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Mostly cloudy; mid 60s.
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Dole, Clinton campaigning to end

■ The presidential candidates reiterated the issues that shaped the race.

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President Clinton appealed for a second term Monday by taking credit for a revived economy and promising that, if given four more years, "we'll be better off still." Battling the odds on election eve, Bob Dole warned of mounting ethical questions about Clinton and declared: "America deserves better."

Control of Congress was at stake, too, as Americans prepared to cast ballots in the last presidential election of the 1990s. Clinton had the upper hand in the race against Dole and Reform Party candidate Ross Perot, while Republicans were favored to keep their House and Senate majorities.

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House Speaker Newt Gingrich, on the other hand, voiced confidence he would not have to hand his gavel over to Democrats come January.

"I'm currently planning on what we'll



BILL CLINTON asked for four more years; **BOB DOLE** discussed ethics.

do next year in the majority," Gingrich said as he campaigned back home in Georgia.

Clinton has campaigned for Democratic candidates throughout the year, but rarely made a direct appeal for a Democratic Congress.

But in a fiery election-eve speech in Iowa, Clinton urged the state to support its Democratic congressional candidates and said Republicans had abandoned talk of their Contract With America because of voter revolt against GOP attempts to curb Medicare and education spending.

"They are praying for amnesia on your part," Clinton said of the Republican congressional strategy.

Strategists in both parties said dozens

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of races were too close to predict on the final Monday of a campaign that was, oddly, both a referendum on the incumbent Democratic president and the Republican Congress sent to Washington midway through Clinton's term.

"There are going to be a lot of close races, and that's just a fact," said Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour.

Given that, the candidates were up early, or, in Dole's case, didn't bother sleeping at all.

Clinton began in New Hampshire, once firm Republican territory but now part of the president's solid Northeast base. "We're one day away from victory," Elaine Krasker told him inside a Manchester restaurant.

"It's hard to believe, isn't it?" Clinton

replied, at age 50 setting out confidently for the final day of what is likely to be his final campaign.

Later, in Cleveland, Clinton said the economy had created nearly 11 million jobs and the deficit had been cut by 60 percent since he took office.

"We're better off than we were four years ago," Clinton said before leaving Ohio for Kentucky, Iowa, South Dakota and, ultimately, an Election Day homecoming in Arkansas.

He noted Dole's Senate opposition to the family leave law and said his Republican opponent wanted to abolish the Education Department and enact a "risky scheme" to cut taxes that Clinton said would imperil Medicare.

"Seize the day to keep your country moving in the right direction," Clinton said in urging supporters to get to the polls Tuesday.

Dole, at 73, likely was asking for votes for the last time, too, win or lose, closing out a political career that included 35 years in Congress, and a record 12 years as the Senate Republican leader.

"I need your votes," Dole told a crowd in New Mexico as he raced through four time zones and six states in a final push that was ending at noon Tuesday back home in Russell, Kan. He said, "There's still time."

TELLING HER STORY



Doris Leader Charge, a Lakota Indian professor from South Dakota, speaks about the effect of forced assimilation on her culture. See story, page 5.

Council supports school bond, not highway bond

BY SALLIE LACY
STAFF WRITER

The Chapel Hill Town Council unanimously endorsed the N.C. bond for public education Monday night.

The council also voted for a resolution denouncing the state highway bond.

The school bond would provide \$1.8 billion for counties to build new schools. Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools would receive just less than \$11 million, and Orange County Schools would receive almost \$6 million.

The resolution stated that the \$17 million would be "a significant source of funding to meet countywide school needs and would be an alternative to raising local funds to pay for school projects."

Mayor pro tempore and council member Joyce Brown and council member Richard Franck proposed that the council not support the highway bond.

Their resolution was passed by a vote of 8-1 with an amendment. Council member Pat Evans opposed the resolution. The highway bond would provide \$950

million to accelerate the construction of urban loops, widen existing highways and pave some unpaved rural roads, Brown and Franck stated. "The highway bond is bad fiscal policy and bad transportation policy."

Brown pointed out that the highway bond would provide nothing for road maintenance or bike paths and sidewalks. "The roads are already funded in the Highway Trust Fund," she said. "So it's only a matter of time."

Council member Joe Capowski agreed because of the lack of funds for alternative transportation, but he expressed concern about potentially harming relations with the Department of Transportation. "You simply don't slap someone in the face and then try to negotiate," he said.

The council resolved to delete a clause that said the bond "is an expensive waste of taxpayer money." However, the council left the clause that stated the bond will cost "\$500 million in interest payments to build roads that are already planned under the Highway Trust Fund."

Book calls Chapel Hill courts a 'cesspool'

■ A new book accuses local judges and court officials of bias against women.

BY STACEY TURNAGE
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill is a "cesspool" of courtroom inequality where men still rule the roost, according to journalist Lorraine Dusky's newly published book.

