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Weather

Partly cloudy today through Wednesday. Highs both days in the lower 70s. Lows tonight in the mid-50s.

No 'DTH' Wednesday

The Daily Tar Heel will not publish Wednesday because of Fall Break. Publication will resume Monday, Oct. 24. Have a good break!

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Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, who faces State bribery and conspiracy charges, and his wife appear in Raleigh Monday for the beginning of his trial, which will mark a milestone in N.C. history by allowing cameras in the courtroom.

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Jimmy Green trial opened Monday

The Associated Press

RALEIGH—Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green's trial on bribery and conspiracy charges opened Monday with prosecutors accepting 17 potential jurors and the press taking photographs in the courtroom.

Green is North Carolina's first lieutenant governor to stand trial on criminal charges. His will be the first full criminal trial in North Carolina to be photographed by newspaper and television cameras inside the courtroom.

Photographers had little to do Monday because court orders prohibit cameras during any questioning.

Green arrived at Wake County Superior Court wearing a dark blue suit with a red rose bud on his lapel. He was accompanied by his two daughters, his son and his wife. In the courtroom were a half-dozen Green aides, a legislative lobbyist, state Sen. Ken Royall, D-Durham, and Green's brother, Dr. George Green, of Brookneal, Va.

Green declined to talk with reporters. Before prosecutors began questioning 34 potential jurors, Howard Watts' attorney, Jim Nance Sr. of Fayetteville, entered a plea of innocent to charges that Watts conspired with Green for Green to receive a bribe. Nance also filed a motion seeking dismissal of the charges against Watts because of an alleged immunity grant.

The motion, which will be held later, argues that Watts agreed to a "debriefing" on criminal matters in exchange for pleading guilty to conspiracy to burn warehouses owned by state Sen. J.J. "Monk" Harrington, D-Bertie. The motion said Watts understood that he would not be tried on any indictment arising out of other crimes in North Carolina.

Watts was sentenced to serve more than 13 years in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy to burn. The motion said he also talked with FBI agent Terry Peters and information from that meeting led to the conspiracy charge in the Green case.

In the motion, Nance said Watts has never known Green to do anything dishonest and Watts made statements about Green to undercover agents to earn money for them.

Prosecutor Jim Blackburn said earlier in the trial that he was not sure a plea bargain was in effect and was not sure that Watts had told law enforcement agents the truth.

Judge James M. Long warned potential jurors the trial could take three weeks or more. He said he does not anticipate sequestering them, but they will have to take a special oath not to pay attention to media coverage of the trial.

Long told the potential jurors they should not be concerned about the cameras in the courtroom because the cameras will be out of sight and jurors will not know when pictures are being taken.

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Blackburn asked potential jurors whether they had heard about the case through the media, and all but one or two responded that they had. Four people were dismissed in the afternoon because they said they already had formed an opinion about the case.

He also asked potential jurors whether they were registered to vote, what party they belonged to and whether they had contributed money or time to political campaigns.

He asked them their opinion of undercover investigations and whether they knew potential witnesses, including Gov. Jim Hunt.

Long said he wants to find 12 jurors and three alternates. He said each side can dismiss up to nine potential jurors without citing a reason and an unlimited number may be excused for a good cause.

Prosecutors named 17 people they could accept as jurors and dismissed five others without giving a reason. One of those who was dismissed was a secretary to a state senator.

Defense attorneys were to question potential jurors Tuesday.

Green is the first North Carolina lieutenant governor to stand trial on criminal charges since the post was established in 1868. Only two governors have been charged with crimes since that office was created in the 16th century.

The 62-year-old Green was indicted June 20 for allegedly accepting a \$2,000 bribe, consenting to receive a \$2,000 bribe, conspiring with Watts to receive a bribe and twice consenting to receive bribes of \$10,000 a month. He has pleaded innocent to all charges.

Cameras allowed in courtroom in Green trial

By VANCE TREFETHEN
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The trial of Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green in Raleigh Monday marks a milestone in North Carolina legal history as the first full trial to allow cameras in a N.C. courtroom.

Coverage of court proceedings by electronic media and still photography is on a 2-year experimental basis by an order of the N.C. Supreme Court. The order took effect October 18, 1982.

