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President visits Triangle

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Air Force One descended into a foggy Raleigh-Durham International Airport Friday morning, bringing President George Bush into the area for an educational visit emphasizing the relationship between research, business and government.

Accompanied by Republican N.C. Sen. Jesse Helms and Democratic N.C. Sen. Terry Sanford, Bush was greeted by Gov. Jim Martin and other local dignitaries. The President's arrival was closed to the public, and under tight security the presidential limousine whisked Bush away to the N.C. State University campus.

Bush toured physics labs in Cox Hall and visited with graduate students testing superconductivity.

"I came to learn and to listen, and I started learning as soon as I walked into those labs," Bush said in a roundtable discussion with research and development business leaders. Also attending the meeting were Martin, Helms, Sanford, Lt. Gov. James Gardner, UNC-system President C.D. Spangler and N.C. State University Interim Chancellor Larry Monteith.

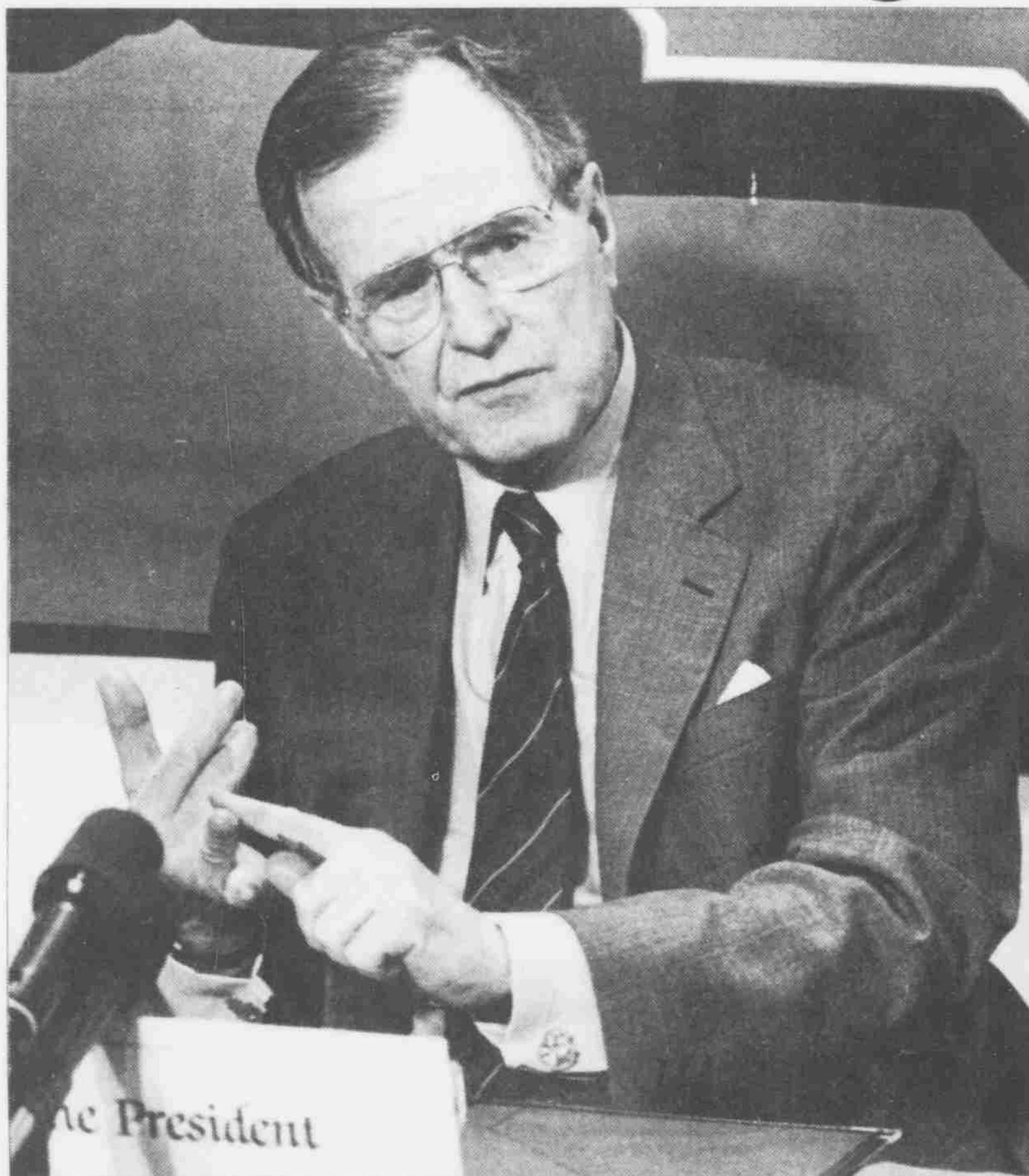
The panel members representing industrial interests provided their insight into what their companies were doing to maintain competitiveness and explained the importance of partnerships between federal governments, state governments, industry and research universities.

