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Bush travels South to support Helms

RALEIGH—President George Bush started a trip through the South today with a stop in North Carolina.

Bush called Helms, who is running for a fourth term against Democrat Harvey Gantt, "one of the toughest fighters in Washington for lower government spending."

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Crude oil prices reach all-time high

NEW YORK — Crude oil futures prices hit an all-time high of \$40.40 a barrel Tuesday as angry rhetoric from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein escalated Middle East war fears.

Traders said the deaths of 19 Palestinians in Jerusalem on Monday and Saddam's threat of retaliation fed a buying spree that has nearly doubled oil prices on the futures market since Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2.

The price of light sweet crude — the key grade of U.S. oil — closed up \$1.45 at \$40.40 per 42-gallon barrel for November delivery. It gained nearly \$1 on Monday. The previous record close was \$40.10 on Sept. 27.

Futures prices do not translate directly to increases at the gas pumps, but gasoline prices have risen steadily since the invasion. A spot survey released Tuesday by the American Automobile Association found the average price of self-service gasoline hit \$1.37 per gallon last week, up 29.5 cents from the day before the invasion.

Discovery's satellite studies the sun

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Discovery's astronauts, flush with success from a near perfect mission, packed up their gear Tuesday for their return to Earth while the satellite they released streaked deeper into space.

The Ulysses satellite, which will study the sun, was 1.7 million miles from Earth three days into its five-year journey and hurtling through the solar system at more than 24,000 mph.

Discovery was scheduled to land at 9:57 a.m. EDT Wednesday at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., to conclude NASA's first shuttle flight in almost half a year. Good weather was expected.

"This flight is probably as close to perfect as we can get," said flight director Ron Dittmore.

Court upholds free speech ruling

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court sent an unsettling message Tuesday to public schools that refuse to rent space to outside religious organizations while allowing such access for non-religious groups.

The justices, without comment, turned down the appeal of a Centennial, Pa., high school that had been forced to rent weekend use of its auditorium to the Campus Crusade for Christ.

A federal appeals court ruled that denying such access would violate the group's free-speech rights.

Tuesday's court action set no national precedent but allowed the appeals court ruling to become binding law in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. The appeals court ruling also could serve as a model for other courts.

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BOG recommends largest budget ever

By MICHELLE SMITH

Staff Writer

The Board of Governors budget committee proposed the largest budget ever for the UNC-system schools, but the plan may not pass in the N.C. General Assembly, said Anne Barnes, D-Orange.

The proposal called for more than \$1.03 billion for each of the next two fiscal years.

"I have a good deal of confidence in the Board of Governors," Barnes said. "But I don't know of any budget that has passed exactly as it was first submitted."

Although state representatives probably will make changes in the proposed budget, the BOG was not being extravagant in its requests, she said.

Obviously, funds are not available to grant all financial requests, she said. The submitted budget should not take that into account. The BOG must be

complete and honest in its financial analysis of the system's needs, she said.

"I want them to draw us as accurate a picture as possible about their financial needs," Barnes said. "I'm glad they're giving us a true picture of what the university system needs."

James Holshouser, BOG budget committee member, said although the total budget request sounded ambitious, the committee thought it was important to give a thorough account of financial needs.

He said he would not speculate on the proposal's chances for success in the legislature, but he said he was confident in its purpose. "I believe it is worded in such a way that the most pressing needs will be answered."

The money the BOG requested encompasses several areas in the system schools. The proposal includes a request for \$68 million to cover costs of an-

ticipated enrollment increases.

Holshouser said the money would be needed to cover the rising costs of running a university when the number of students increased. "With more students, there is a need for more classes and more instructors."

Enrollment estimates in recent years were too low, so more money is needed now to catch up, Holshouser said.

Another provision in the budget requests money to compensate for previous losses caused by state budget cuts. The BOG is asking the state to provide \$48 million to restore the lost funds.

"It attempts to reinstate some money that was pulled out because of the state budget problems," Holshouser said.

Charles Flack, BOG budget committee member, said an important part of the budget was the request for \$613.6 million to fund a scholarship program. The program would pay \$600 to high

school graduates who are North Carolina Academic Scholars. Students who are selected as scholars must take certain classes in high school and maintain a "B" average from ninth grade through graduation.

Those students would receive \$600 to attend college in North Carolina. They may go to public or private institutions, or community colleges. "We're more interested that they go to college, not where they go," Flack said.

The scholarship would continue into students' sophomore years as long as they maintain a 2.75 grade point average and take at least 30 credit hours their freshman years.

The scholarship is important because it protects students from paying higher tuition, Flack said. Article 9, Section 9 of the North Carolina Constitution outlines the public education system, which includes providing qualified

students access to higher education at a low price, he said.

The BOG will vote on the proposed budget Friday.

Barnes said after the BOG passed a proposed budget, Gov. Jim Martin would review it along with budgets from other state agencies.

Advisory budget committees will aid Martin in reviewing the budgets, but he will make the final decisions and then present the proposals to the General Assembly, Barnes said.

"The Governor's constitutional responsibility is to present a budget to the General Assembly," she said. "The Governor will already have done some paring of the budgets submitted from all areas — or not paring, as the case may be."

"It will be examined many times

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Rape of student may be related to other attacks

By PETER F. WALLSTEN

City Editor

A UNC student was raped at Carolina Apartments in Carrboro Sunday, and police said the incident might be related to other assaults that have taken place this year.

