

Martin, Jordan exchange criticisms

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The 1988 gubernatorial race heated up this month, with both the governor and lieutenant governor sending out letters criticizing each other's performance.

The campaign committees of Republican Gov. Jim Martin and Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan both sent out letters focusing on the other's inadequacies in office.

Jordan's letter questioned the legitimacy of Martin's trip to the Caribbean during the N.C. General Assembly's prolonged session this summer, while Martin's newsletter said Jordan has failed to carry out reforms he proposed in the General Assembly.

Martin and Jordan have not

officially declared candidacy for the gubernatorial race, but both are expected to file by the January 1988 deadline.

Although the letters call attention to each official's failures, both sides say the letters are factual and not too harsh.

"I wouldn't characterize calling Jim Martin a 'do-nothing governor' as tough," said Ken Eudy, N.C. Democratic Committee executive director. "The basic intent of the Jordan letter was to contrast Jordan's activist leadership in the General Assembly with Martin's inactivity."

John Crumpler, a volunteer for the Jordan campaign committee, said the letters intended to convey the difference between Martin and Jordan.

"When we talk about Jim Martin

during the campaign, it will be based on his record as compared to our record," Crumpler said.

Although it is more important to tell what Jordan plans to accomplish, comparison is also relevant, Crumpler said.

"Some say we should talk about Bob Jordan, not Jim Martin," he said. "But we feel Jordan is the man for the job. Martin is not, and we want to convey that."

The Martin newsletter, sent to 30,000 past contributors and volunteers, cited Jordan's inability to force the General Assembly's unofficial budget committee to hold public meetings.

"The newsletter is a way of conveying information on what he (the governor) is doing, what's going on

and the issues," said Pat Martin, executive director for Martin's re-election campaign committee.

Martin said Gov. Martin uses the newsletter to communicate with his supporters, not as an attempt to raise funds or test campaign themes.

The early direct-mail tactic, primarily used for fund-raising and not vote-getting, is not uncommon, Eudy said.

"If you're going to run a campaign, you've got to get the money early," he said.

Referring to the 1984 Helms-Hunt senatorial race, Eudy said any candidates in the race would shy away from name-calling, realizing North Carolinians' aversion to that kind of race.

Senate bans Iranian imports in wake of Persian Gulf war

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted 98-0 Tuesday to ban all Iranian imports into the United States.

The United States has imported \$500 million to \$600 million worth of products annually from Iran in recent years, according to the proposal offered by Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

Iranian oil sales to the United States are skyrocketing this year. The Commerce Department reported Monday that imports of oil and petroleum products from Iran went from \$498 million in all of 1986 to \$819 million through July of 1987.

The vote attached the amendment to a pending bill authorizing the Pentagon budget for the fiscal year which begins Thursday. The only senators not voting were two contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination, Sens. Albert Gore of Tennessee and Paul Simon of Illinois.

Gramm-Rudman resurrected

WASHINGTON — President Reagan on Tuesday signed legislation reviving the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law and vowed that "the big spenders in Congress will have a fight on their hands."

In a Rose Garden ceremony, Reagan put his signature to a bill that would require \$23 billion in deficit reductions in the fiscal year that begins Thursday, and a balanced budget by fiscal 1993. It would cut military and domestic programs across the board if its goals are not met.

The President complained bitterly about the legislation, saying Congress was seeking to raise taxes or cut the Pentagon budget to comply with it. He had no choice but to sign it, he said, because it included an urgently-needed increase in the national debt limit.

Official was offered bribe

WASHINGTON — A former Small Business Administration official who was instrumental in Wedtech Corp.'s receipt of \$135 million in no-bid Navy contracts testified Tuesday he was offered a \$12,000 payoff by a middleman representing the defense contractor.

H. Robert Saldivar said he rejected the offer by Steve Denlinger, a former president of the Latin American Manufacturers Association, but never reported it to any government investigative agency.

Saldivar approved crucial extensions in 1983 and early 1984

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for Wedtech so it could continue as a minority contractor in an SBA program.

The company's status was in doubt because it had offered stock for sale to the public and was no longer majority-owned by its Hispanic founder, John Mariotta.

Schmidt claims Yale not gay

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Yale University President Benno Schmidt has labeled as "drivel" a newspaper article that depicts Yale as a "gay school," and a school officer said Tuesday that homosexuals make up only "a minute fraction" of its population.

Schmidt harshly criticized both The Wall Street Journal and the free-lance author of the article in a letter written to about 40 alumni and then distributed to about 2,000 fund-raisers.

The Journal's Aug. 4 article was a first-person essay in the Leisure & Arts page by Julie Iovine, a 1977 Yale graduate who lives part-time in New Haven.

In the article, Iovine quotes one Yale student who said she received a notice calling one in four Yale students a gay.