Jack McCredie, director of external research operations at Digital Equipment Corp., said his company invested about \$1.5 million a year in research and development. Such investments make partnerships with research universities like NCSU extremely important, he said.

The federal government needs to support university research, grant permanent research and development tax credits, help American firms contact international markets and provide a solid educational base for all U.S. citizens, McCredie said.

Frank Lewis, senior vice-president of the Harris Corp., said, "As superior manufacturing and quality become the norm, the role of technology and innovation will play an even larger role in our ability to compete." Lewis said he recognized the importance of education and the need for sound fiscal policies to reduce the cost of capital.

"The pace of change is accelerating," said Richard Daugherty, vice president of IBM Corp. "We have a sophisticated system going after waste



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President George Bush discusses research, business and government in Raleigh Friday

in all areas of manufacturing."

Daugherty said industry was putting much more emphasis on the education of its employees than in the past. "A few short years ago, we hired many people with just high school diplomas. Now it is rare that we hire anyone without at least a two-year degree."

The Semiconductor Research Corp. has invested \$5.6 million in research at NCSU alone, said Larry Summey, company president. Industry needs the

leadership of the president and the federal government to make its efforts worthwhile, he said. "Leadership and cooperation are keys to success in responding to industrial competition and insuring our children a bright future."

Martin said the days' activities proved that North Carolina was at the forefront of sophisticated research and the transferring of these results into the business arena.

"We have three prime research uni-

versities that anchored the corners of the Research Triangle," Martin said. "If America and North Carolina are going to continue to meet the competition in science-based industries, we've got to improve the entire spectrum of human skill."

Bush said he would like to see cooperative research move forward, and that was a real possibility with the dedication of young scientists like those he saw at NCSU.

Students meet to discuss cuts with governor

By ELIZABETH BYRD
Staff Writer

Student Body President Brien Lewis and Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis were among representatives from eight UNC-system schools who met with Gov. James Martin on Friday to discuss state budget cuts and their effects on state schools.

"I was impressed with the governor's preparedness," Davis said. "He could have easily blown us off as students, but he took the time to make charts and describe his situation to us."

Lewis said he felt the meeting, which lasted one hour and 15 minutes, was productive. "We had a lot more time (with Martin) than I expected. We talked about the impact of the budget cuts on our schools, and discussed his philosophy, why there were cuts made in university funding and not in public schools."

Davis said the representatives let Martin know they understood his situation although Davis said he still questioned the decision to cut the budgets of the state's universities. "The university system is outstanding. Why cut our funds and jeopardize the quality which exists?"

Constitutionally, North Carolina must balance its budget, Lewis explained. If third-quarter revenues fall short of their projected mark, as has been the trend for the past fiscal year, Martin will have to make cuts across the board, Lewis said.

Martin blames the state's lack of funds primarily on its changing tax code, which has made it hard to accurately predict revenues. "He referred to it as a 'moving target,'" Lewis said.

Brooks Raiford, president of N.C. State University's student senate, was also at the meeting. "I thought it was a pretty good meeting. State and Chapel Hill were the hardest hit, so we were the most vocal."

Davis requested that the General Assembly call a special session of the General Assembly to deal with the dilemma of school funding. "It's an ever-increasing problem. However, the governor didn't agree."



Gov. James Martin

Lewis said, "He didn't rule it out, but (the idea) got a fairly negative reaction."

Martin said he would take a look at Lewis's Tuition Defense Initiative (TDI), which UNC-system leaders support. Students will lobby the General Assembly for TDI during its short session, which starts May 21.

"We seem to be in preliminary agreement on the concept of setting a portion of any tuition increase aside for financial aid," Lewis said. "It's not really within Gov. Martin's jurisdiction, but it would be nice to have his support."

