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Elizabeth Dole and Erskine Bowles will try to appeal to the few remaining undecided voters in campaign stops this weekend.

Candidates Woo Voters In Last Days

Set to finish tours of the state this weekend

BY BECKY JONES
 Staff Writer

On the last weekend before Tuesday's elections, candidates statewide are continuing to tour at a feverish pace in hopes of influencing the opinions of undecided voters.

U.S. Senate candidates Democrat Erskine Bowles and Republican Elizabeth Dole will finish their tours of North Carolina this weekend.



The race, which many insiders initially assumed Dole would win because of her name recognition, is now considered a toss up, according to several polls.

With just a few days until the election, Bowles is continuing on into the final round of his statewide "Family First" tour, said Bowles spokesman Adrian Talbott.

Bowles' campaign will attempt to gain the few percentage points he trails by influencing undecided voters, he said. "This last push makes all the difference in the world."

Dole also will continue her bus tour of the state this weekend, said Dole press secretary Jerry Brown.

He added that the Dole campaign is not losing optimism because of the new statistics showing Bowles is closing in.

"Polls always tighten (the race) in the final days. We are at the point where the fence-sitters will choose a candidate."

JERRY BROWN
 Dole Press Secretary

The candidates' final pushes are focusing closely on specific issues, said Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life.

The intensity at the end of the race is directed at the 20 percent of voters registered as independent because the state is split almost equally between Democrats and Republicans, he said.

After analyzing commercials for the opposing candidates, Guillory said he found that Bowles and Dole conveyed mostly positive messages.

"There's an effort on the part of both candidates to give voters a reason to vote for them rather than a reason to vote against their opponent," he said.

Guillory said the campaigns are emphasizing each candidate's solution to the state's shaky economic situation, which has recently become the key issue of the campaign.

Officials from the state's political parties said the end of the campaign season will be busy for them, as well as individual candidates.

Barbara Allen, chairwoman of the N.C. Democratic Party, said the party is focusing on sending out people into various communities to increase voter turnout. She said that as the campaigns wind down, the most

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HALLOWEEN 2002



DTH PHOTOS/SARA CHASE ABRONS

Thousands of people packed Franklin Street late Thursday night and into Friday morning to celebrate Halloween. The numerous costume-wearing revelers included not only UNC students but visitors from all corners of the state who came to Chapel Hill just for the celebration.

HALLOWEEN NIGHT BACK IN FULL FORCE

Franklin Street was crammed with thousands of Halloween partygoers Thursday night — clad in costumes ranging from flappers to the Old Well — as police and revelers alike said they expected a bigger turnout than in past years.



Although police were unable to give an accurate estimate of the crowd by 11 p.m. Thursday, Maj. Jeff McCracken of University police said he expected the streets to be packed all night long, despite the cold October air.

He said that this year, traffic regulations were far looser, allowing more people from out of town to come to Franklin Street for the fun.

"A lot more people are expected this year since we are not being as restricted as we were last year," McCracken said. "Last year we didn't allow people who were not residents at Chapel Hill to be on the streets."

McCracken said police began barricading the corners of Columbia and East Franklin streets at 8 p.m., preventing any vehicles from passing. He said police were making sure that less restriction did not mean less protection from the police.

"People who want to participate in the Halloween

BY SULHYE BANG
 Staff Writer

events on Franklin Street, they have to come through the barricade," he said.

"We are confiscating alcohol, whether they are open or closed, weapons or any items that look like weapons, anything flammable, and fireworks."

And after many people called last year's Halloween, complete with tight police restrictions, a disappointment, students said they were glad to see a bigger crowd this year on Franklin Street.

"I know that there are a lot more people on this street this year than three years ago," said Bridget Kelly, a graduate student from Duke University, who was dressed as a margarita.

Phabienne Parker, a UNC sophomore, was walking on Raleigh Street about 7:30 p.m. in preparation for the big night ahead. She said she expected a better turnout this year and was glad to see the looser restrictions.

"I actually think that this year's Halloween will be much more interesting," she said. "I'm very excited because this year, I'm dressing up with my twin sister, Annette, and I'm looking forward to it."

For freshman Nicole Stephens, this was her first

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Task Force Ready To Look at \$400 Tuition Increases

BY RACHEL HODGES
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The Tuition Task Force met Thursday to discuss two potential campus-based tuition increase proposals — both of which call for an annual increase of about \$400 for three years.

