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WASHINGTON — Broken by the "incessant pain" of ill health, Justice William O. Douglas retired Wednesday after 36 years as a liberal bellwether of the Supreme Court. President Ford, who once tried to impeach him, praised Douglas as a lion of the bench.

The departure of the trim, white-haired justice reduced the "liberal wing" of the nine-member high court to two members — William J. Brennan Jr. and Thurgood Marshall.

Douglas, 77, has been fighting to regain his health since he suffered a stroke Dec. 31.

An iron man who developed a reputation for physical vigor to match his libertarian judicial views, he had lived for years with a pacemaker running his heart and had overcome the effects of polio as a child.

Carey offers N.Y. plan

NEW YORK — Gov. Hugh Carey said Wednesday that he would present to the state legislature a \$6-billion plan to avoid default by New York City, the city of Yonkers and four state agencies.

Carey said the plan, which is being examined by "the highest officers of our government," involves increased state and city taxes, budget cuts and a seven-month

moratorium on payment in full of \$1.6 billion in New York City bonds.

Based on a series of telephone calls with Treasury Secretary William E. Simon, Carey said he was optimistic that the plan would succeed and would get some federal assistance.

Rumsfeld praises Schlesinger

WASHINGTON — Donald Rumsfeld, President Ford's choice for defense secretary, indicated Wednesday he advised Ford not to fire James Schlesinger and said he would continue Schlesinger's policies.

Referring to policies espoused by Schlesinger, Rumsfeld told the Senate Armed Services Committee he too favors restoration of some Pentagon budget cuts and he too believes detente with the Soviets must be complemented by strong defenses. "I know Jim Schlesinger," Rumsfeld told the committee, which is considering whether to recommend confirmation of his appointment. "I admired him. And I had nothing to do with his dismissal."

Ford ultimately fired Schlesinger to relieve "tensions" within his cabinet — mainly between Schlesinger and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger — and to establish his "own team" in the Defense Department and other critical agencies.

CGC discusses housing at special meeting

by Jane Mosher Staff Writer

Problems of the present sign-up system for housing and proposals for restructuring the system were discussed Wednesday night at a Campus Governing Council meeting on housing.

Administration officials are expected to reach a decision on the sign-up procedure Friday.

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Co-President Jay Levin began the discussion by citing the results of an RHA poll of on-campus residents. Of those students polled, 696 favored a proposed lottery system; 939 opposed the idea; and 1,068 supported a method combining features of the lottery system and the existing persistence method, he said.

The figures show such a diverse spectrum of opinion that each dorm should decide its own sign-up procedures, Levin said.

He explained that under the proposed sign-up plan, all dorm residents would turn in their deposits and contracts by Jan. 15. Then, by assessing the number of room requests and the number of spaces available, dorm representatives would determine their dorm's sign-up policy. Sign-up itself would

take place in February.

In this manner, enough time would be allowed for students who were unsuccessful in the lottery to find space off-campus, Levin said.

Under the proposed plan, the current deposit of \$15 would be raised to \$50, one-half of which could be recovered up to two weeks after sign-up, Levin explained.

The large deposit would deter students from signing up for on-campus housing as a security measure, he said.

According to the RHA survey, many students oppose the deposit increase. While 864 students supported the increase, 1,569 rejected it.

Objections were raised not only to the proposed increase but also to the timing of the proposed sign-up. Student Body

President Bill Bates explained that in January many students have no definite plans for housing and are considering pledging fraternities or sororities.


RHA member Lee Wallace was concerned about students with limited finances. Many of these people can only afford to pay for on-campus housing, he said.

Levin said the existing persistence-lottery method allows these students to undergo

waiting in line to get on-campus space.

The timing of the proposed system could also conflict with the procedures for determining the University system's budget, Levin said. The budget, formulated tentatively in December, is given final approval by the N.C. General Assembly, possibly as late as May.

Levin proposed that the budget be restructured so that collected room rent pays for the previous year's expenditures.



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