Davis said: "Brien was effective in his advocacy of TDI, and the governor seemed very interested in pursuing some of the goals of the program. It was probably one of the most positive things to come out of the meeting."

"I feel that the governor was impacted by the group in such a way that he will reconsider making such drastic cuts in higher education in the future. He will not forget our visit. I hope we alerted the governor to the problems which exist on our campuses, and I hope that he left with the understanding that education is the key to the future of North Carolina."

Chinese students wary in wake of Bush veto

By ANDRE HAUSER
Staff Writer

Congress' failed attempt on Jan. 26 to override President George Bush's veto of a bill to protect the 40,000 Chinese students living in the United States has some members of the University's Chinese community worried about their futures.

"I feel sad, but sometimes things are beyond your control," said Jack Liu, president of UNC's Friendship Association of Chinese Students.

Liu, whose group represents about 150 Chinese students and scholars at UNC, also said some of them might be in danger if they returned to China because they had been active in pro-democracy marches in Washington, D.C., last May and June. They also held a memorial service with other Triangle Chinese groups two days after the Tiananmen Square massacre

in June.

Wu Zurong, First Secretary for the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C., said students returning to China would not be investigated. So far, 700 Chinese students have returned, and 300 of them were from the United States. Zurong said only people who had broken the law and recognized their mistakes have been punished, but Zurong refused to answer questions about reports that some leaders of last summer's pro-democracy protests had been executed.

Despite the government's assurances, many Chinese students are afraid to go home.

"Before the massacre I planned to return," Liu said, but "personally, it would not be safe for me to return."

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Referendums sent to full congress

By SUSIE KATZ
Staff Writer

The Student Congress Rules and Judiciary Committee voted on Sunday to send three proposed fee-increasing referendums to the full congress on Wednesday, and voted unfavorably to send a non-binding referendum regarding smoking on campus.

If approved by the full congress, the referendums will appear on the Feb. 20 campus election ballot.

The committee voted to report a proposed Student Body Scholarship fee favorably to congress. This referendum, presented by Student Body President Brien Lewis, calls for an increase in undergraduate and graduate student fees of 50 cents per semester and 25 cents per summer session to create a scholarship fund to be used by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid to



provide financial assistance to any student regardless of race, major or hometown.

"We're asking students to help their peers," Lewis said.

Students may be barred from receiving some scholarship money due to specific guidelines on who may apply for the scholarship, as stipulated by the donor. The Student Body Scholarship would be available to whoever needs it. The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid would have the power to distribute the money randomly each year as need dictates, he said.

The percentages of scholarship

money allocated to undergraduate and graduate students will reflect the percentage of money raised from the fees of these students.

A second fee-raising referendum was passed favorably for review by congress. This referendum, proposed by Rep. Mindy Friedman (Dist. 12), calls for a 35-cent per semester increase in student fees to expand the operations of SAFE Escort Service. SAFE is run by volunteers and only operates until midnight. There is a need for an escort service after midnight, especially due to the fact that the Undergraduate Library is open until 2 a.m., Friedman said.

Friedman came up with the amount of 35 cents per student each semester by considering the cost of paying four escorts about \$5 an hour to work for three hours a night, seven days a week.

This would attract people to the escort job and provide for screening and training of the escorts by University police, she said.

"Two escorts would be in the Undergrad and two would remain at the SAFE escort number," Friedman said.

She said that it was a shame students should have to pay for something like this, but that the University could not provide funding for such a program due to the recent budget cuts. The increase in fees would serve a twofold purpose, making students more aware of the escort service and more eager to use it, making the campus safer, Friedman said.

A third referendum, authored by Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis, to increase student fees to provide

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Attention candidates

All candidates for student body president, Daily Tar Heel editor, Carolina Athletic Association president and Residence Hall Association president who want to go through DTH endorsement interviews must sign up on the sheet outside the DTH office by Thursday at 5 p.m. Candidates should turn in to the editor's box any campaign material or information they want the editorial board to review before doing the interviews.

All those candidates, as well as senior class president candidates, should also turn in platforms of no more than one typed, double-spaced page by Thursday at 5 p.m. so they can run on the editorial pages Feb. 12 and 13.

Candidates should watch the DTH for further information about submitting letters of endorsement.

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By AKINWOLE N'GAI WRIGHT
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Students interviewed this past weekend said they were concerned about Rams Club officials' and student leaders' plans to construct a parking deck on the tennis courts behind Hinton James Residence Hall.

