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**Vote Gore**

Al Gore's experience, coupled with his stances on issues such as education and gay rights, make him the best choice for president.

In the tight race for the U.S. presidency, the leading candidates have been accused of being indistinguishable. But considering the key differences that do exist between the top dogs, Al Gore is the best candidate to lead the nation over the next four years. His extensive experience and stance on issues such as education, the environment and civil rights ensures strong leadership.

Over the past two decades, Gore has built an impressive résumé while working as a congressman, a senator and, most recently, as vice president of our nation. Gore knows the workings of the White House and will undoubtedly rise to handle the wide range of issues that confront the president.

When it comes to educational policy, Gore will work to improve public schools. Rather than rely on a huge federal voucher program that could possibly take money away from the public school system, Gore promises to encourage programs that will recruit the best teachers, improve classrooms by making them smaller and more technologically advanced and help failing schools rise to higher standards.

And when it comes to the environment, Gore has a long history of showing interest. He insists that a healthy economy and a cleaner environment are not conflicting ideas and promises to work with big businesses to solve environmental problems. Gore has said

he will work to implement programs granting tax credits and other incentives to increase energy efficient cars and homes.

Though Gore did not come out strongly on environmental issues in this campaign, instead choosing to focus on taxes, Medicare and Social Security, he must continue to be a strong advocate for environmental rights once in office.

And since Congress will most likely hold a slim Republican majority, Gore must forge a consensus with leaders across the aisle to get any meaningful work accomplished.

Gore's stance on issues such as gay rights and abortion guarantee that he will make sound decisions for our nation. He has said he will defend a woman's right to choose whether or not to have an abortion. And Gore supports civil unions and adoption rights for homosexuals. Yet while he does support Vermont's Civil Union law, as president, he should work toward making civil unions for gays and lesbians legal on a federal level.

So, to continue reaping the fruits of prosperity more people have enjoyed under the Clinton-Gore administration, cast your vote for Al Gore tomorrow.

His vast experience and sound stances on key public issues guarantee that he will build on the prosperity we've experienced over the past eight years and responsibly lead the strongest nation in the world.

**Price for U.S. House**

David Price brings proven leadership, experience and respect as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Re-elect him Nov. 7.

It is an undeniable, though to some unfortunate, fact that many of the decisions that affect North Carolina are made not in the state, but in Washington, D.C.

To ensure that those decisions are the right ones, it is essential that voters choose a qualified and reliable candidate to capably represent their interests in Congress.

It is for this reason that The Daily Tar Heel endorses David Price for the 4th Congressional District.

Price is unquestionably qualified: He has served 12 of the last 14 years in Congress. During that time, he has established an impressive track record as a faithful servant of his constituents. As a member of the House Appropriations and Budget Committee, he wields considerable power that has benefited the state.

Price has a keen interest in educational issues that affect many of the citizens in the 4th District. He has been an ardent supporter of greater access to higher education for lower-income families. His Education Affordability Act allowed families to deduct interest on student loans, and he has fought for increased tuition aid to college students.

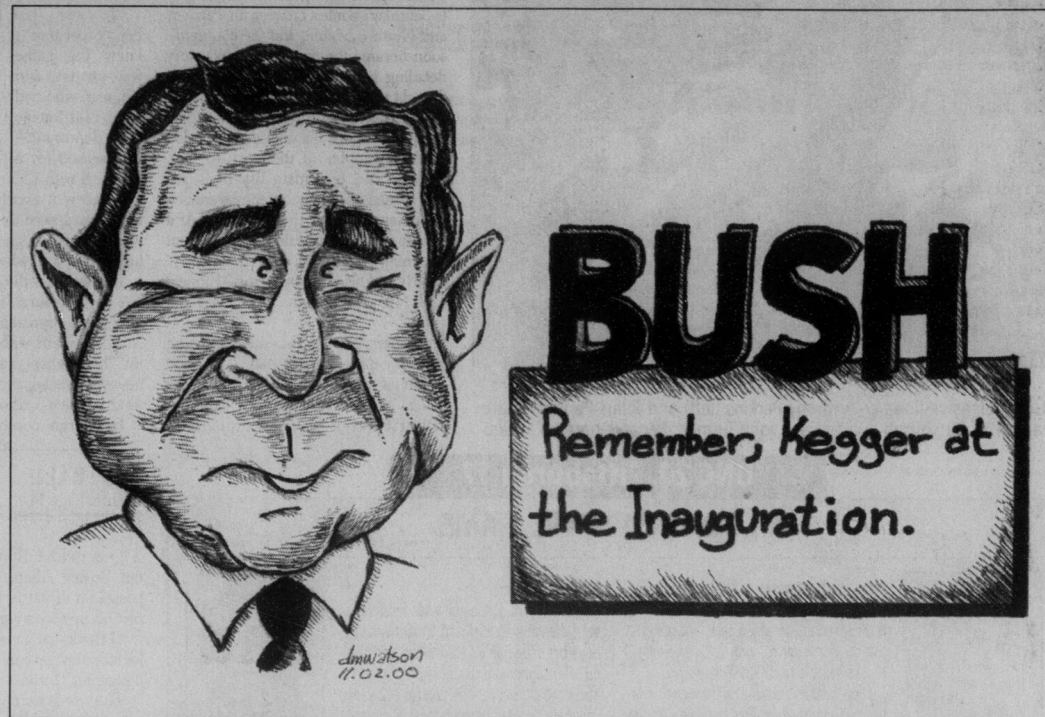
He is also known as an advocate for mass transit and the environment. Thanks to him, the state received \$12 million to begin work on the Triangle's commuter rail system.

