

Helms, Buckley talk shop in Raleigh

by David Klinger
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RALEIGH—More than 1,000 of North Carolina's leading conservatives came to town Saturday night to munch on half-inch prime rib, green beans and creamed potatoes and listen to the "down home" sounds of the Country Squires band.

Somewhere along the way they heard New York Sen. James L. Buckley, a Conservative-Republican, analyze the complexities of detente in Soviet-American trade relations.

But the real reason these members of the in-crowd among Tar Heel conservatives shelled out \$25 per plate was to honor the man who has taken on an almost Messiah-like quality in the holy war against liberalism.

It was Jesse Helms night in Raleigh. Officially billed as the "Salute to a Citizen-Senator," the testimonial dinner was organized to pay tribute to the former Raleigh television commentator

who was elected to the U.S. Senate a little over one year ago.

In the process of extolling the virtues of this "guardian of the federal purse strings" and "leading opponent of that asinine bussing of little school children," \$25,000 was raised to eliminate the debt still outstanding from Helms' 1972 senatorial campaign.

Saturday's dinner was the first visible product of the newly organized North Carolina Congressional Club. Under the direction of Raleigh attorney Thomas F. Ellis, the three-month-old political group has defined its purpose as being "to form a statewide, bi-partisan organization of conservatives in order to maximize efforts on behalf of conservatives seeking election to the United States House and Senate from North Carolina."

Membership in the club has been estimated by treasurer William Berryhill to exceed 500, chiefly in response to the Helms' dinner and a series of advertisements in six major daily newspapers in North Carolina promoting Helms' activities in Congress.

"We have members in almost every county in North Carolina," Berryhill, treasurer of the 1972 Helms' campaign said. "The response has just been remarkable."

Both the political "has beens" and "would be's" turned out in force to pay homage to the senator and display a front of solidarity for the upcoming congressional elections.

Fifth District Rep. Wilmer D. "Vinegar Bend" Mizell was present to tell a few of his baseball stories and sniff the 1974 political trade winds. The Winston-Salem resident has been touted as a possible Republican heir to the Senate seat of retiring Sam Ervin.

In introducing Buckley, Mizell quipped, "James Buckley is the only Conservative in the United States Senate. The junior senator from New York is from that great bastion of conservatism that has given us such staunch conservatives as Bella Abzug and Howard Cosell."

Although Buckley's brief address centered on his

view of the Soviet Union as an unreliable partner in the politics of detente, his message was subordinated to the real theme of the evening.

"You really have a star here in Jesse Helms," Buckley said. "In his first year, through guts and courage, he has accomplished a lot more than many other people in the Senate have been able to do."

Buckley complimented Helms on his contributions to the two Senate committees on which he serves, the Agriculture Committee and Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, and for his fiscal conservatism.

"He has never flinched from his duty as he sees it," Buckley said. "Furthermore, he has that rare ability to look ahead and recognize his duty."

Helms quickly picked up the theme of frugality in government spending as a part of his remarks at the conclusion of the dinner. "You all know about Hubert, Teddy and George in the Senate," he said. "You ought to examine the new economics of those boys. One day I questioned Hubert about one of his

legislative proposals and he told me it would only cost \$2 billion!"

"They are always talking about change, and change is fine if it's for the better, but I'll never support change for change's sake," Helms continued.

Surveying his 1,000-member slice of middle America, Helms struck a philosophical note, thanking his supporters for their confidence in sending him to Washington.

"This has been an evening that I never, of course, could ever deserve," Helms said. "I think we have a mountain to climb and you ladies and gentlemen honor me tonight in permitting me to hold hands with you and climb that mountain."

With Helms less than a year away from the distinction of becoming North Carolina's senior senator and with North Carolina Republicans optimistic about their chances of capturing the remaining seat in this year's elections, Helms' mountain of conservatism may well be on its way towards becoming a political reality.

Aldermen clash with bus issues

by David Ennis
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Advocates and opponents of a public transportation system for Carrboro will clash in what Carrboro Alderman George W. Beswick expects to be "a hell of a fight" tonight at 7:30 in the Town Hall.

The confrontation will center around a proposed resolution by Alderman Fred Chamblee appointing a 19-member study commission to recommend over-all transit improvements for the town.

The commission, composed of citizens, town employees and two aldermen, would study Carrboro's needs in the area of streets, sidewalks, bike paths and buses.

Beswick, the only student member, termed the resolution nebulous, and outlined his proposals to amend the resolution to make it "more concrete and tangible."

One of Beswick's complaints about the Chamblee resolution is the size of the proposed commission.

"Nineteen people do not make decisions," Beswick said. "They're not going to do anything but go meditate somewhere on the advantages of having public transportation during an energy crisis," he said.

Beswick said the study would probably take as long as 10 months, noting that 13 citizen members would have to be considered and voted on by the board. Chamblee said that some overall studies with more local input are needed to consider the town's transportation needs.

"There would possibly be origin and destination studies to determine what the needs are and where the priorities are," Chamblee said.

Beswick said the commission should be given a time limit of about two weeks in its consideration of the need and cost of a public transportation system.

He said that fast action is needed on the question of public transportation so that Carrboro could be included in the Chapel Hill bus system, scheduled to start Aug. 1.

Beswick said that, for his proposals to be considered, his resolution must be considered first in the meeting. If Chamblee's resolution is first on the agenda, no amendments will be considered before it is put to a vote, unless Chamblee agrees, Beswick said.

Beswick said that anti-public transportation aldermen would probably prefer adoption of Chamblee's resolution un-amended, considering it the "better of the two evils."

