prepared students for the vote.

"I took time to talk about who the candidates are and a little bit about politi-

cal parties," said Francis Derispinis, a sixth-grade teacher.

"I asked them what issues their parents were talking about at home," he said. Since the sixth-grade social science curriculum is European history, Derispinis did not focus too much on the election, he said. However, he said he knew it was a valuable experience for students.

"I know they learned something," he said. "Now I can talk to them about who's running, which is far more than they knew before. They want the voting age to be 12."

Susannah Bryant, who teaches seventh-grade social science, said she did not teach a formal unit on the election, but it was discussed in class.

"We talked about the United States system of government, checks and balances and current events," she said. "Some of the students watched the debates and reported back to the class."

Eighth-grade teacher Judith Rhodes did a more intense preparation for students. She organized a two-week unit on the election that included a debate on the

proper age for voting, filling out voter registration cards and looking at voter participation in recent elections.

"They all decided that 14 was the proper age to vote," Rhodes said.

The second part of Rhodes' unit included student biographies of the greatest presidents in the last 200 years.

Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy were all favorites, she said.

"Yesterday they decided if they were Democrats or Republicans," she said. Rhodes plans to ask students after she finishes the unit if they would change the vote they cast in the mock election.

This is the second year CNN and Time magazine have sponsored the national student vote. Eligibility is restricted to students under 18 years of age and their teachers. This year about 28,000 elementary, middle and high schools participated nationwide.

CNN and Time magazine created a home page on the World Wide Web to provide students with background information on candidates and current events. Summaries of campaign issues like abor-

Preteen picks

The democratic process came to Phillips Middle School as students voted in mock elections. The result: The Democrats took the school by storm.

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
President		
Bill Clinton	457	70.7
Bob Dole	140	21.7
Ross Perot	49	7.6
Governor		
Jim Hunt	474	76.1
Robin Hayes	122	19.6
Scott Vost (Lib.)	27	4.3
Senator		
Harvey Gantt	468	79.1
Jesse Helms	124	20.9

tion, crime and the environment were also given, as well as who supported the issues.

The next president and Congress will be presented with the final results of the nationwide vote.

Registration information now available on Hill Line Professor: Democratic Party takes black vote for granted

BY TERESA KILLIAN
STAFF WRITER

Students with poor memories no longer have to try to remember the toll-free class registration phone number—a local phone service now forwards calls to the lines supplementing Caroline.

A new box offered by the Hill Line, a local telephone and information hotline, allows students to access class registration information and connects callers to the 144 lines.

Jared Marber, North Carolina marketing director for Hill Line owner Student Advantage, said the line reminded students of registration dates and explained the registration process. Advertisements precede information and forwarding services.

"The registrar wants to give students other ways to register," Marber said. "If the students use it and we receive a lot of calls, that means that the students benefited and they should expect to see this each and every semester."

The box informed callers Wednesday: "Registration for UNC Chapel Hill courses for the spring '97 semester will be conducted from October through November, according to a published college schedule. Refer to the spring directory of classes or consult with your adviser to

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DAVID LANIER
University Registrar

learn when you may register."

University Registrar David Lanier said his office was using a variety of means to spread registration information.

"We need to get the word out," Lanier said. "(Hill Line) was just another way for people to find out about registration."

Some UNC students said waiting extra time while Hill Line forwards their call made this method inefficient.

"I think the registration option is really pointless," said Tak Hirata, a freshman from Mooresville, N.C. "If I am registering for a class, I would just call the 1-800 number directly."

Other students said they used the Hill Line's number because it was easier to remember than the 1-800 number.

"If you are not sure what the 1-800 number is, then that would give you the information to bypass it," said Michael Queen, a senior from Asheville, N.C.

Marber said he wanted to include registration information on the Hill Line because it applied to students. The Hill Line also provides information such as

movies, sports, weather and how to gain in-state residency.

Marber said the Hill Line approached the Registrar earlier this semester about

assisting with registration.

Costs for implementing the forwarding system were covered by Student Advantage.

ANOTHER SHUTOUT



Tar Heel senior Nicole Roberts (9) dribbles over and past a Maryland defender Wednesday afternoon in UNC's 5-0 victory. See story, Page 13.

BY BALKES JARRAH
STAFF WRITER

Chuck Stone, Walter Spearman professor of journalism and mass communication, said at a Wednesday afternoon lecture that blacks should increase their voter education and become aware of the balance of power in government.

Stone argued that Jesse Jackson, Louis Farrakhan and Colin Powell did not necessarily characterize all the options available to blacks in the sphere of politics.

About 25 people attended Stone's lecture, which was part of the Blacks in the Diaspora Lecture Series sponsored by the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

Stone said he believed that blacks should increase their voter education.

Stone recognized the Democratic Party as the party that would retain the greatest black support. He also noted that the Democratic Party assumed blacks

would be loyal. "The Democratic Party does exploit the black vote," Stone said. "It takes it for granted and mistreats it."

But Stone also said the Democratic Party had filled more federal judgeships with minorities than ever before.

"In terms of political appointments, the Democratic Party has done the best job," Stone said.

Stone said blacks should first seek to gain influence at the local level of American government. He used groups such as Irish, Italian and Jewish persons to illustrate his point. He said individuals from these groups first became mayors and then worked their way up the political ladder.

"This is how groups become major powers in cities and states," Stone said. Stone also addressed the power of the black versus the white vote in American government. "When the white vote coalesces, then the black vote becomes impotent," Stone said.

However, Stone said the black population should not give up in light of this trend but rather keep fighting against it.

Following the lecture, Stone also answered many questions posed to him by students in attendance.

The next lecture in the series will be given by Lana Henderson and Francesine Jackson, professors of art education and multicultural education at N.C. Central University, on Nov. 14.

There is something soothing about a pumpkin.

Terry Pimsleur, President, International Pumpkin Association