Housing issues also have been among Price's priorities while in Congress. He created a home ownership program and initiated an act requiring lenders to disclose the full terms of home equity loans.

Campaign finance reform, stronger environmental regulations and accessible health care are other priorities of Price that are shared and wholeheartedly endorsed by The Daily Tar Heel.

Finally, Price is a voice of moderation who is well-respected by both his colleagues and his constituents, who have obviously been pleased with the job he has done in the past. Price's Republican opponent, Jess Ward, has limited political experience. The Libertarian candidate, C. Brian Towey, has some good ideas but has not articulated any clear plan for achieving them.

In short, David Price is clearly a man of high character, extensive experience and sound ideas who would be the best man for the job.



**Tar Heels: Let the Ballin' Begin**

The basketball season is coming up and folks are starting to get hype. So to the UNC ballers:

Just win baby!  
I want to get my party on again this March. The tourney last year was lovely and Chapel Hill was the hot spot.

Whaaaatttt' sssss uuuuuppp????!!!!  
Drinking a Bud. Watching Carolina spank Mizzou, Stanford, Tennessee, and Tulsa.  
True.

I'm looking for y'all ballers to whip Dook this season. Beat 'em silly. The Dean Dome, Cameron Indoor, ACC Tournament, the parking lot - it's all good.

Make sure one of those Dookies has a little "accident."  
It's too easy to hate Dook. I hit 15-501 to 751, and I always catch beef with some punk that pushes a mean SUV with Jersey tags.

At the University of North Carolina at Durham, everybody's always studying, the parties are horrible and the girls are whack.

I've got to give Coach Kwrzysbytryi credit. He does a masterful job of recruiting.

Only at Dook could Shane Battier, Christian Laetner, Danny Ferry, Wojo and Mike Dunleavy fit in.

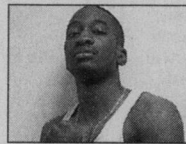
Carolina ballers, how about giving Shane a real reason to flop. If Battier is chillin' trying to draw a charge, just run him over. Give the rock to Julius. Fresh off of football season, he'll know what to do.

Don't let that Dunleavy kid go off. For some strange reason, Junior hit a nasty reverse in the Dean Dome last year. Mike looks like he's 7 years old and should get punished every time he holds the pill. Put a target on #34, and the lightweight won't even want to get near the ball.

Enough about Dook.  
Please play well enough to shut up Dick Vitale. I can just hear him pulling for the other squad in Charlottesville, College Park or Tallahassee.

"He's awesome. He's sooper. Up, up, and away. The diaper dandy babeeee ... Slam Jam Bam ... Oh-Oh the Trifecta."  
I'll leave Dicky V. alone for now ...

Why does such a big-time program have such lit-



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tle ambiance?

Too many students are in the cheap seats. I can't even get rowdy because I can't see anything.

From the upper deck, I'll need binoculars to see the 7-foot-5-inch Fingleton.

Everybody knows the Dean Dome is weak.

Stackhouse, McInnis, Vince, Calabria, Donald Williams, Wallace or Jamison could regulate for an entire game and the crowd would still be chillin'.

Fans need to step up. This ain't the Kemper Open, so stop golf clapping.

People out here are too spoiled and too fair-weather. Last season showed me how fake people are. The same people that boo and criticize the squad were the same people sweatin' the ballers during The Dance.

How can you hop on the wagon like that? Be down from the start and through the rough times or don't be down at all.