Preliminary plans for the parking deck would allow members of the Rams Club, which is formally called the Educational Foundation, to use the parking deck during basketball and football games, with students using the deck at all other times. The deck, which would have at least 200 spaces, would put the tennis courts in the air.

Russell Gibson, a sophomore from Lenoir, and Eric Gash, a sophomore from Hendersonville, both frequent users of the courts, expressed their concerns about the proposed construction.

"I understand that the new parking deck will increase the number of parking spots available for students," Gibson said. "But in order for me to agree

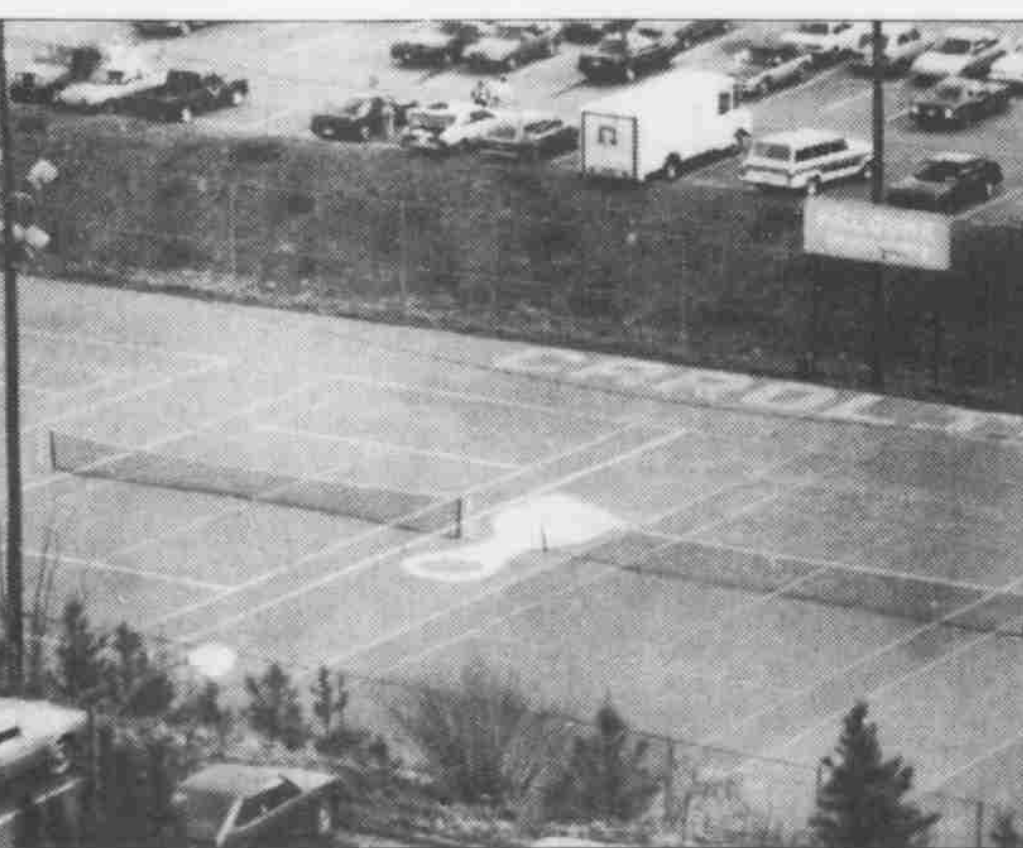
with the proposed plan, the tennis courts must remain, and be put on top of the deck as planned."

Gash said he was concerned about the feasibility of a new parking deck on this site. "I am concerned with the implications that this new deck will have in terms of environmental safety. If the new site is built as planned, runoff rainwater from the hill behind Hinton James will be caught between the parking deck and the hill resulting in either a vast amount of erosion, or Hinton James' own pond."

Other users of the tennis courts, Patrick Coyle, a freshman from South Bend, Ind., and Hiram Holt, a sophomore from Fayetteville, also expressed concerns about the proposed construction.

"I am in total opposition with the construction of the parking deck," Coyle said. "After construction of the Craig parking deck and with the present parking lots at the hospital and at the off-

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Courts behind Hinton James may be the site of a parking deck

Almost all of the joyful things of life are outside the measure of IQ tests. — Madeleine L'Engle