Green faces state bribery and conspiracy charges and is North Carolina's first lieutenant governor to be tried for criminal offenses since the office was established in 1868.

Green has pleaded innocent to charges that he accepted a \$2,000 bribe and conspired and consented to

receive other bribes.

William Chamberlain, assistant professor in the UNC School of Journalism, said that the Jimmy Green trial would serve as a test case for courtroom cameras because of the experimental nature of the camera ruling. He said that if the media is willing to follow the guidelines for courtroom coverage, the experiment will be looked upon favorably when the experimental period expires. If the press "makes a circus" of the Green trial, he said, "the efforts would be set back."

The Supreme Court ruling allowing cameras also specifies that the cameras must be "set apart by a booth or other partitioning device" and that the booth "must be in harmony with the general architectural style" of the courtroom. The ruling also states that the cameras and audio equipment must not be seen or heard by

anyone in the courtroom.

Robert Giles, research and planning officer in the Administrative Office of the N.C. Courts in Raleigh, said, "Use of cameras in the courtroom has been a comparatively new development." He said that some states have recently been experimenting with varying amounts of electronic media coverage in courtrooms, but he refused to speculate on the impact that such coverage would have on legal proceedings in North Carolina.

Commenting on the guidelines which the N.C. Supreme Court set for the use of electronic media in courtrooms, Chamberlain said the booth provision was probably the most significant. He said the required construction of a booth inside the courtroom tended to have an inhibiting effect on the introduction of cameras.

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Garrow says accusation of King has no credence

By BETH O'KELLEY
Staff Writer

The accusation that the late Martin Luther King Jr. was a communist is "without credence whatsoever," says David Garrow, a UNC assistant political science professor and specialist on the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

His remarks were in response to a speech by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., against a bill that would make King's birthday a national holiday. Helms has said that King "harbored a strong sympathy for the Communist Party and its goals."

Garrow said recently that Helms' speech was "a distortion of historical record." He also said he was puzzled as to what Helms expects to accomplish.

Garrow has been quoted nationwide in newspapers and on the Senate floor as an expert on King.

"I think it (the King holiday) is getting too much attention for all the wrong reasons," Garrow said. "No one could say that King was a communist sympathizer."

Helms has also made allegations that King was a womanizer and had an active

extramarital sex life.

"To focus this sort of personal scrutiny on King while not applying it to others is a double standard of the worst type."

Garrow, who has written two books on the slain civil rights leader and is working on another, said the addition of this holiday is important symbolically. He said that this is the best way to bring about more of an awareness of civil rights among Americans than just a civil rights day.

Garrow said that the original sponsors of the bill were sincere in their wish to honor King but that others were supporting the measure because they did not want to be associated with Helms.

Garrow said the FBI was originally suspicious of King because of his connection with the late Stanley Levison. Levison had been involved in the Communist Party of America before becoming an aide for King.

In a statement sent to Senate committees in charge of the issue, Garrow said the only allegation that needed any serious consideration was the relationship between King and Levison.

In his book *The FBI and Martin*



Garrow

Luther King, Jr., he states: "There is simply no evidence, even circumstantial or secondhand, that Levison's friendship and association with King were motivated by anything other than the sincere support for the cause of civil rights." "Helms is responsible for mudslinging of the worst order," Garrow said. "If there is polling data that says that Helms can increase support by bringing up 20-year-old charges against King, I would be gravely disappointed in North Carolina citizens. Helms does the state active harm."

Drakeford leaving office

By TRACY ADAMS
Staff Writer

In the six years that Robert Drakeford has been mayor of Carrboro, the town has grown and developed, and Drakeford says he will leave office in November with few of his goals unfulfilled.

"We took a town that was in the '40s really and brought it into the '80s in less than six years," Drakeford said.

Originally from New York, Drakeford moved to the area when he attended UNC, where he received a master's degree in planning and public health. He has lived in Carrboro for 11 years and is one of the principal stockholders in Small Cities Communications, a cable company in South Carolina. He served two years on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen before being elected mayor in 1977.

