

Hardison runs for lieutenant governor

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In announcing his candidacy for lieutenant governor Tuesday, N.C. Sen. Harold Hardison, D-Lenoir, said he will campaign for a state lottery and against a gubernatorial veto and comparative fault legislation.

Hardison proposed a state lottery to directly fund the public school education system. He noted the \$3.5 billion commitment that North Carolina has made to education over the last five years.

While Hardison is considered a conservative Democrat, a state lottery is opposed by a large number of conservatives who say that state

lotteries exploit the poor who are least able to afford it, and by some church leaders who feel that the state lottery is a form of legalized gambling.

"People can play the lottery if they want to. It's a voluntary thing," said Jerry Mobley, Hardison's press secretary. "People will support the lottery if they know the revenues will be going directly toward education."

"I don't buy that it's voluntary because of the way it's promoted," said David Lowery, UNC associate professor of government, who teaches tax and spending policy.

"The advertising intentionally manipulates the purchaser," he said.

"Additionally, the lottery is a good way out of a dilemma — you raise revenues without raising taxes. Other mechanisms aren't as painless."

Designating the revenues for education is a common way of obtaining support from those who would normally be opposed to it, Lowery said.

John Lewis, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, agreed. "Basically, (education) is a ploy to make the ends justify the means," he said. "It encourages the attitude of getting something for nothing."

It is also uncertain how much revenue the lottery will actually

generate. While Mobley estimated that a state lottery would generate revenues of \$100 to \$220 million, Lowery said he would be "very surprised" if the figure was that high. "Generally, lotteries don't bring in a lot of money in states with a large rural population," Lowery said.

One of Hardison's opponents, former Rep. Parks Helms of Charlotte, opposed the lottery. A member of Park's staff said that Hardison's support for the lottery is "a gimmick which lacks political courage."

Both the Republican and Democratic candidates for governor oppose Hardison's stands on a lottery and a gubernatorial veto.

Committee endorses Kennedy as Supreme Court nominee

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee Wednesday endorsed Anthony Kennedy's nomination to the Supreme Court by a unanimous 14-0 vote.

The nomination now goes before the full Senate, where a vote could come as soon as Friday, but more likely will occur early next week.

Before the vote, senators praised the 51-year-old Kennedy as open-minded, an advocate of the constitutional right to privacy, one who respected Supreme Court precedent and a judge with an expansive view of constitutionally protected liberties.

Reagan calls for contra aid

WASHINGTON — President Reagan asked Congress on Wednesday for \$36 million in aid for rebels in Nicaragua, promising that none of the money would be spent for arms or ammunition before he consults with the leaders of four Central American democratic nations.

House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, predicted Reagan's proposal will be rejected by the House

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because 10 percent of the money — \$3.6 million — is earmarked for weapons.

The president said it was pressure from the contras that forced the Sandinistas to begin adopting democratic reforms and take part in a Central American peace process.

Foreigner abducted in Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Seven gunmen seized a West German in Syrian-policed West Beirut on Wednesday. A radio report said a Shiite Moslem militia leader ordered the abduction to pressure West Germany into freeing his two jailed brothers.

Ralph Rudolf Schray, 30, was grabbed as he walked across a sidewalk, said a police spokesman, who by regulation cannot be identified.

Schray was the first foreigner abducted in Moslem West Beirut since June. His kidnapping brings the number of foreigners held hostage in Lebanon to 22.

Soviets may leave Afghanistan, official says

By HELLE NIELSEN
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DURHAM — It is possible that the Soviet Union will pull out its troops from Afghanistan in the near future as the Soviets have much to gain by a withdrawal, the Pakistani Consul-General said at a press conference Wednesday.

"The situation for a solution is better now than it has been for the past eight years (since the invasion by the Soviet Union)," S. Hadi Raza Ali said.

Ali, Pakistan's Consul-General to the United States in New York since 1985, was invited to Duke University by the Center for Islamic and Arabian Development Studies. During his 20 years with the Pakistani Foreign Service he was also stationed in the Soviet Union.

Ali said a recent article in Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, mentioned the beginning of March as a possible date for a decision to withdraw. Both General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev and Foreign Minister Edvard Shevardnadze have also said the Soviets may pull out this year, Ali said.

Pakistan is eager to have a solution in Afghanistan because the eight-year war in that country has sent over three million Afghan refugees into Pakistan's northwestern provinces, causing social and economic problems, Ali said.

"We have staggering costs with maintenance of the refugees," Ali said. "There is a sense of frustration (in the Pakistani population). We are very keen that they can go back to their own country."

Ali estimated the costs incurred by

the many refugees to be \$450-\$500 million dollars annually. The Pakistani government covers 50 percent of this, Ali said. The rest is covered by foreign governments and international relief agencies.

Pakistan has also suffered direct loss of lives in the war from Afghan air raids along the Afghan-Pakistani border, he said.

Soviet leaders realized their country would gain substantially from a military withdrawal, Ali said.

"The potential benefits from withdrawing from Afghanistan are so many," he said.

Among these benefits are improved relations with China, Iran and the United States, he said. Military withdrawal would also help economic reform programs, he said.