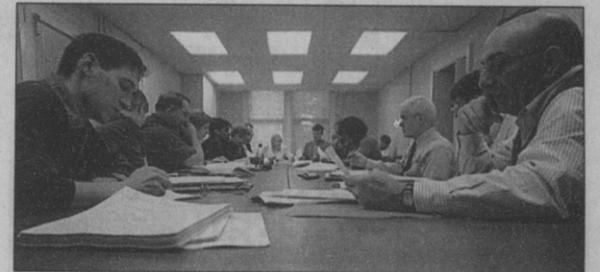
The task force wants the funds, which would total \$27.2 million, to address three specific issues — the student-faculty ratio, teaching assistant salaries and faculty salaries. The task force plans to formally vote on a plan at its Nov. 14 meeting.

Both of the tuition increase plans discussed would remedy the TA salary disparity in full and raise faculty salaries to a more competitive level, but the major differences lie in financial aid and the student-faculty ratio.

While the first scenario would set aside 40 percent for financial aid and slightly reduce the student-faculty ratio from 18.5-1 to 18.1-1, the second would bring the student-faculty ratio to 17.4-1 and only set aside 25 percent for financial aid.

U.S. News & World Report recently

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DTH/MALLORY DAVIS

Tuition Task Force members discuss several plans for a long-term campus-based tuition increase proposal Thursday afternoon.

UNC PAC Distributes \$154K to Candidates

BY GILLIAN BOLSOVER
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During the last month, UNC's political action committee has donated the majority of its funds to powerful leaders in the N.C. General Assembly who are running for re-election Tuesday.

Citizens for Higher Education donated \$154,000 to more than 45 election campaigns to ensure that UNC's interests are represented in the new legislature.

But experts say the funds likely will not influence legislative decisions.

The money is an expression of political goodwill, said Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life. He said it builds bridges toward political access and has an indirect effect on legislators when considering bills that affect UNC.

"It might nudge candidates into stronger support of the University," he said. "It opens doors or keeps them open."

The majority of the money — \$154,000 — was donated Oct. 14.

Democratic candidates received the majority of the money — \$95,000 — with \$59,000 going to Republicans. Guillory said CHE is covering its bases by supporting both parties.

"We don't know which party will be in a majority," he said. "The Democrats got most of the money because the Democratic leaders have protected and enhanced the University's budget."

"But the CHE is also smart politically; they know that the Republicans might win a majority. The CHE wants to ensure some access with Republican leaders should they become the majority."

Contributions ranged from \$1,000 to \$4,000, the largest amount a PAC can contribute under state law.

It is not surprising most candidates who received funds from CHE are influential party leaders, Guillory said. All candidates receiving \$4,000 were

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Campaign Contributions

The UNC Chapel Hill political action committee has contributed more than \$160,000 to various campaigns, including the maximum \$4,000 to the following candidates.

Joe Hackney (D) House speaker pro tem
Harold Brubaker (R) House Appropriations Committee; House speaker '95-'98
Fletcher Hartsell (R) Vice Chairman, Senate Education Committee
Howard Lee Senate Appropriations Chairman
David Redwine (D) House Appropriations Chairman
Tony Rand (D) Senate Majority Leader
David Hoyle (D) Senate Finance Chairman
Cecil Hargett (D) Candidate for Senate District 6
Jim Black (D) House Speaker
Phil Baddour (D) House Majority Leader
Patrick Ballantine (R) Senate Minority Leader
David Miner (R) House Appropriations Committee
Richard Stevens (R) UNC trustee; Senate District 17 Candidate
Scott Thomas (D) Senate Appropriations Committee
Ed McMahan (R) House Education Subcommittee on Universities
John Kerr (D) Senate Finance Chairman
Leo Daughtry (R) House Minority Leader
Marc Basnight (D) Senate President Pro Tem
Fountain Odom (D) Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman
Eric Reeves (D) Appropriations-Information Technology Committee
Richard Morgan (R) House Education Subcommittee on Universities
Walter Dalton (D) Senate Appropriations on Education Committee Chairman

SOURCE: CITIZENS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION DTH/STAFF

It's Halloween, everyone is entitled to one good scare.

Sheriff Leigh Brackett in "Halloween"

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