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Assembly to hear ECU bill asking med school expansion

by Janet Langston
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A bill forcing the immediate expansion of the East Carolina Medical School by the UNC Board of Governors should be introduced tonight in the N.C. House of Representatives, said Rep. J.P. Huskins, one of the bill's sponsors.

Huskins said the bill is designed to implement the recommendations embodied in the subcommittee on Health Manpower Training and Education's report released

earlier this month.

The bill, however, is in direct conflict with the desires of the Board of Governors, who advocate strengthening the ECU program before expanding it.

The bill would double the size of the entering class at ECU from 20 to 40 students by 1975-1976. Huskins said, with each class increased annually by 10 students, until a minimum of 80 students is met.

Huskins said the intent of the bill is to "produce more doctors" for North Carolina, and see a medical school at ECU as the best

alternative. He said the bill also called for a second-year curriculum to be established by 1976-1977, or as soon as facilities permit.

The school would operate initially under the UNC School of Medicine. Huskins said, ECU and UNC would work cooperatively towards ECU's accreditation. Huskins commented.

A \$7.5 million reserve fund was established in 1973 by the General Assembly to construct additional medical school facilities in the state. The Huskins Committee recommended that this money,

and an additional \$7.5 million, be combined for the ECU expansion, Huskins said.

Approximately \$24.9 million is requested to establish and operate nine AHECs (Area Health Education Centers) in North Carolina. This is a \$5 million cut from the Board of Governors AHEC request.

Huskins said that the bill also asks for \$14 million to build a basic science facility at ECU, and \$1 million for operating expenses at ECU, if expanded.

The "primary mission" of the ECU medical school would be to educate and train primary care physicians, especially in the family practice, said Huskins. When asked how this would be accomplished, Huskins replied that this was a problem of UNC at Chapel Hill until ECU achieves its own accreditation.

\$144 million surplus set

by Greg Turosek
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The \$2.99 billion 1974-75 budget recommended to the General Assembly last Thursday leaves a projected \$144 million surplus for North Carolina.

But despite this prediction, Gov. Jim Holshouser has gone on record as strongly against any tax cuts this year.

In his address last week to a joint session of the Assembly, Holshouser said the state must be financially cautious because of the yet-unknown effects of the energy crisis.

Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy, a chance of showers and warm. The high is expected to be near 60. The low is expected to be around 40. The chance of precipitation is 20 per cent. Outlook: Cloudy and cooler.

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Holshouser told legislators he knew a tax cut would be tempting in an election year to please the voters back home, but possible unemployment resulting from the energy crisis could result in decreased revenues.

He told the joint session if the legislators agree outright that the proposed \$51 million tax cut package before them should be shelved, they should at least postpone a decision until more information about the energy crisis is available.

The governor's words apparently had an effect, as later in the afternoon the House voted to send the bill back to committee because of an amendment by a vote of 59-49. But support for the bill is still strong, even among some Republicans, and the bill is likely to return to the floor.

Holshouser emphasized to the legislators the four areas in the budget with which he is most concerned:

- Health and mental health—A \$24.8

million recommended allocation for developing Area Health Education Centers and an \$11.8 million increase in allocations for community mental health programs were noted by Holshouser as most important.

• Education—Holshouser mentioned a five per cent salary increase for teachers, \$10 million for improvement to community colleges and \$10 million for making program improvements in the university system as most important.

• Corrections—\$21 million is recommended for construction of single cell housing and other capital improvements, Holshouser said. "The type of situation in which the prisoner is confined will make a difference whether he will re-enter society as a rehabilitated person or as a hardened, embittered person."

• Parks—The budget recommends allocation of \$5 million for purchase of lands and \$3.6 million for development of parklands. Holshouser said parkland must be bought now before land prices become unreasonably high.

Elections head named

Richard Letchworth, executive assistant to Student Body President Ford Runge, will be nominated by Runge to serve as Elections Board chairman. Runge announced Sunday.

Runge will submit Letchworth's name to the Campus Governing Council's (CGC) Appointments Committee today at 4 p.m. to fill the vacancy left by Tom Goss, who resigned Dec. 18.

Runge said Letchworth may maintain his position as executive assistant while chairing the Elections Board. "It depends on how heavy the work load is in both areas," Runge said.

Letchworth is a senior political science major from Charlotte.

Runge blasts Snodgrass

by Henry Farber
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Student Body President Ford Runge lashed out Sunday against what he called failure to follow procedure in the rewriting of the Judicial Reform Bill.

Runge said that CGC Finance Committee Chairman Bill Snodgrass is "guilty of obstruction as far as passage of the document is concerned."

He said Snodgrass should have presented his criticisms of the bill to a special ad hoc committee designed to receive criticism of the bill, instead of writing a new draft.

Runge said Snodgrass was one of several people to criticize the bill last semester before the ad hoc committee, composed of students, faculty members and administrative officials.

Runge said Snodgrass' criticisms were so numerous that he was asked to write them up

and present his revisions to the committee before the Christmas holidays, but Snodgrass failed to do so.

"Now he comes before CGC with this new document," Runge said, referring to Snodgrass' revised version of the original 41-page bill.

"Snodgrass was not prepared to suggest these changes," Runge said, "changes which the ad hoc committee requested in writing." Sunday night, Snodgrass cited a lack of time as his reason for failing to present a written criticism of Judicial Reform before the ad hoc committee.

The Judicial Reform Bill, to be considered tonight, would revamp the student court system. Runge said it is "the work of several years of drafting, meetings and compromises. To introduce major changes now," he said, "is to slow the crucial process of getting the document before the student body in referendum, where it belongs."



"Bobby Jones is definitely an All-American."—Dean Smith
Jones steals ball and sinks shot at buzzer to beat Duke in Durham. See story on page six.

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