

weather
 TODAY: Variably cloudy; high upper 60s
 SATURDAY: Chance of showers; high mid-60s

on campus
 • Mangum Dormitory will hold its haunted house to benefit the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center from 9:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

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CHARGES OF BIAS
 Mark Marcolpos, candidate for Orange County commissioner, complains that straight-ticket voting hurts independent candidates

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TRAVELIN' FOR BILL
 Friends and acquaintances of Gov. Bill Clinton speak in Durham in support of the presidential candidate

sportsline
COURTED: Walt Williams, the Sacramento Kings' No. 1 draft choice, reached an agreement with the Kings Thursday on a six-year contract reportedly worth \$13.5 million.
 Williams, a former star at the University of Maryland, is expected to suit up for the Kings' final preseason game Friday. Williams averaged 26.8 points per game last season at Maryland, scoring 20 or more in 19 straight games — the longest such streak in the country.

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Political conflicts erupt in shouting match near Davis

By Melissa Dewey
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Political conflict erupted into a shouting match Thursday in front of Davis Library as environmentalists and coffin-carrying abortion-rights activists clashed with the group Students for America during simultaneous rallies.

The Green Team, organized by the Student Environmental Action Committee and GreenVote, an environmental political action committee, held a rally in the Pit at 12:15 p.m. to endorse environmental candidates for political office. Among those receiving endorsements were presidential candidate Bill Clinton and his running mate Al Gore.

At 12:45 p.m., the rally was interrupted by music from the Davis Library area when a rally in support of President Bush, sponsored by Students for America, began by playing a rendition of the Lee Greenwood song "God Bless the USA."

A representative from the Jim Hunt gubernatorial campaign who was participating in the Green Team rally said in response, "Yes, God has blessed the USA, but if we don't do something worth it soon, there won't be anything (left) to bless."

Further cheers and the sound of bullhorns that interrupted the Green Team rally prompted a representative from the Clinton/Gore campaign to criticize the other group.

"Can you believe the way this crowd (Students for America) has tried to trivialize the environment?" the representative said.

Cheers of "four more years" by the Bush rally prompted counter-cheers of "five more days" by the Green Team.

The Students for America rally, featuring Republican U.S. Congress candidate Vicky Goudie, was planned with only two days' notice, said Barbara Duffy, a sophomore from Goldsboro.

With the short notice of Goudie's availability, the event obviously was planned without malicious intent against the other rally, Duffy said.

"We're Bush supporters holding a spontaneous rally," she said. "It was not intended to refute anything (Green



Bush supporters rally in front of Davis Library Thursday
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UNC to vote Democratic; many remain undecided

By Tara Duncan
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Most UNC undergraduates will vote for Gov. Bill Clinton in the presidential election Tuesday, but a large number are undecided about whom they will vote for in the races for governor, lieutenant governor and U.S. Senate, according to a poll conducted for The Daily Tar Heel.

The random sample telephone poll, conducted for the DTH by sociology graduate student Richard Miech, interviewed 303 students out of a target population of 400 from Sunday through Wednesday for a total response rate of 76 percent.

Out of the 303 respondents, 264 said they planned to vote in Tuesday's elections.

Clinton led the presidential race among undergraduates by a 2-1 margin over President Bush, while U.S. Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., held a 22-point lead over Republican challenger Lauch Faircloth. Meanwhile, former N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt is leading Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner by 27 points in the race for governor. Although 60 percent of the respondents said they were undecided in the race for lieutenant governor, N.C. Rep. Dennis Wicker, D-Lee, holds a 16-point lead on campus over N.C. Rep. Art Pope, R-Wake.

Although many out-of-state students have registered to vote in North Carolina in the past few weeks, only 44 of the 264 respondents were out-of-state residents.

In the sample of about 40 percent men and 60 percent women, more than 30 percent of the respondents said they were undecided about the races for governor, lieutenant governor and U.S. Senate. The presidential poll showed an undecided vote of only about 5 percent.

The fact that many people do not know who the candidates for state office are is the main reason for the undecided votes, said Thad Beyle, a UNC political science professor.

"The noise of the presidential election has really drowned out the voice of the state races," he said. "North Carolina, with 14 electoral votes, is a swing state in the presidential election, and we're getting a lot of attention with everyone coming into the state."

Sanford ahead on campus

Despite the high rate of undecided voters, Sanford holds a substantial lead on campus over Faircloth among undergraduates planning to vote.

Poll results showed about 45 percent voting for Sanford, about 23 for Faircloth and 32 percent with no opinion. There was a 5.1-percent margin of error.

"Although we're pleased with Sanford's lead, it just shows us we have some work to do," said Anna Driver, press secretary for Sanford. "His plan for economic recovery and education needs to get out."

Hunt leading for governor

The gubernatorial race, which has more recognition in the state, still had an undecided vote of about 33 percent. About 47 percent of those who said they would vote Tuesday support Hunt and about 20 percent support Gardner.

The margin of error for the gubernatorial poll was 5.2 percent.

The Hunt campaign was surprised by the number of undecided voters. "The undecided is more than twice the number I would think, and it is so different from internal polls and other public polls that have been taken," said Rachel Perry, press secretary for the former N.C. governor.