"The Soviets are, by all indications, going to concentrate on the internal

development of their economy," Ali said.

A tripod made up of Afghan resistance, the policies of the government of Pakistan and the assistance from the U.S. government was a fundamental part of the pressure on the Soviets to withdraw, he said.

If the troops are withdrawn, he said, an interim government must be created to lead the country while procedures for democratic elections are set up. But that "matter is entirely for the Afghans to work out for themselves," he said.

Even if the Soviets withdraw their troops they will not lose their power over Afghanistan completely, Ali said.

"The Soviet influence will always remain," he said. "You can't change the imperative of geography."

For the Record

In Monday's story, "Martin, Jordan state platforms in debate," Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan was incorrectly quoted. The story should have said that Jordan would replace the N.C. Department of Commerce, not the Chamber of Commerce. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

Rather battle boosts Bush campaign

By AMY WINSLOW
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Bashing the media seems to agree with Vice President George Bush, as most experts agree that Bush's spicy confrontation with CBS anchorman Dan Rather Monday served to

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benefit his presidential campaign.

"Bush was getting tough with a guy that conservatives don't like," said Merle Black, UNC associate professor of political science. "It's part of a way to demonstrate that George Bush isn't a wimp."

The quarrels began in the televised interview when Rather questioned the vice president on his involvement in the Iran-contra issue. Bush maintained that he had answered all questions on the subject, and he had only held back his private discussions with the president.

"Rather tried to bushwhack him, and it didn't work," said Rob Schuler, political director for the Bush campaign headquarters in N.C.

But Rather was doing what any good reporter would do — finding the answers to lingering questions, said UNC assistant journalism professor Ruth Walden.

"Rather may have lacked something in courtesy and tact," Walden

said, "but he was doing what he perceived as his job."

Schuler said Bush's campaign is clearly going to be helped in the South, especially since Rather isn't very popular in this area.

"I guarantee it'll play stronger than grits in the South," he said.

WRAL-TV in Raleigh, a CBS affiliate, reported receiving about 500 calls, almost all critical of Rather.

But the confrontation could signify a long-term loss for Bush, said UNC political science professor Thad Beyle.

"I don't think it's a good idea to pick fights with the media if you're a politician," Beyle said.

Walden said that because journalists generally aren't very popular, many politicians feel they can raise their standings with the public by attacking the media.

But the media is playing a different role in this election, she said, performing the watchdog function instead of allowing the candidates to decide what questions should be asked and when.

Town school officials may move students to ease overcrowding

By KARI BARLOW
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Sixth-graders may have to move to Culbreth Junior High in an effort to relieve overcrowding at Carrboro Elementary School. About 605 students attend Carrboro Elementary, while its intended capacity is for 482, said Carrboro Elementary principal Randy Marshall.

"I don't see our enrollment decreasing in the future because of the development in Carrboro," Marshall said.

Superintendent Gerry House said that after hearing several options at their meeting Monday, the school board is focusing on moving the sixth-graders to Culbreth. The cost of the move is estimated at \$250,000 to \$300,000, she said.

Moving sixth-graders to junior high is consistent with the long-range plans for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school system, according to a report

on the options for the overcrowding problem. Area schools will be changed to a middle school organization, so building more classrooms for the junior high during the next year would place construction ahead of schedule.

A task force that was formed to evaluate moving students to other schools recommended that any construction should be completed by August 1988.

House said that some parents were concerned that moving the sixth-graders would separate them from the rest of the schoolchildren.

"Not isolated totally," House said. "Certainly they would use the cafeteria, the art room, the music room and the bathrooms."

House said she would make a final recommendation on the move to the school board on Feb. 1. The school board will vote on the recommendation at that time.

Iraqi warplanes make raid on tanker in Persian Gulf

From Associated Press reports

MANAMA, Bahrain — Iraqi warplanes attacked a Cypriot tanker loaded with Iranian oil early Wednesday, then returned nine hours later to raid another ship off the Iranian coast, shipping executives said.

The Iraqi air raid reports signaled a new escalation in the "tanker war" in which Iraq attacks vessels ferrying Iranian crude and Iran retaliates by attacking neutral shipping in the Persian Gulf.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said in an interview published Wednesday that he would not agree to a cease-fire with Iran unless it is part of a comprehensive settlement to the feud between the two countries.

A French-made Exocet missile punched a hole in the hull of the 225,668-ton Coral Cape during the

attack by Iraqi aircraft, shipping executives reported.

The Cypriot tanker, target of a similar Iraqi attack in September, was fully laden and sailing from Iran's Kharg Island terminal at the northern end of the gulf.

The Iraqi High Command in Baghdad said the air force staged two separate raids on two "large maritime targets," a usual reference to a tanker, at 1:35 a.m. and 10:07 a.m.

"The Iraqi air force will continue its activities in tearing apart the economic arteries of the Iranian regime which aid it in continuing the war and aggression on Iraq," said the spokesmen in a statement broadcast by Baghdad radio and monitored in Cyprus.

Shipping executives could not confirm the second raid.

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