Carrboro has been recognized as one of the most progressive towns in the country, and its residents now enjoy the use of the bus system, a comprehensive parks system and bikeways, a new fire station and a renovated Town Hall.

Drakeford and his staff have been responsible for getting state and federal funding for projects. Between \$10 million and \$15 million has been awarded through grants, Drakeford said.

For example, the money for the bikeway system came from the federal government and there was a \$500,000 state grant to straighten a dangerous curve on Greensboro Street.

The federal government does not fund projects, it funds people who have the projects, Drakeford said.

Drakeford has also been able to increase the industrial and commercial base. Between \$60 million and \$80 million in construction revenues have been brought to the area and the tax base has almost doubled, Drakeford said.

He has been invited to the White



Carrboro Mayor Robert Drakeford, recognized for his work with the parks systems and bikeways, leaves office in November.

House and has met President Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter.

"I have told the Carrboro story everywhere and the legacy of that will bring things to Carrboro for many years," Drakeford said.

"People won't realize what I did for the town until many years after I'm gone," Drakeford said. "A lot of things happened and didn't happen because I was sitting here."

John Boone, a 12-year member of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, said Carrboro would probably not be the same today had it not been for Drakeford. Drakeford defeated Boone in the 1977 mayor's race.

"He got a lot of money for the town through his connections," Boone said. "We probably would not have the park or the bikeways if he hadn't been the mayor."

Drakeford said, "I'd like to be remembered as somebody who tried to do something for everybody."

"I've been able to speak out for the underdogs — students, minorities and women — and at least make sure their side is heard," Drakeford said.

When Drakeford announced that he would not seek re-election, he said it was time for someone else to take over. He explained that in eight years, one could make a lot of enemies. People may agree with each other in philosophy, but may try to block action

just because one person favors it, he said.

After finishing his third term, Drakeford hopes to write a book about political factions. People talk about black power and leaders like Jesse Jackson and Harold Washington, but Carrboro has always been 90 percent white and it has had black leaders for years, Drakeford said.

The political faction which Drakeford has been associated with, the Carrboro Community Coalition, has lost strength in recent years, including 1981 when three CCC Aldermen lost seats. The formerly weaker faction, the Association for a Better Carrboro, is stronger now because it has outlasted the CCC, Drakeford said. The present Board of Aldermen is the most adversarial one Drakeford has had to work with, he said.

"We, for a town, had an unusual coalition — students, liberals and blacks — working together for a common cause," Drakeford said.

"Coalitions aren't meant to last forever," Drakeford said. "They are useful in gathering solutions to a problem and we did that."

Residents are taking Carrboro's conveniences for granted, Drakeford said, but they have forgotten the hard work it took to make Carrboro what it is now.

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Man charged in shooting death

By JOHN CONWAY
City Editor

William S. Newman, 808 Old Mill Road, was charged Monday with voluntary manslaughter in the shooting death of his son, Craig W. Newman, according to a statement released by Chapel Hill Police Chief Herman Stone.

Craig Newman, 31, died at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday in N.C. Memorial Hospital after being shot once in the head and once in the chest. The shooting occurred at the home of his parents, William and Claire Newman.

The younger Newman lived in an apartment above the garage, police said.

Stone's statement read as follows: "After conferring with District Attorney Wade Barber, Grainger Barrett, town attorney, and the investigators involved regarding the details of the incident surrounding the shooting of Craig Newman of 808 Old Mill Road on October 12, 1983, a determination was made

to charge Mr. William S. Newman, Craig's father, with voluntary manslaughter."

William Newman was released on \$5,000 unsecured bond. The maximum penalty for manslaughter is a fine, imprisonment up to 20 years (presumptive six years), or both.

Stone would not release any further information Monday night concerning the case. Barber could not be reached for comment.

Stone said that a first appearance hearing will be held today at 9:30 a.m.

Craig Newman was found lying in the back yard of his parents' home when Chapel Hill police officers arrived. The .32 caliber handgun used in the shooting was found at the scene, said Maj. Arnold Gold of the Chapel Hill Police Department.

William Newman is a professor emeritus in the UNC music department. He is an internationally known musician and active in publishing and research. Newman, a faculty member for 38 years, became a distinguished professor of music in 1962.