

# State groups hold press conference to protest Supreme Court nomination

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The N.C. Coalition for Judicial Responsibility, a group of 16 civil rights and professional organizations, held a press conference Monday at the state Capitol to protest the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court.

The coalition, formed in September, is working on the state and national level to oppose Bork's confirmation, said Ruth Ziegler, spokeswoman for the N.C. National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL). The league is a member of the coalition.

The lobby against Bork has been the broadest coalition effort in North Carolina in years, she said.

Six speakers addressed the

audience at the protest press conference, each describing their association's major opposition to Bork, Ziegler said. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), N.C. National Organization for Women, N.C. Civil Liberties Union, N.C. Association of Educators and NARAL each lodged complaints against Bork on separate issues, she said.

All the speakers praised Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C. for announcing his opposition to Bork, Ziegler said.

"There is such an amazing range of issues that this man (Bork) has been on the narrow side of that he has brought this many diverse groups into play," said Karen Garr,

president-elect of the N.C. Association of Educators (NCAE).

Garr said the NCAE stresses three key issues in its opposition to Bork: integration, gender equality and interpretation of the First Amendment. Teachers would be teaching freedom of speech without actually having such freedom, she said.

"(Bork) believes in freedom of speech only for explicitly political reasons, and this is something he said this year," Garr said. "We, as teachers, are model citizens for our students; and what kind of model can we be when we don't speak out for our convictions?"

Bork's rulings against labor in cases dealing with workers' rights is a sore point for the AFL-CIO, said Chris Scott, president of AFL-CIO's N.C.

chapter. Bork's views on worker safety are particularly bad, Scott said, citing a case when Bork upheld an American Cyaninate company requirement that a woman agree to be sterilized or lose her job.

Members of the N.C. AFL-CIO have sent about 5,000 letters to Sens. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Sanford encouraging them to oppose the Bork nomination, Scott said.

Many of the groups in the coalition have not worked together previously, and the coalition has opened doors between members for future support, Ziegler said.

Scott said, "I expect the coalition to re-form quite soon after Bork is rejected to fight the (possible) nomination of (Sen.) Orrin Hatch, (R-Utah)."

## Iraqi planes make air strikes on Iranian oil targets in gulf

From Associated Press reports

MANAMA, Bahrain — Iraqi planes struck five tankers, including the world's largest, in raids Monday on Iranian oil targets at both ends of the Persian Gulf, and Iran fired a missile into Baghdad.

The missile was the first to strike the Iraqi capital in nearly eight months. Authorities there said it killed many people, but did not give figures.

Japanese owners ordered their ships out of the perilous Persian Gulf, where Iran and Iraq have been at war since September 1980.

In a separate incident three crewmen of a U.S. Marine helicopter were rescued and a fourth was listed as missing after a crash during a night operation in the central gulf, the Navy said. It reported no "hostile activity" involved in the second helicopter crash since U.S. warships began escort operations more than two months ago.

### Bork nomination loses ground

WASHINGTON — Robert Bork's Supreme Court hopes suffered major new setbacks Monday as Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd, a conservative Democratic senator, and two liberal Republicans declared opposition to his confirmation.

Byrd had been publicly undecided, even suggesting that he and other Senate Judiciary Committee members should send the nomination to the Senate floor without taking a stand on it when they vote Tuesday.

But on Monday he called the nomination "doomed," said Pres-

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ident Reagan shouldn't have picked Bork in the first place and suggested that withdrawing the nomination "would spare Mr. Bork."

At the White House, Reagan said he would fight on, declaring that only "over my dead body" would the nomination be defeated before reaching the full Senate.

In addition to Byrd, Sens. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., and John Chafee, R-R.I., left the undecided camp for the opposition.

Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., who counts noses as the Democratic whip, said he now counts 53 opposed and 42 in favor with five senators' positions unknown.

### Taking job harassment to court

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court agreed Monday to hear an appeal by a black woman from North Carolina who wants to use a post-Civil War law to force her employer to pay actual and punitive damages for alleged harassment.

The court's review could broaden the remedy for workers who claim to be victims of on-the-job racial harassment.

Last November, the fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a ruling by a federal judge in Winston-Salem, who threw out a suit by Brenda Patterson against her employer, McLean Credit Union.

## Orange County to get drought-relief aid

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Orange County was declared eligible for federal disaster relief funds along with nine other North Carolina counties following the excessive heat and drought this summer.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture notified Gov. Jim Martin's office Sept. 25 that Caswell, Chowan, Cumberland, Greene, Johnston, Orange, Sampson, Wayne and Wilson counties would receive federal drought-relief aid.

