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Candidates Rally For Student Vote

U.S. Secretary of Education Dick Riley also spoke at the rally about the need for support of public education.

By HOLLY NEAL
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U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., and U.S. Secretary of Education Dick Riley urged students Wednesday to get out and vote for candidates who supported higher education in the upcoming elections.

Scores of enthusiastic students gathered at the steps of South Building at noon to show their support, occasionally cheering to voice their approval for the speakers.

Price discussed the successes for higher education resulting from the recent passage of the federal budget. "The thing I'm proudest of is the Price Education Affordability Act," he said.

This act makes interest on student loans tax deductible and allows withdrawals from Individual Retirement Accounts to pay for higher education.

Price also said he was proud of the Hope Scholarships, increases in Pell Grant funds and his plan for on-campus childcare support.

Education in public schools is also a concern, Price said.

"We have an education agenda in this country that goes beyond higher education," he said. "We have some things to celebrate for higher education, but there is a huge unfinished agenda for secondary and primary education."

Riley also stressed the importance of improving public school systems.

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Leah Hutchinson (left), a member of the Young Democrats, cheers on David Price and other Democratic candidates at a rally at South Building on Wednesday afternoon.

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Swain Faces Charges From State

Lt. C.E. Swain was charged with lying on a history form by the state's Criminal Justice Standards Division.

By LAURA STOEHR
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The attorney for Lt. C.E. Swain has requested this week the state's Criminal Justice Standards Division to release details surrounding charges against Swain that could result in a revocation of his law enforcement license.

Swain was issued charges from the division in September that he falsified two items on a personal history form filled out in 1988 when he applied to work as a police officer at UNC, said Alan McSurely, Swain's attorney. McSurely expects an administrative law judge to hear the case within three to four months.

In an appeal sent to the division Tuesday, McSurely said he requested it to release the name of the person who reported the charges, how he reported them and his motivations.

McSurely said the discrepancy surfaced when officials deposition Swain in his lawsuit against UNC last year.

Swain alleges the University retaliated against him when he issued a citation for underage drinking to Caroline Hancock, currently a UNC sophomore and the daughter of Board of Trustees member Billy Armfield. Swain was then fired by Chancellor Michael Hooker for allegedly falsifying his time sheet.

Swain said he was not surprised with the division's actions. "This is something that we pretty much suspected - that something like this would happen."

The division's first charge alleged that Swain lied when he did not indicate he had previously faced military charges, McSurely verified. He said Swain had been disciplined by the army in 1982 because a check he paid to the post exchange had bounced.

McSurely said Swain received an article 15, a non-judicial punishment and had to forfeit one week's pay.

The division also alleged that Swain

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University Police Lt. C.E. Swain was suspended for allegedly falsifying his time sheet.

Idea in Accord With GPSF History

Adequate representation and equitable funding have always been issues between the GPSF and Congress.

By CHRIS HOSTETLER
AND DEVONA A. BROWN
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According to past relationships between the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, GPSF President Bryan Kennedy's push for the group's separation should not come as much of a surprise.

At Tuesday's Student Congress meeting, Kennedy announced plans to file petitions for a referendum that would give the GPSF complete autonomy from Student Congress.

Kennedy said his decision to seek

autonomy from student government's executive branch was the next step in a history of animosity between graduate and undergraduate students at UNC.

He said part of that history involved poor representation in Congress. Undergraduate representatives in Congress do not seem to care about the needs of his constituents, Kennedy said.

"Undergraduate representatives are saying 'This is in the law school; I have to represent my constituents who are never going to go there,'" he said. "Those statements are completely bull."

In addition to Congress, the executive branch has also had difficulty addressing graduate students' concerns.

Even former Student Body President Mo Nathan, whom Kennedy said had done an exceptional job of representing all students, apologized to the GPSF last year for not adequately representing its point of view in the Chancellor's Report

on the Intellectual Climate.

As for the executive branch this year, Kennedy said that members who approached the N.C. General Assembly for funding for the UNC system touted Undergraduate Library and Student Union renovations as their major issues. Kennedy said the push for graduate student tuition remission was ignored.

Also, because of the majority undergraduate Congress, other graduate student interests had been minimized.

For example, in a 1995 Congress meeting, undergraduate Congress representatives debated with graduate students on the University policy that student groups could not buy alcoholic beverages with allocated money.