In "Still Unequal," Dusky said Orange County men were successful in contested custody cases 84 percent of the time, even though more than 40 percent of the fathers were alleged or proven spousal and child abusers.

Dusky uses the 1994 Ashley and James Williams case as a focal point to describe the "dung heap in North Carolina family courts."

The court awarded custody of the couple's 7-year-old son to James, a former UNC English professor, despite deposi-

tions in which he admitted having sex with more than 200 women.

Williams, after admitting to having a sexual affair with a student whom he later married, was asked to resign for his sexual misconduct in the summer of 1995.

Chapel Hill attorney Terry Harn, who represented Ashley Williams in her divorce and the ensuing complications and additional court hearings, said he believed the statistics, collected from 1983-87, still rang true for Chapel Hill.

"I think those numbers are pretty astounding, but they are probably still representative of how courts rule today," Harn said.

Harn said he advocated an education program to sensitize judges about what to expect in touchy divorce and custody cases in order to promote fair treatment.

"It's hard for a judge who doesn't deal with these cases regularly to understand the emotional state of the people involved," Harn said.

"People act differently during divorce cases because they are so emotionally

"A lot of women are beaten before they even enter the courtroom because they can't outlast their spouse financially."

SUSAN LEWIS
Chapel Hill attorney

charged."

Betty Prashker, editor of "Still Unequal," said she thought court systems should require judges to know more about the problems present in relationships between men and women. "I think there needs to be a new generation of judges," Prashker said.

Harn said he hoped the Williams case started the wheels turning to address and reform the court system's view of women.

"I've seen a little change," Harn said. "I don't know that it is dramatic, but

there has been change."
Susan Lewis, a local attorney, said she thought women were treated unfairly in money-related battles like property settlements and alimony only because men traditionally could better afford legal resources.

"A lot of women are beaten before they ever enter the courtroom because they can't outlast their spouse financially," Lewis said.

Lewis said she thought Orange County discriminated less against women, especially in custody cases, than in other court circuits she has worked in around the state.

"I think Orange County stands out as a glowing example of equality," she said. Prashker said she hoped all women would read the book to realize the male bias at work in the legal system.

Prashker said Chapel Hill, and particularly the Williams case, was a prime example of the male bias in the judicial system. "There's a real boys' club down there in Chapel Hill."

Fight to open Honor Court grabs UNC-system attention

STAFF REPORT

A decision could soon be made to open the University's Honor Court proceedings to the public and the press.

An ad hoc open meetings committee of the Board of Governors met Monday in closed session. BOG member Sam Poole said he would not comment since it dealt with pending litigation.

Poole acknowledged that the members of the meeting were discussing a lawsuit filed by The Daily Tar Heel in April, the only pending litigation. The suit asked that Honor Court proceedings be opened to the public.

N.C. Press Association attorney Amanda Martin, who is representing the DTH, said attorneys were close to reaching an agreement with the N.C. attorney general's office. Once the two sides have agreed on the facts of the case, she said

they would file for a summary judgment. "We'll be filing this month."

BOG Chairman C. Cliff Cameron did not take part in the meeting, but said the lawsuit raised an important issue. "We've gotten a lot of concerns expressed to us."

Mike Hiestand, a Student Press Law Center attorney, said he hoped the N.C. court would recognize that the disciplinary hearings should be opened. "I think it's just a fundamental notion in our country that the more an institution is open, the better the process would be," he said.

Administrators say such proceedings should be closed because of a law that protects academic records of students.

The case stems from an Honor Court hearing involving the theft of about 1,500 copies of the Carolina Review last February in which two students were charged with abridging free speech.

Just go vote

Before you head out to the polls today — and we know that's where you're headed right now — make sure you're going in the right direction. The Daily Tar Heel's guide to poll sites appears on page 6 of today's paper.

Precincts for the University, Chapel Hill and Carrboro appear on the map, as well as an information hotline number if you still are unable to locate your poll site.

— The Editors

GETTING A HEAD START



Sophie, an aspiring scholar, studies in the statue garden outside Hamilton Hall on Monday. Her mom said Sophie can't read yet, but she enjoys having other people read to her.

Mental patient escapes, raises security issues

■ Patients at Dorothea Dix often take "unauthorized absences," an official said.

BY SARA DEMANIGOLD
STAFF WRITER

Accused child stalker Rex Haislip returned to Dorothea Dix Hospital on Sunday evening after he walked off the hospital's grounds Friday.

Patients do leave the grounds in "unauthorized absences" from time to time, said Mable Horney, public relations director for the hospital. "Many return in a couple of minutes," she said.

The hospital is still investigating the escape and is not sure of the details yet, though they do know he escaped from the recreation center, Horney said. "Our hospital director is meeting with various staff members to determine which precautions can be made to make sure it won't happen again," she said.

On Sunday he arrived at his mother's house after spending two nights outdoors. "I expected him to come home," said

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Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.

George Jean Nathan