The county has already been approved for two programs under this aid. Farmers demonstrating a loss of more than 40 percent of their

normal crop yield will be eligible for low-interest loans through the Farmer's Home Administration emergency credit program.

An emergency feed program will be available for farmers who lost more than 40 percent of the crops grown for livestock feed.

"The loss has to be at least 40 percent for them to qualify for aid," said Bill Mainous, agricultural extension director for Orange County. "The loss depends on the size of the farm. There's no dollar figure on it, or else the large farms would qualify more easily than the small ones."

The Food and Agriculture Committee (FAC), made up of five

directors of Orange County agriculture agencies, has submitted an application for a third type of relief, Mainous said. The program would make direct payment to farmers who need to replant grass crops for conservation purposes.

The county has not received word on whether the conservation program will be available to farmers.

"But overall, losses are less than last year's," Mainous said. "Fewer people will qualify for disaster assistance."

Last summer's drought affected almost all farmers in the county, said Katherine Wilkerson of the Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Ser-

vice. Orange County received all three types of aid last year.

Relief funds were paid last year to 222 Orange County farmers and feed was provided to 88 applicants. Wilkerson said many of the farmers had lost as much as 70 percent of their feed crops.

Wilkerson estimated that about 1,200 to 1,500 farms are operating in Orange County. The FAC estimated that county farmers experienced a 60 percent loss of corn, 80 percent loss of soybeans, 50 percent loss of hay, 55 percent loss of pasture, 60 percent loss of grain and sorghum crops and 25 percent loss of tobacco, the county's largest cash crop.

## N.C. crops undamaged by cold weather

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Despite unseasonably cold weather in the state, agriculture officials said Monday they are not concerned about extensive crop damage.

"For the most part, our crops are far enough along so that the weather won't damage them much," said Carl

Cross, statistician for the N.C. Department of Agriculture.

Only extreme cold would cause significant crop damage, said Charles Edwards, manager of the N.C. Farmers' Market. A killing freeze would cause major damage to the state's crops right now, he said.

"I am doubtful that it will get that

severe, though," Edwards said. "It would have to be doggone cold."

The temperature would have to stay below freezing for a significant period of time to cause real damage, he said, but some crops could freeze overnight if it were cold enough.

Temperatures will range between the mid-30s and the low 70s for the next week or two, but data is not reliable enough to make a more extended forecast, said spokesmen for the National Weather Service. Frost or freezing is not expected,

the spokesmen said.

Most of the unharvested crops in N.C. fields are hardy, temperature-resistant crops, Edwards said. Crops like cabbage, peanuts and sweet potatoes are not easily killed by cold.

Tom Rudisill, crop insurance manager with the N.C. Farm Bureau Federation, said some farmers have a guaranteed production insurance so they will not lose money if at least 25 percent of their crop is destroyed.

The weather patterns do not indicate a great loss of crops this season, Rudisill said.

### For the Record

In Monday's article, "Congress elections," comments by District 20 candidate Kenneth Haywood were incorrectly attributed to District 15 candidate Christopher Gould.

To avoid confusion, interviews with all District 20 candidates are being reprinted. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the reporting error.

Timothy Faulkner, a senior political science major from Newport News, Va., is running because he "likes politics, and wants to represent the district instead of sitting back reading about things."

If elected, Faulkner said he would concentrate on funding for organizations and support for campus activities. To him, all activities are important. "You don't just go to school to sit in a classroom," he said.

Faulkner also supports the pass/fail proposal to allow students to select target grades in pass/fail classes.

Setting up informational booths in the Pit to promote student awareness will be among the services Faulkner said he would provide. "I encourage students to vote for what they support," he said.

By making himself visible to students and setting up a suggestion box, he will stay accessible to students. "I'm always open to suggestion," Faulkner said.

Kenneth Haywood is a junior political science major from Raleigh. Haywood said he is running so he can do something about the issues on

campus in which he would not otherwise be able to have a say.

"I've seen many issues that people complain about, but they can't do anything about unless they've got the authority and backing," he said.

Student government should be a channel for the students to voice their views to the Chapel Hill town council and to the University administration, Haywood said.

Haywood said he is very much in favor of the proposed pass/fail target grade system. He would also like to pursue a way for students with questions to be able to get in touch with professors after finals are over, he said.

