

N.C. Republican party chairman says students have political clout

By MEG CRADDOCK
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By getting involved, young people can make a real impact on North Carolina politics, N.C. party chairman Jack Hawke told about 30 people Wednesday night at a meeting of the UNC College Republicans in Murphey Hall.

By participating in politics now, young people can affect the future, Hawke said. He encouraged students to work in political campaigns as a way to move up in party ranks. Because the Republicans are a minority party, there is a demand for student workers, he said. Hawke said if the Republicans can

garner a large corps of workers, the GOP will be able to pull ahead of the Democrats in North Carolina.

"All the Democratic presidential candidates are radical," Hawke said. "They're too liberal. You can go right down the list of Democratic candidates and not find one to agree with. But the Republican candidates are men of accomplishment, men who have the right views on the issues."

Many Republican candidates see North Carolina as a make or break point in the South, Hawke said. North Carolina's Super Tuesday primary may be crucial for a GOP victory, he said.

"If someone comes out of Super Tuesday with a good lead, we will have a good idea who our candidate is," Hawke said.

For the GOP, 1988 will be a telltale year, he said.

The race for governor has the potential to reshape the Republican image in North Carolina, and getting



Jack Hawke

Gov. Jim Martin re-elected is imperative, Hawke said.

"This is the first time a Republican governor has run to succeed himself," Hawke said. "If we can't re-elect Jim Martin, we're in sad shape."

Hawke said Martin's administration has been instrumental in lowering the state unemployment rate 5 percent.

Aquino's Cabinet members jointly hand in resignations

From Associated Press reports

MANILA, Philippines — President Corazon Aquino's Cabinet resigned Wednesday in a move triggered by business-oriented members who want to reorganize the government to cope with the political crisis brought on by last month's attempted coup.

Presidential spokesman Teodoro Benigno said the 25 Cabinet members and three officials of the Commission on Good Government handed in hurriedly written letters of resignation during the 15-minute emergency meeting.

It was the second mass resignation since Aquino came to power when former President Ferdinand Marcos fled the country Feb. 26, 1986.

Iran vows revenge on Iraq

MANAMA, Bahrain — Iraq said its air force attacked 13 Iranian cities as well as oil centers and tankers in a surprise offensive two days before U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's peace mission to the Persian Gulf.

Tehran's War Information Headquarters vowed immediate retaliatory bombardments "with full intensity" and warned Iraqis to evacuate areas near industrial and military targets.

News in Brief

Controversy over PTL lawyer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Jim and Tammy Bakker were waging a personal vendetta when they accused PTL attorney Roy Grutman of a conflict of interest, one of PTL's attorneys argued in documents prepared for Wednesday's bankruptcy court hearing.

Lawyers were arguing whether Grutman should continue to represent PTL and whether 19-year-old Kevin Whittum, a handicapped relative of defrocked PTL founder Jim Bakker, should be evicted from an 11-room house at Heritage USA and moved to smaller quarters.

Bakker, in documents filed through an attorney, maintains that Grutman should be disqualified for conflict of interest. Bakker's lawyers say Grutman represents the private interests of the Rev. Jerry Falwell, PTL's current chairman, and at one time gave Bakker the impression that he represented Bakker.

Grutman has denied representing Bakker and said no conflict of interest exists.

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Congress back in action and ready to tackle issues

By LAURIE DUNCAN
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The 100th Congress reconvened Wednesday to tackle a "full plate" of issues, including plans for Central America, appropriations for federal agencies and the Supreme Court nomination of Judge Robert Bork.

In addition, campaign finance reform, trade legislation, deficit reduction plans and legislation to regulate corporate takeovers are other priorities on the congressional agenda.

"The Congress still has a full plate ahead of it," said Tom Lawton, press secretary for Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C.

He said Sanford was especially interested in campaign finance reform and a plan for economic redevelopment in Central America.

The majority sentiment in Congress is to give Central America a chance under the peace plan devised by Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, said Jim Jordan, press secretary for Rep. David Price, D-N.C.

Military aid to the contras expires at the end of September, and Congress is unlikely to vote for further aid unless it is for humanitarian purposes, Jordan said. A vote to renew aid is expected to come up before the current aid expires, he said.

Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., of Greensboro, is concentrating on domestic concerns — a bill to regulate textile, apparel and fiber imports; a balanced-budget proposal to reduce the deficit each year until it is gone; and appropriations of funds to federal agencies, said Ed McDonald, his press secretary.

Presidential candidate Simon to give speech in Student Union

By MATT BIVENS
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Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., will speak with students from 9 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union about his candidacy for the Democratic nomination.

The speech, sponsored by Students for Simon, will concentrate on issues of concern to students — including education, Central America and nuclear weapons, said Steve Epstein, president of Students for Simon.

"We're hoping that all the students, particularly the ones that won't get to see the debate on Friday because of classes, will take this chance to see Paul Simon," Epstein said.

Simon's brief speech will be followed by questions from the audience, Epstein said. All students and faculty are welcome to attend.

Simon is scheduled to participate Friday morning in "Education '88," a forum on educational issues.

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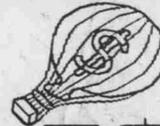
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