Though she argued for graduate students then, citing a lack of support from undergraduates, former GPSF President

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UNC-System Institutions Benefit from State Budget

By KIMBERLY GRABNER
AND MATT DEES
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The UNC system, especially UNC-CH, came away with full pockets and great expectations following the long-awaited state budget.

The House and Senate passed a \$12.5 billion spending plan for the year Wednesday - 4 months after it was supposed to take effect.

The UNC system received funds for libraries, information technology programs designed to deal with enrollment growth and other initiatives.

"I think the UNC system did well with the budget," said Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange. "UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State (University) did the best, especially with capital improvements."

UNC-CH received funding for every capital request it made to the General Assembly, UNC-system President Molly Broad said. The budget included \$9 million to renovate the Undergraduate Library and \$1 million for additional improvements to Memorial Hall.

The Board of Governors also pushed to secure funds for technological advancements within the system.

"There was a major commitment to technology in this budget," Broad said. "We are very grateful for the support that was provided by the General Assembly."

But Insko said more could have been done to advance technology.

"I was a little disappointed that we

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Health Care Tops List Of Campaign Priorities

Both Republican and Democratic candidates agree that health care reform is necessary, but have different solutions for the problem.

By ANNE FAWCETT
Staff Writer

In the U.S. congressional races, state incumbents and challengers agree health care should give patients as much choice as possible in their providers and treatments. Their conflict comes in deciding how to attain the goal.

While Libertarians propose returning health care to the free market, Republicans and Democrats say those needing medical care must be protected. They disagree on patient recourse with insurance companies.

"The Patients' Bill of Rights guarantees that (health care) decisions are made by doctors and patients rather than insurance clerks," said Tom Bates, spokesman for Rep. David Price, D-N.C. "Congressman Price is committed to making sure patients are protected."

The protection ensures patients' access to specialists and emergency care, Bates said. It also guarantees a minimum hospital stay for women recovering from breast cancer treatment.

Both parties created a version of the Bill of Rights which included these provisions, said Kimrey Woodard, spokeswoman for Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C. The Republican version provided physicians to hear appeals from patients with

coverage disagreements, while the Democrats left patients to appeal to the courts.

"The Republican bill and Democratic bill have pretty clear-cut similarities," Woodard said. "(Faircloth and other Republicans) would like to see access to care rather than access to lawsuits."

Tom Roberg, U.S. House GOP challenger, said health care reform was being held up by partisan squabbles more than patient concern.

"Both sides have to get together on passing health care (legislation)," he said. "Democrats and Republicans agree on most things, but they can't agree on getting things done."

Roberg said health care reform should allow specialized physicians to be primary caretakers. "A woman should be able to declare an OB-GYN as her primary physician," he said. "Likewise, a child's primary physician should be a pediatrician."

Faircloth's concern expands to women with breast cancer as well. While Price pushed legislation protecting breast cancer victims, Faircloth helped double funding for the National Institute of Health's breast cancer research.

"Sen. Faircloth sits on the Appropriations Committee, which sends money to the NIH," Woodard said. "A lot of people think these cancer centers (like UNC's) just appear from somewhere. Lauch Faircloth is who makes them appear."

Libertarian Senate hopeful Barbara Howe and House hopeful Gary Goodson said the government should disappear from health care altogether.

Howe said Americans take access to health care for granted. "What are we entitled to and what do we expect?" she said. "Health care is not a right. We have a right to go out and seek it out, and health caretakers have an obligation to provide."

Goodson agreed that independent action was the most efficient way to distribute care.

"I am a firm believer in the free market as the most efficient and fair means of distributing limited resources," he said. "That includes health care."

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Allison Sakash, a UNC pharmacy student, interns at Eckerd Drugs on N.C. 54. This election season candidates agree that patients should choose their own health care services.

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INSIDE Thursday

Writers, Get Your Pens

UNC's creative writing program pairs students who aspire to start writing with established faculty members like Doris Betts. See Page 5.



LSD on Campus

Two UNC students were arrested on drug charges Wednesday after other students tipped police officers about LSD transactions. See Page 9.

Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;
Mid 70s.
Friday: Partly cloudy;
Mid 70s.

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Proposals for the Joanna Howell Fund, which provides \$250 for an in-depth story, are due at 5 p.m. Friday.

Don't defy the diagnosis, try to defy the verdict.

Norman Cousins