If elected, Haywood would keep in touch with his constituency through personal contact, he said. "I'll have an open-door policy so people can come to see me or call me to voice their concerns," he said.

David Lewis is a senior political science major from Raleigh. Lewis, a transfer from East Carolina University, said that he is running so that he can get involved in campus activities here. He was previously involved in student government at ECU.

One important service he would try to perform is to promote student awareness through student government. "I'd like to get students more aware of student government, less concerned with parties," Lewis said.

Lewis said he would be accessible to students by "going around talking to people."

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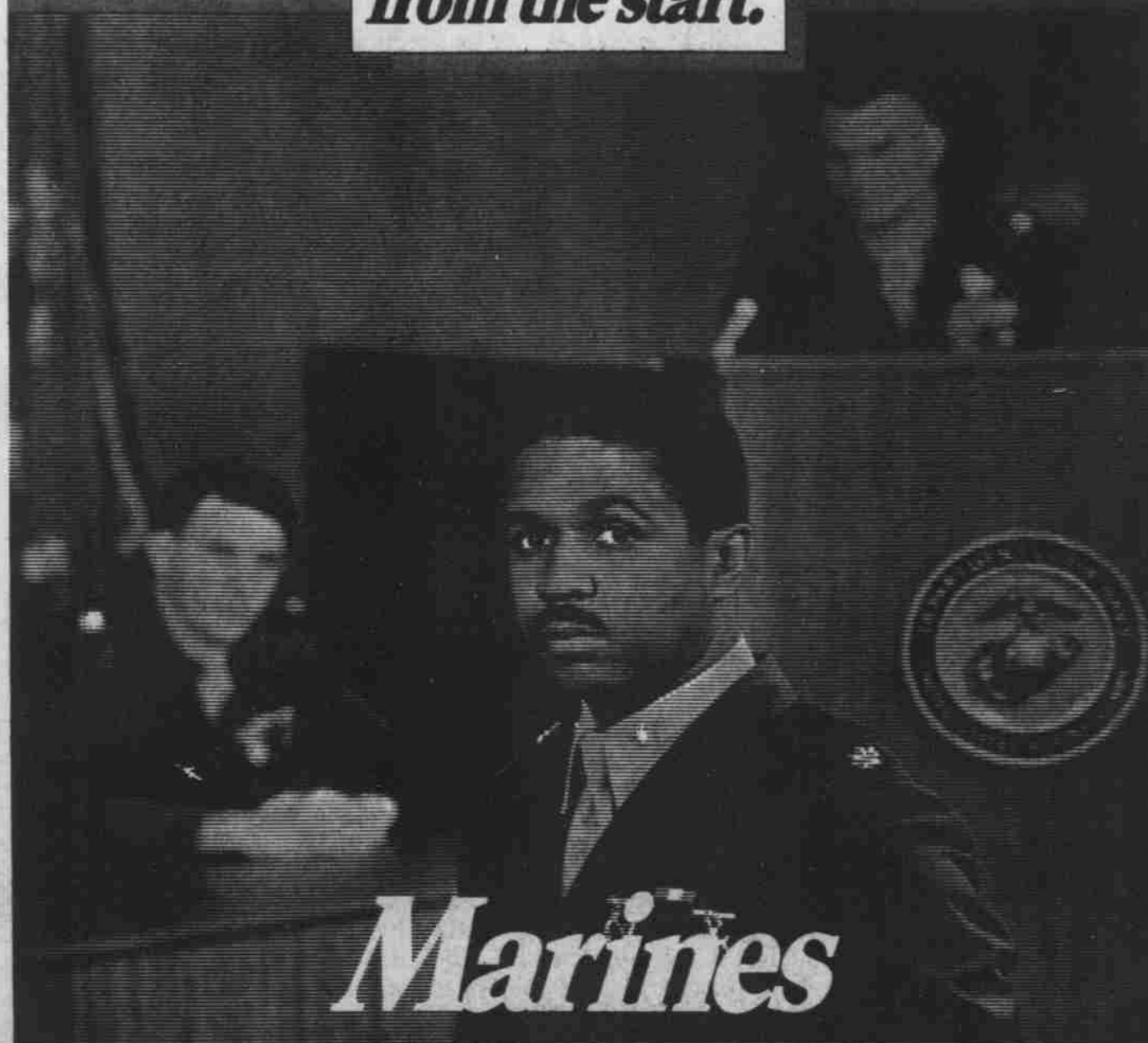
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