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Poll Site Opens With Bond Rally

By BROOK CORWIN
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Political candidates, UNC officials and athletics head coaches gathered at the Morehead Planetarium on Monday morning to raise support for the higher education bond and open one of the first polling sites in North Carolina this year.

The state's campaign for No Excuse Voting polling sites opened its doors at UNC-system campuses across the state Monday. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for one such site, UNC's Morehead Planetarium, included Board of Trustees Chairwoman Anne Cates, Student Body President Brad Matthews, UNC football coach Carl Torbush and UNC men's

basketball coach Matt Doherty.

The site will be open to Orange County voters from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Nov. 3.

From the signs held beside the podium to the stickers worn by many of the event organizers, a main focus of the ceremony was the bond referendum. If passed in the Nov. 7 general election, it will generate \$3.1 billion for N.C. public universities, with nearly \$500 million going to UNC.

"I want UNC to be the No. 1 university, public or private, in the nation, and that takes funds," Doherty said. "I know I'll vote for the higher education bonds."

Torbush also linked the bond issue with the significance of an on-campus poll site to stress the importance of casting a

ballot this year. "I challenge (students) to vote and be excited about the chance to be a part of UNC's history," he said.

Among others supportive of the poll site was UNC Young Democrats President Chris Brook. "Lots of students have lives that are very busy," Brook said. "This eliminates the excuse not to vote because you have three weeks."

Matthews said the opening of the site was the payoff of three years of work by senior Jessica Triche, chairwoman of the External Relations Committee of student government's executive branch.

"Voting should be a simple thing," Triche said. "You should be able to get up, find a few free minutes and vote."

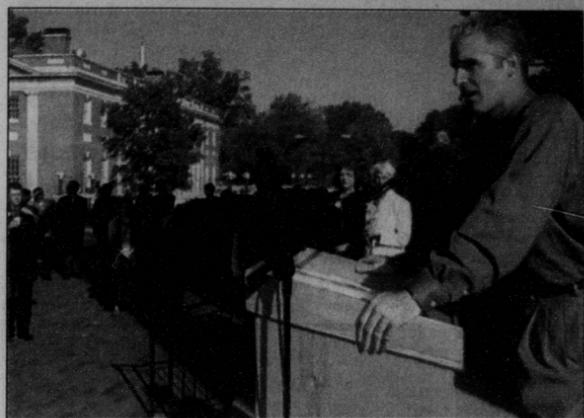
The long process of opening up the

site included discussions with UNC administration and Orange County Elections Board officials, who Triche said were all supportive of the idea.

By 4 p.m. Monday, 141 people had voted at the site, including local congressional incumbent candidate David Price, who said he was voting and establishing a campaign presence on campus.

Triche said she was very pleased about Monday's turnout. "I'm excited because I saw lots of students, faculty and University administration, but also lots of candidates and city officials and people from all over the state."

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Basketball coach Matt Doherty rallies the crowd Monday morning at the opening of the satellite voting site at Morehead Planetarium.

Gore, Bush Get Set for Round 3

Political experts say both candidates must continue making changes in their debate styles to woo voters.

By MONICA CHEN
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Political pundits say both major-party presidential candidates have room to improve in tonight's third and final debate at Washington University in St. Louis.

But experts acknowledged that Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush and Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore both performed better during last week's debate at Wake Forest University than in the opponents' first meeting Oct. 3 at the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

The Wake Forest debate took on a less formal setting than the Boston debate, with the two candidates sitting around a table instead of standing behind a podium.

In the third debate, which will take on a forum-type setting, the two candidates should cut down on long, expository speeches, said University of Kansas communication studies Professor Diana Carlin — a consultant to the Commission on Presidential Debates.

"My advice is that citizens want a direct answer," Carlin said. "They should not go off on their own speeches." She said the roundtable format used in last week's debate favored Bush.

"I think they both did better, but the format was certainly more comfortable for Bush," Carlin said. "They were even on foreign policy, but Bush seemed to be much more prepared than the last time."

UNC political science Professor George Rabinowitz said that although Bush performed better at the second debate, he still has still not established himself as a suitable candidate in the eyes

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GOP candidate George W. Bush will attempt to build on his improved performance in last week's debate.



In the final debate, Al Gore might try to address issues that have not been mentioned in the last two weeks.



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Food, Rides Draw Crowd To Raleigh

Fair Weaves Spell Once More

By LUCAS FENSKE
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RALEIGH — People from all corners of the state fell under an almost-magical pull and started munching on funnel cakes and waiting to ride the Ferris Wheel during the State Fair's opening weekend.

But the fair closed Sunday night on a tragic note.