Coach Doherty, what's shakin'? The pressure is on and you every move is open to criticism. Your substitutions, clock management, eating habits and attire are all going to be second-guessed.

As for the players, I've got to start at the center. That means you Brendan. I see that you take a lot of heat out there, and I feel for you.

Don't sweat it.  
Just do your thing. Finish strong and they can't stop you.

Lang, what's up? I hope you'll be 100 percent this season. That jump hook is deadly. We can make the scorekeeper's job a bit easier this year. As soon as the Heels feed the ball

into you on the block, Mr. Scorekeeper can tack on two. 'Cause it's automatic.

Give 'em the hook!  
Capel - you say you're the leader, so you better step up. Without the New York point guard, you're going to have the basketball in your hands a little more. Stay on point with the buckets, the D and the boards.

You should be good though. Because the coaches' son *always* has the fundamentals.  
Joe Forte - you 'da man. Similar to Capel, with Cota gone, you're gonna have to handle that rock more, so the pat better be nice. Show 'em what Stevie Franchise and Chuck taught you at Kenner. Throw in some D.C. flair, because the opposition isn't ready for a hands-up or a stiff leg.

Too bad that Jason Parker is hoopin' with your boy from Dematha - Bogans at Kentucky. The inside-outside threat would have been *insane* with Hayward and Parker down low and you spotting up behind the arc.

Who's running the point this year? Does Holmes got it or not? What's Boone working with?

Number 31, you better show me something! Get the ball and push that thing. After you get hit with the outlet, I expect no less than a right to left crossover, hesitation, behind the back, head fake, through the legs, coast to coast finger roll *plus* the foul.

Count it and one, dog.  
Without Ed, the PGs got some huge Carolina Blue kicks to fill.

Julius Peppers, you know I couldn't forget about you. The no layup rule is in effect. If anybody's in the paint - tackle him. Pretend he's Chris Weinke. Hit the boards and score some points while patrolling the block.

Let that marinate.  
Peace to everybody touched by the Carolina Program. Handle your business so UNC can be the only team still Percutinat', working the Running Man, the Cabbage Patch and the Roger Rabbit in March.

Just win baby!  
Tee Pruitt, I want front row center. Have your people call my people and we'll do lunch. Hit me at [bofah26@email.unc.edu](mailto:bofah26@email.unc.edu).

READERS' FORUM

**Rep. Verla Insko Clarifies Her Record, Asks for Support**

TO THE EDITOR:

It was disappointing not to get the endorsement of The Daily Tar Heel in my bid for reelection to the N.C. House of Representatives. Nobody is a more ardent supporter of UNC-Chapel Hill, our faculty, staff and students, and I ask for your support.

Since I was not interviewed by the DTH, I am writing to provide information about my record.

I chair the House Education Subcommittee on Universities and introduced the bill that gave UNC-Chapel Hill the authority to develop the Horace Williams property as a centennial campus. Also, I put forward an amendment that protected the University's right to retain flexibility in its financial management.

As a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, I was an effective voice in support of the Higher Education bond referendum, and I have worked

throughout this district and the state for passage of the referendum. As chair of the House Committee on State Personnel, I always promote ample salary increases for the faculty and staff, as well as protection of their health benefits and increases in their retirement benefits. I have consistently voiced my opposition to increases in tuition for students and helped get improved benefits for our graduate teaching assistants.

My work on behalf of this district involves a broad range of issues besides higher education. These include women's health, improving early childhood education, raising teacher's salaries, safeguarding the elderly, protecting our environment, promoting health care for all and reforming our mental health system.

I received the Responsible Choices Award from Planned Parenthood of North Carolina for introducing the contraceptive parity bill, making North Carolina the eighth state in the nation to require insurance companies covering prescription drugs to cover contraceptives.

This year, for my work to improve

the state's mental health system, I received the Valand Award from the Mental Health Association of North Carolina and the Legislator of the Year Award from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and Arc of North Carolina. I was recognized for outstanding legislative service by the North Carolina Sickle Cell Program and the Counselors Association of North Carolina.

In addition, I am endorsed by the North Carolina Association of Educators, the North Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club, the N.C. Conservation Council, NC-NOW, the State Employees Association of North Carolina, Equality NC PAC, the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers, the Chapel Hill News and the Independent Weekly.

I effectively represent the values of this district, this community and the faculty, staff and students at Carolina, and I ask for your vote on Nov. 7.

**Rep. Verla Insko**  
24th District, N.C. House of Representatives

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