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Easley, Vinroot Wrangle Over Issues

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RALEIGH – The two leading N.C. gubernatorial candidates traded barbs Thursday night about campaign issues including education and political mudslinging.



Republican Richard Vinroot and Democrat Mike Easley debated for the second time in the House Chamber of the Old State Capitol, while about 20 Libertarians gathered outside to protest their candidate's exclusion from the debate.

The debate, which aired live on television stations statewide, was organized by WTVD Channel 11 in Durham and Your

Voice, Your Vote, a statewide media coalition created to determine which issues are most important to voters. The event was styled like a town meeting, similar to the third presidential debate on Oct. 17. Questions from the audience of about 100 people ranged from education reforms to legalizing same-sex marriages – an issue both candidates opposed.

Vinroot compared his programs to those of Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush, while equating Easley's with those of Democrat presidential candidate Al Gore. But Easley said his plans were his own – not Gore's.

It became evident during the debate that the two candidates felt strongly about their differences.

When asked how they would decrease

the achievement gap between black and white students, both Easley and Vinroot grabbed at the chance to discuss their plans for education reform.

Easley emphasized his desire to reduce class sizes, especially in grades K-3. He also expressed disapproval of Vinroot's school voucher plan. "I want (people) to get their money's worth out of the public school system," he said.

But Vinroot stressed the potential of school vouchers, citing Florida's voucher system, established by Gov. Jeb Bush, as a successful example. Vinroot also reiterated his plan to test all teachers and pay them based on merit, not tenure. "The number one ingredient for good education is good teachers."

It took a question about mudslinging to

bring out the candidates' claws. Vinroot accused Easley of initiating negative campaigning in July and of misleading voters. "I suggest we stick to the facts," he said.

Easley, however, denied producing any negative ads, saying he focuses on issues instead of his opponent's weaknesses.

As the candidates bickered back and forth, a group of about 20 sign-waving protesters supporting Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Barbara Howe were outside.

Howe was barred from participating in the debate due to low poll numbers. She also said she was denied a seat in the audience due to organizers' fears that she would be a distraction.

Howe expressed her frustration at her

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DTH/BESS LOEWENBAUM

Republican candidate Richard Vinroot (right) answers a question during a gubernatorial debate between him and Mike Easley on Thursday night.

Extra Time Lets Bars Stay Open

Some bars plan to use the end to daylight-saving time this weekend to serve drinks for an extra hour.

By KIM PERRY
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Sunday at 2 a.m. marks the end of daylight-saving time, but setting the clocks back one hour might give people more than just an extra hour of sleep.

The time change gives local bars and clubs the opportunity to stay open and serve alcohol for an extra hour as well Saturday night.

N.C. state law prohibits establishments from selling alcoholic beverages after 2 a.m. But because daylight-saving time officially ends at 2 a.m. Sunday and clocks are turned back one hour, bars and night clubs technically have one more hour to serve drinks.

"It depends when the clocks get turned back," said Mike Shepherd, owner of Goodfellows. "We will be serving until 2 a.m. (after the clocks have changed) unless the law enforcement officials discourage it."

Shepherd said the question of whether bars are legally allowed to serve alcohol after the time change has been discussed at several Alcohol Law Enforcement meetings, but no clear-cut answers have been given.

Doyle Alley, director of permits for the N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, said bars and clubs technically can serve alcohol once the clocks have changed back without breaking the law. "We abide by what has been determined to be the official time," he said. "If the clocks are moved back, that theoretically provides an additional hour (to serve alcohol)."

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DTH/BRENT CLARK

Dan Korem demonstrates the power of visual and verbal manipulation in evoking emotional responses with a magic trick Thursday night in the Great Hall during his talk "Lies, Cons and the Truth," which was sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ.

Speaker Explains Visual Deception

By DANIEL THIGPEN
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Dan Korem's career has evolved from performing magic tricks to interviewing cult leaders to developing innovative profiling systems for the FBI.

UNC students witnessed Korem, who calls himself an investigative journalist and documentary producer, translate his professional experience into real-world applications Thursday night during his lecture "Lies, Cons and the Truth." The presentation was sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ.

Korem captivated the audience in the almost-full Great Hall and opened the show by

performing basic card tricks on randomly selected audience members. He used the tricks to outline his theories on deception and manipulation. "The very best deception is where you exert just enough influence on someone so they deceive themselves," he said.

Korem explained the audience's laughter that followed the visually deceptive tricks. "You laughed because of the way the brain is hard-wired," he said. "When you see something, it translates into an emotive response."

Visual deception is most commonly used today by cult leaders, dictators and gang members to control people, Korem said. "You go out onto the streets with these gangs, and you notice (they) like to use visuals to cause people to react

out of emotions," he said.