WRAL-TV reported Monday night that a fair vendor, 39-year-old Joseph Rehrig, sexually assaulted a 13-year-old boy Sunday night. Rehrig, in Wake County Jail on a \$1 million bond, is charged with kidnapping and taking indecent liberties with a minor.

About 236,500 people attended the fair during the weekend — 108,000 on Saturday alone. The fair will run until Oct. 22.

Many of the fairgoers followed large bootprints, size 15 1/2, to one of the fair's new attractions, Footprints of James A. Graham. The exhibit honors N.C. Agricultural Commissioner Jim Graham, who is retiring this year after more than 36 continuous years in office. Graham, nicknamed the "Sodfather," is 79 years old and the longest-serving agricultural commissioner in the nation.

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Lights from the State Fair (top) illuminate the sky Friday night as 53,331 attended the opening night. The swings (above) give riders a unique perspective of the fairgrounds, and a short-lived thrill, on a blue-skied Saturday.



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Paul Kim, a sophomore from High Point, sits in quiet meditation during the protest hour of silence in the Pit on Monday evening.

Congress Holds Elections Today To Fill Vacancies

Students living in one of the 12 districts with open seats in Congress can vote today in a number of poll sites across campus.

By ERIC MEEHAN
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Students can cast their votes today to decide who will represent the concerns of their district in Student Congress for the remainder of the school year.

Special elections to fill 13 vacant seats in Congress will take place at various poll sites on campus. Students are only allowed to cast votes for the empty seats for the district in which they live.

Off-campus districts 18, 19, 21, 24 and 25 all have vacancies. Dist. 18 represents Granville Towers, and the other off-campus districts are in Carrboro and Chapel Hill.

There are also vacancies in graduate districts 2, 3, 5, 7 and 9, and undergraduate districts 16 and 17. Dist. 16, which has two open seats, represents residents of Hinton James and Morrison residence halls, and Dist. 17 represents Craige and Ehringhaus residence halls and Odum Village, student family housing.

Room 205-206 of the Student Union, the Hanes Art Center lobby, Chase Hall and Lenoir Dining Hall will be open to voters.

Speaker Alexandra Bell said special elections to fill congressional vacancies was not uncommon. "I don't think I've ever heard about a Congress that had all 37 seats filled."

The process for special elections began when Jeremy Berkeley-Tuchmayer was named Elections Board chairman in mid-September. The position had been vacant since April, when Congress rejected Student Body President Brad Matthews' nomination of former Elections Board Vice Chairwoman Marissa Downs. After being appointed, Berkeley-Tuchmayer selected an Elections Board, which was approved by Congress on Oct. 3.

Bell said representatives in Congress have had to leave this year for a variety of reasons, including acceptance to medical school and a job on the George W. Bush presidential campaign.

But Berkeley-Tuchmayer was hopeful that most of the seats could be filled. "It's a good chance that we'll have between six

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Speaker of Congress Alexandra Bell said special elections are not uncommon for filling vacancies in Student Congress.

Students Hold Vigil for Peace

By TITA WHITAKER
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Amid the noisy atmosphere of the Pit, students gathered for an hour of silence to contemplate the crisis in the Middle East.

Fliers lined the steps of the Pit reading, "No Violence. No Words. Just Peace." Peace in the Middle East has been disturbed recently as the Israeli military and Palestinian citizens have engaged in a series of bloody clashes.

That violence prompted students to organize this event, which was sponsored by the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee and Carolina Students for Israel.

"The hour of silence is a tool for

awareness," said senior Josh Isserman, a member of Carolina Students for Israel. "UNC students tend to be sheltered to what's going on in the world. A lot of students have family (in the Middle East)."

Sophomore Aaron Hiller of Carolina Students for Israel explained that awareness is the necessary first step to action. "If at first you can sit down and think, then you can take the next step and talk about it," he said.

Thirty-five students sat in the circle in a somber atmosphere, with a lit candle in front of them showing their support for the cause.

Hiller said coming together was important for this event. "(Carolina Students for Israel are) ecstatic that the Arab-American group could join them

because it shows solidarity."

Hani Alkhalidi, president of the Arab American Anti-Discrimination Committee, also said he was pleased by the cooperation between the groups. "(The event) shows that for one hour, people from both sides of the issue can come together and agree that the violence must end," he said.

As the students sat in the circle thinking about the events occurring in the Middle East, many observers stopped to look at the participants and read the signs posted along the steps of the Pit.

Well into the hour of silence, many students still picked up a candle, sat in the circle and shared in the remaining

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The man who can right himself by a vote will seldom resort to a musket.

James Fenimore Cooper