

Committee to finance S. African students

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A new committee at the Campus Y has begun raising money for a fund to endow scholarships for black South Africans who want to attend universities in their country.

The South African Scholarship Fund committee hopes to raise \$100,000 to provide four scholarships a year. Half of the money is expected to come from the University Endowment Board, whose members have promised to match the group's fund-raising efforts dollar for dollar.

Groups targeted for the campaign include companies that operate in

South Africa, especially the companies in which UNC invests. The committee also hopes to raise funds from local businesses and churches, as well as campus organizations such as the Chaplain's Association and the Black Greek Council.

"We, as students at UNC, recognize the value of education," a committee news release said. "We also appreciate that any democratic changes . . . will be facilitated and safeguarded by an educated populace."

Members of the committee will be in the Pit next week to sell T-shirts, distribute literature and recruit new members.

"We see this as a way to insure stability, not to urge revolution," Graham Entwistle, a committee member working on campus fund raising, said.

Although there is some membership overlap, the committee is independent from the Anti-Apartheid Support Group, he said.

"We do not take a stand for or against divestment," Entwistle said. "We see this as being politically universal. A contribution to the scholarship fund is not a contribution for divestment."

The scholarship money will be administered by the South African Institute of Race Relations in Johan-

nesburg, a private research organization which distributes funds for various universities, including Harvard University and Trinity College, Oxford.

The two founders of the committee, Francesca Varcoe and Richard Hoile, spent last summer in Johannesburg with the Institute on a Morehead internship.

Committee members estimate that expenses for a year at a predominantly white university in South Africa total \$2,500, while a year at a black university costs \$1,500.

Scholarship recipients would be allowed to choose either white or black universities.

The sound and flurry of deadline politicking

From Associated Press reports

President Reagan crusaded for continued Republican control of the Senate on Wednesday, while Democratic challengers in some of the nation's closest races were buoyed by fresh poll results and newspaper endorsements.

In Alabama's bizarre gubernatorial race, Attorney General Charlie Graddick signaled he was considering dropping his write-in candidacy. Graddick, a conservative former Republican who lost the Democratic nomination on a court ruling earlier

this year, has been running a distant third in public opinion polls.

As the candidates headed into the final week of campaigning, the Federal Election Commission reported that the Republican National Committee and GOP House and Senate campaign committees have raised more than \$225 million since the beginning of the two-year election cycle. That's nearly four times the \$57 million reported by their Democratic counterpart committees.

Reagan left Washington aboard

Air Force One for a seven-state swing that will end Election Day in California. He made an afternoon stop in South Dakota on behalf of freshman Sen. James Abdnor, who is in a tight re-election campaign with Democratic Rep. Tom Daschle.

On his way west, Reagan stopped in Evansville, Ind., where he accused Democrats of a "naked display of power politics" in awarding a House seat two years ago to Rep. Frank McCloskey. McCloskey's opponent this year is Richard McIntyre, his rival from the 1984 campaign.

McIntyre and McCloskey split the vote in 1984. GOP state officials in Indiana certified McIntyre the winner by a 34-vote margin, but the Democratic-ruled House conducted its own recount and found McCloskey the winner by four votes.

Reagan's stop in Indiana was his only one dedicated to a House race in a busy fall of campaigning. Both parties agree the Democrats will retain their majority in the new 435-

member House that is elected next Tuesday, possibly gaining 10 or more seats in the process.

Republicans expect to pick up at least a half-dozen of the 36 contested House seats.

The main battleground in this year's mid-term elections is the struggle for control of the Senate, where Republicans currently hold a 53-47 edge but must defend 22 of the 34 seats at stake.

At the Abdnor rally in economically hard-hit South Dakota, the president renewed his prediction that a second economic boom is at hand, and urged voters to re-elect the "clean-up crew" of conservative Republicans they sent to the Senate in 1980.

Democrats took a pounding from another source as consumer advocate Ralph Nader called a news conference in Washington to accuse the party of a "very serious strategic campaign error" by not formulating a national reply to Reagan's policies.

Panel blasts Social Security for cutting disability rolls

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — The Social Security Administration wasted millions of dollars on unnecessary medical exams and tests in its zeal to knock a half-million people off the disability rolls from 1981 to 1984, a congressional panel charged Wednesday.

The government allowed private physicians hired as consultants "to overbill and overschedule examinations," and let them mark up lab fees by 300 and 400 percent, said a report by a House Government Operations subcommittee.

The Reagan administration, under pressure from Congress, governors and the courts, halted the disability reviews in 1984, the report said. Of the 500,000 people who lost benefits during those years, 291,000 won them back on appeal.

New findings in ozone study

NEW YORK — An unusual peak of solar activity may have caused the recent decline in the Earth's protective ozone layer, and the ozone may be returning now that the sun's activity has subsided, says a study to be published Thursday.

The findings argue against the contention that ozone depletion

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is due primarily to man-made chemicals, including the chlorofluorocarbons used as refrigerants and aerosol propellants.

Newly analyzed satellite observations show increases of up to 75 percent in nitrogen dioxide in the stratosphere between 1979 and 1984. This substance was formed by solar energy, and it led in turn to the formation of other nitrogen compounds that are known to promote the destruction of ozone.

Stalin film released in USSR

MOSCOW — The cinematic shocker of the season is an allegory of Stalin terror and its effect 50 years later. It is believed to be the first Soviet film about the dictator's brutality and was delayed by censors for two years. The movie, which was 30 years in the making, is called "Pokayaniye" (Confession) and was made for television in Georgia, Stalin's native republic.

Director Tengis Abuladze uses costumes and surrealism in the 2½-hour film to create an atmosphere that has the effect of setting the action apart from the Soviet Union of the 1930s and the 1980s.

Women's group urges people to take action for world peace

By SUSAN JENSEN
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"There are better ways to solve problems than to revert to warfare," Lucy Straley, a member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, said Wednesday at a gathering in front of the post office on Franklin Street.

The league sets up a booth the final Wednesday of every month to meet and talk with the public. Members pass out leaflets, ask the public to sign petitions and request personal letters be sent to world leaders, she said.

According to Dee Gamble, the league's local president, people are no longer satisfied to allow armament decisions to be made by "experts."

"Maybe the good thing about Star Wars is that it has forced people to ask, 'Do we really need such an expensive item for defense?'" she said.

"We hope that the public will take the time to understand what's behind the Teflon-coated public releases from the Iceland pre-summit Summit," Gamble said. "Our fear is that the public will either throw up their arms and become more cynical, or they will believe Star Wars is better than negotiated peace or negotiated arms reduction."

The League works in accordance with several other local peace organizations, such as the Friends Meeting, a group with Quaker origins, to promote world peace, Straley said.

During the Vietnam War, the group had weekly protest vigils for seven years, Straley said.

After a lull during the 1970s, the group started up activities again in 1982 in response to the arms race, Straley said.

The League was started by Jane Adams in 1915, who called together a group of American and European women to work to prevent World War I, she said.

"We are not a one-issue organization. We recognize that you can't have peace unless you have people feeling they can live in some sort of normal existence," she said.

The league has sponsored several other projects for peace, and works for Indian, civil, and women's rights, Gamble said.

In 1980, the national groups collected one million signatures to send to NATO and Geneva in their "One-In-A-Million Star Campaign," she said. On Aug. 27, 1983, the group sponsored the "Jobs, Peace and Freedom" project in coordination with the anniversary of the Martin Luther King civil rights march.



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