"I'm surprised, but the bottom line is that Jim Gardner is behind, and Hunt's positive plan for education is resonating," Perry said.

Gardner's campaign could not account for the undecided, but his officials hope they will decide to vote for Gardner, said Mike Sharsky, press secretary for the lieutenant governor.

"One would expect that your universe would be liberal and support Jim Hunt, but we really don't place much stock in polls," Sharsky said. "We see so many with so many different spreads. You learn to ignore them."

Wicker leads lieutenant governor race

The lieutenant governor race has the largest percentage of undecided voters. Of those surveyed who planned to vote, about 29 percent are voting for Wicker, about 13 percent support Pope, and about 60 percent still are undecided or have no opinion.

The Daily Tar Heel UNDERGRADUATE POLL

THE DAILY TAR HEEL OBTAINED A random sample (target population=400) of undergraduates from the University Registrar through Student Affairs. Calls were made from Sunday through Wednesday. In total, 303 students were interviewed for a total response rate of 76 percent. Of the 24 percent non-response rate, 43 percent had no listed number, 25 percent refused to participate, 29 percent could not be reached after numerous calls, and 3 percent are no longer in school. The results shown below are from 264 respondents who plan to vote in the election Tuesday.

PRESIDENT
 Margin of error: ±4.9
 If the presidential election were held today, who would you vote for?

Bush	26.89%
Clinton	54.55%
Perot	13.64%
Undecided	3.79%
Other	1.14%

SENATOR
 Margin of error: ±5.1
 In the senatorial race, do you support...

Sanford	45.0%
Faircloth	23.0%
No Opinion	32.0%

GOVERNOR
 Margin of error: ±5.2
 In the gubernatorial race, do you support...

Hunt	47.0%
Gardner	20.0%
No Opinion	33.0%

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
 Margin of error: ±4.8
 In the race for lieutenant governor, do you support...

Wicker	29.0%
Pope	13.0%
No Opinion	60.0%

Poll organized by Richard Miech (graduate, sociology). Assistance provided by the Department of Sociology, the Department of Political Science and the Institute for Research in Social Science.

There was a 5.1-percent margin of error in the lieutenant governor poll.
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Ross Bluestein screams to try to overcome Republican ralliers at Davis Library
 DTH/Tin Randall

Green Team endorses candidates

By Melissa Dewey
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The Green Team, a group that includes members of the Student Environmental Action Coalition and GreenVote, endorsed pro-environmental candidates for the Tuesday election at a rally Thursday.

GreenVote is the largest environmental political action committee in the United States.

Voting records of incumbents and endorsements from other environmental groups such as the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters were the criteria for the endorsements, said Ruby Sinreich, co-chairwoman of SEAC.

Darcee Killpack, co-chairwoman of the Voter Education Committee, a subgroup of SEAC, said non-incumbent candidates were evaluated on what their platform said they planned to do if elected.

Celeste Frye, co-chairwoman of the Voter Education Committee, said the environmental issue would be an important part of the election.

The government controls air and water pollution regulations, she said. "The only way we can change is with a new government that will work for (environmental issues)," she said.

Josh Busby, co-chairman of SEAC, said environmental candidates needed to be elected on every level. "Even if we

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Faulty sockets blamed for fire at complex

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A fire in a Chapel Hill public housing project left 25 people temporarily homeless late Thursday night, as some residents blamed the blaze on faulty electrical sockets.

The fire at Ridgefield Apartments on South Estes Drive was reported to the Chapel Hill Fire Department at 9:16 p.m. It was one of a string of five fires at the low-income housing project in the past two years, residents said.

Three fire trucks arrived on the scene within two minutes and firefighters contained the fire by 9:57 p.m., officials said.

Twenty firefighters were called to the scene to extinguish the blaze that

ignited in the bedroom closet of apartment No. 372. All the neighboring units were evacuated.

The occupants of the apartment were out of town when the fire broke out, neighbors said.

A crowd of about 60 people, including about 30 children, stood outside watching firefighters extinguish the

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Midnight tipoff kicks off season

By Ivan Arrington
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Spirits won't be the only mythical creatures to inhabit the night on All Hallow's Eve, as the UNC men's basketball team kicks off its season with a midnight practice at the first-ever Tar Heel Tipoff.

The doors of the Dean E. Smith Center will open to students at 10:15 p.m. and to the general public at 10:45 p.m. Saturday. The show is expected to start about 10:50 p.m. and end about 1 a.m.

"We're hoping to get at least 5,000 people," said Carolina Athletic Association president Tracy Kirincich. "We're trying to get people involved early in the season."

Daniel Thornton, co-director of the event, said students were invited to wear their Halloween costumes to the practice.

"It's more of an untraditional thing," he said. "It's a fitting way to start the season."

The basketball team has been extremely receptive to CAA members' idea for the UNC "midnight madness" program, Thornton said.

"They've been very open and very organized," he said. "We brought them the idea, and they took it from there. I'm very excited about it."

A new NCAA policy requires teams to delay the start of practice from Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 this year, said former assistant coach Dave Hanners, who is now assistant to the athletic director for basketball operations.

The open practice probably will not become an annual event, because in

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The first and great commandment is, don't let them scare you. — Elmer Davis