Korem said world leaders such as Saddam Hussein use immense portraits to invoke fear in their people, which he said is the easiest way to control people's wills. "The response is, no one's going to question you," he said.

He also said sex and violence are prominent on television because they are an easy way to get the audience to react emotionally and purchase products. "A practical application is to watch less, read more."

Korem provided a method for resisting deception. "You've got to love the truth more than you fear the pain," he said. "If you don't,

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3rd Parties Focus Public on Issues, Attract Voters

Some Democratic supporters worry that the success of outspoken Green Party candidate Ralph Nader could take votes from Al Gore.

By ALEX KAPLUN
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Even though the two major-party presidential candidates – Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore – have received the most attention during this campaign season, they are not the only candidates with dreams of the Oval Office.

While voters in North Carolina will see only four presidential candidates on their election ballots – Bush, Gore, Libertarian Party candidate Harry Browne and Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan – some states will have a double-digit total of candidates on election ballots.

But the one third-party candidate whom political pundits say might impact Election Day's outcome is Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, who is absent from N.C. ballots.

An Oct. 25 CNN/USA Today/Gallup tracking poll showed Nader with 3 percent of the popular vote and Buchanan with 1 percent. But political pundits say, in some states, Nader could take enough votes from Gore to hand the election to Bush.

"Nader could play a role in states where the races are very close," said David Canon, a University of Wisconsin-Madison political science professor. "Most of the Nader votes are coming out of Gore's pockets."

But Jake Lewis, Nader's campaign press secretary, said the notion that Nader's votes could cost Gore the election was a campaign trick put out by Gore's campaign to encourage voter turnout for the Democratic candidate.

"The idea that Ralph's votes are going to come from Gore's pockets is a fallacy," Lewis said. "Nobody is guaranteed a vote; they have to go out and get it."

Lewis also emphasized that Nader's campaign was trying to reach to non-voters, not to steal votes from other candidates.

After the second presidential debate on Oct. 11, Lewis also said Nader could have a legitimate shot at winning the election if he were allowed to participate in the final presidential debate at Washington University in St. Louis. Nader was not allowed to participate in any of the debates.

But John Coleman, political science professor at University of Wisconsin-Madison, said Nader's campaign was unique in that he was a recognizable representative of a viable third party – something that is rare in American politics. He said the

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Janet Davis-Castro explains the altar built by her fourth-grade Carrboro Elementary School class to celebrate the Day of the Dead.

Local Classes to Celebrate Day of the Dead

By KENTIA ETHERIDGE
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As children get ready to celebrate Halloween, students at Carrboro Elementary School are getting a chance to learn about and participate in another holiday.

Janet Davis-Castro's third-, fourth- and fifth-grade Spanish classes will be celebrating the Day of the Dead as part of their study of the Spanish language and its culture. The fifth-grade class made an altar that resembles those made in Central America and Mexico.

"It is a holiday in Mexico and Central America," Davis-Castro said. "It is a unique blend of North American and

Catholic customs. It basically remembers those that have died, family or close friends."

The Day of the Dead, which is celebrated from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, started when the Spanish first converted the Aztecs to Catholicism. The Spanish incorporated the ancient rituals of the Aztecs with the Catholic holiday of All Souls Day, in an effort to appease the newly converted Aztecs. The Spanish designated Nov. 2 as the day for the Aztecs to celebrate their customs.

Traditionally, in celebration of the Day of the Dead, altars are placed in the home in honor of dead relatives. Food for the spirit, flower arrangements and other mementos are placed on the altar in honor

of deceased family members and friends.

The altar made by Davis-Castro's fifth-grade class will honor famous deceased people who have made contributions to their communities. "It gives them an opportunity to think about people who have died and of their contributions."

Such legendary people as Mother Teresa, Princess Diana, Babe Ruth and Martin Luther King were all honored on the class' altar.

Students put flowers, pictures and personal trinkets on the altar, and made cards in honor of the deceased. "We honor them and what they did," said Melissa Davis, a fourth-grader in Davis-Castro's class.

Alton Cheek, former Guy B. Phillips Middle School's principal, also was hon-

ored on the class' display. "As educators we know about it and read about it," said Davis-Castro of the former principal's death. "It was very personal. The kids here know about it and heard about it."

The altar celebrates the lives of the dead and gives the children a chance to honor their memory. Despite the holiday's focus on death, it is more of a time for celebration. "It's not sad, and it's not scary," Davis-Castro said.

Unlike Halloween, the holiday is not meant to be frightening. Davis-Castro said she shows the cultural differences between Halloween and the Day of the Dead to her students.

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I've made it a rule never to drink by daylight and never to refuse a drink after dark.

H.L. Mencken