Auto magnate Ford dies

DETROIT — Henry Ford II, who at age 28 took over and rescued the auto company founded by his grandfather, died Tuesday from pneumonia complications at a hospital bearing the family name. He was 70.

Ford died at 7:21 a.m. after 2½ weeks in Henry Ford Hospital, where heart and kidney problems complicated pneumonia he contracted while traveling recently in Europe.

Ford won recognition for his advocacy of corporate contributions to social progress, for his backing of Detroit's Renaissance Center and for his tempestuous dealings with such corporate lieutenants as Chrysler Corp. Chairman Lee Iacocca, whom he fired as company president in 1978.

His successes included recruiting a young management team dubbed the "Whiz Kids" that returned the company to profitability after World War II. He introduced the successful Mustang, but his failures included the Edsel, a car he named for his father and which went nowhere.

Bork

student at N.C. State University. "His credentials should be considered fairly and objectively, and they have not been. That's why the lobbying is going on."

Other efforts to block the nomination center on grass roots organizing that takes place at street fairs across the state, said Margaret Odum,

public affairs coordinator for the N.C. Coalition for Choice. The coalition comprises representatives from 50 pro-choice organizations statewide, she said. At local fairs, members pass out buttons and bumper stickers with the caption "Do the court justice — BLOCK BORK," and gather signatures for petitions to send to Sanford, Helms and members of the judiciary committee, Odum said.

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Cuomo: working on foreign policy?

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New York Gov. Mario Cuomo first gained national attention at the 1984 Democratic Convention in San Francisco, when his keynote address brought delegates cheering to their feet.

Close observers of politics believed Cuomo would run for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1988, on the strength of his address and on his ability to win large majorities of the vote both times he has run for the office of governor.

But Cuomo flatly denied any rumors that he would be a candidate in 1988.

"He's not going to run, and he's made that very clear," said John Marino, executive director of the New York Democratic Party. "He

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seems to be living by it (his decision)."

Cuomo decided not to run because he feels he cannot be an effective governor of New York if he is also a presidential contender, said Kathleen Meehan, a spokeswoman for the governor.

Cuomo, who is now in the Soviet Union at the invitation of the Russian Republic, will meet with Soviet officials to discuss ways to encourage Soviet businesses to base their operations in New York City, Meehan said.

Cuomo's trip to the Soviet Union was perceived by some as an attempt to improve the governor's reputation

in foreign policy, which has been considered a weak point in his presidential resume.

Cuomo's trip was motivated by his desire to see a different culture, so he took advantage of the Soviet invitation, Meehan said.

"It was a learning experience for him," she said.

Although he will not run in 1988, the governor will still play a leadership role in the Democratic party, Meehan said.

Cuomo has invited each of the Democratic candidates to New York for a forum on pertinent campaign issues. The governor will moderate the forum, and each candidate will pick one issue he would like to see addressed, she said.

The governor will wait until after the forum before deciding on whether

to endorse a candidate, Meehan said.

If he did choose to declare his candidacy, Cuomo could be seen by the South as too much of a northern liberal Democrat, which could be especially damaging in the Southern primaries on Super Tuesday, said UNC History Professor William Leuchtenburg.

But because Cuomo favors many New Deal-era ideas of social equality, while being tough on law and order issues, he appeals to a large constituency, Leuchtenburg said.

Cuomo is a private person, which makes it difficult to gauge his political intentions, Leuchtenburg said.

"I think he is probably the toughest man in public life today thought of as a presidential candidate to figure out," he said.

Officials reflect on Schroeder's withdrawal

By MICHAEL JORDAN
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Republicans said Tuesday that Colorado Rep. Pat Schroeder's failure to seek the Democratic presidential nomination shows weakness in the Democratic Party, but Democrats said it would have little negative impact.

"The Democratic Party appears to be suffering from a bankruptcy of

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leadership," said Robert Jones, communications director for the N.C. Republican Party.

Jones said public scandals by the Democrats and a refusal by some big-name politicians to run prove that the Democratic leadership is weak.

During her Monday afternoon announcement, Schroeder told about 2,000 people in Denver that she was unable to run the type of grass roots campaign she had envisioned.

Schroeder will probably reject any offer for the vice presidency, Kamp said.

The remaining candidates issued statements of respect for Schroeder after her announcement. Several of the statements said Schroeder "would have contributed to the race," but all seemed to suggest that she could not have won.

Black said it is harder for a woman to run a presidential campaign than it is for a man.

But Kamp said the gap was becoming easier to bridge.

"The best part of (Schroeder's) summer has been talking to the college students because the gender factor doesn't really matter as much to them," Kamp said.

Kamp said lack of money was not the primary motivation for Schroeder to drop from the race.

Schroeder had said at the outset of her campaign that she would not run if she did not raise \$2 million. She raised only slightly more than \$800,000 over the summer.

Black said Schroeder was not in the race long enough to raise the amount of money needed to finance a national campaign.

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