In Sunday's incident, the woman was asleep in her apartment at about 5 a.m. when a man entered through a window and attacked her, Carrboro police Capt. Ben Callahan said. The assailant fled before police arrived at the scene.

This was the fourth rape this year in Carrboro that involved an assailant who was described to be a 6-foot muscular, black male in his late 20s.

The rape was the second in the past two months to take place at the Carolina Apartments. The first happened Sept. 5. Three attempted rapes, all of which involved an assailant of similar description, have also been reported.

"It's the same basic descriptions, and the crime itself is basically the same," Callahan said. "But I can't tell you for sure that it's the same person."

According to police reports, one rape and one attempted rape occurred July 5 on Greensboro Street. In addition to the two rapes at Carolina Apartments, one rape occurred this summer at a home in the Whispering Hills subdivision.

In the encounters at Carolina Apartments and Whispering Hills, the assailant entered the victims' homes through windows, Callahan said.

A man of similar description also entered two homes on Carol Street this summer, but ran away when the residents saw him, Callahan said. The incidents on Carol Street were classified as first-degree burglary and not attempted as-

sault, he added.

"We're not sure if we're dealing with the same person or not," Callahan said. "(In all the rapes) the victims were asleep, and the person came in and sexually assaulted them."

Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird said four sexual assaults have occurred within one block of her home in the last year and that she is extremely concerned about the recent rash of such incidents.

"I'm taking it very seriously," she said. "I like to sleep with my windows open because I like the fresh air, but I had to go out and buy bars for my windows last year."

Kinnaird said there were probably many unknown sexual assaults, and victims were probably hesitant to use the justice system.

"I think part of the problem is that if women don't press charges, it can't go any further," she said.

Callahan said women who live alone should take special precautions to protect themselves from possible problems.

"They should keep their windows down and locked," he said. "If they see anyone suspicious they should call the police. We have reason to believe this person is a peeping Tom. We'll be glad to come out and do security surveys."

Area officials are also planning a meeting of local leaders and representatives from the Orange County, Carrboro and Chapel Hill police departments to discuss how to better protect residents from attack, Kinnaird said.

The Carrboro Police Department and the Orange County Rape Crisis Center will sponsor a discussion on self-protection from sexual assault Thursday in the Carrboro Town Hall at 7 p.m.



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Muppet babes

Terri Brewer, a senior from Elizabeth City, and Gina Soria, a senior from Charlotte, relax in the Pit Wednesday

afternoon sporting Muppet T-shirts they got at Disney World over Fall Break.

VP selection changes returned to Student Congress committee

By SOYIA ELLISON

Staff Writer

An act that would have possibly changed the student body vice presidential selection process was sent back to committee by Student Congress Wednesday night because it failed to include a paragraph explaining the changes.

In the present selection process, a search committee submits three names

from the pool of applicants to the student body president. The SBP chooses one person from the three names. This is only the second year student government has had a vice president.

Currently the search committee is made up of the outgoing SBP, an appointment of the incoming president, the Supreme Court chief justice and two appointees of the outgoing congress speaker.

Mark Shelburne, Student Congress Rules and Judiciary Committee chairman, proposed the act which would eliminate the speaker's appointees and replace them with the outgoing VP and the outgoing speaker.

Because the outgoing speaker has two appointees, the current legislation allows him to designate people with the

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Streakers bare tradition throughout UNC history

By MICHELLE RABIL

Staff Writer

Taking it all off and running across campus in their birthday suits isn't just an adventure for students, it's a tradition.

Streaking, a successor to the party raids of the 1950s, began in the 1960s and had its heyday in the 1970s, said Donald Boulton, vice chancellor of student affairs.

In the early '70s, people went on a rampage to set records for the Guinness Book of World Records, he said. Along with trying to see how many people could fit in a phone booth or a Volkswagen, students tried to get as many people as possible to streak at once.

In the mid-1970s, Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor banned students from trying to attain the streaking record. Boulton said although he never streaked, he decided to help students organize a streak to prevent riots similar to those occurring at other universities where streaking was banned.

"I told him (Taylor) we should let students do it because it would be better than a riot," Boulton said. UNC organized a streak of 900 people and held the record for 24 hours.

Later streaking fads included running naked while someone was speaking or performing on stage, Boulton said.

Boulton defined a real streak. "A true streak is when the weather is below

freezing and you can only wear sneakers and a scarf around your neck."

Streaking also is a form of protest. In 1975, a student streaked during a University housing "gripe session," according to an article in The Daily Tar Heel. The student ran through the room, yelled "nothing personal" and threw a lemon meringue pie at James Condie, who was then the director of University housing. The streaker said he thought Condie was doing a bad job and he wanted Condie to know.

The streaker said he streaked because he was frustrated and couldn't reach Condie any other way. Condie would not answer any questions at the meeting, the streaker said.

Cathy Packer, assistant journalism professor and a 1973 graduate of UNC, said streaking was the popular thing to do when she attended the University. While she lived in Granville Towers, a fraternity would streak across the Granville parking lot, jump into the pool and run back to their house to the "squealing delight" of the women every spring, Packer said.

At that time, streaking was not a case of sexual harassment. "It was the latest wild thing," she said. "Every time people got together, someone

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University Day events scheduled

By TIM BURROWS

Staff Writer

As UNC celebrates 197 years of endurance Friday, students and faculty will protest in different ways the budget cuts that are damaging the state's first University.

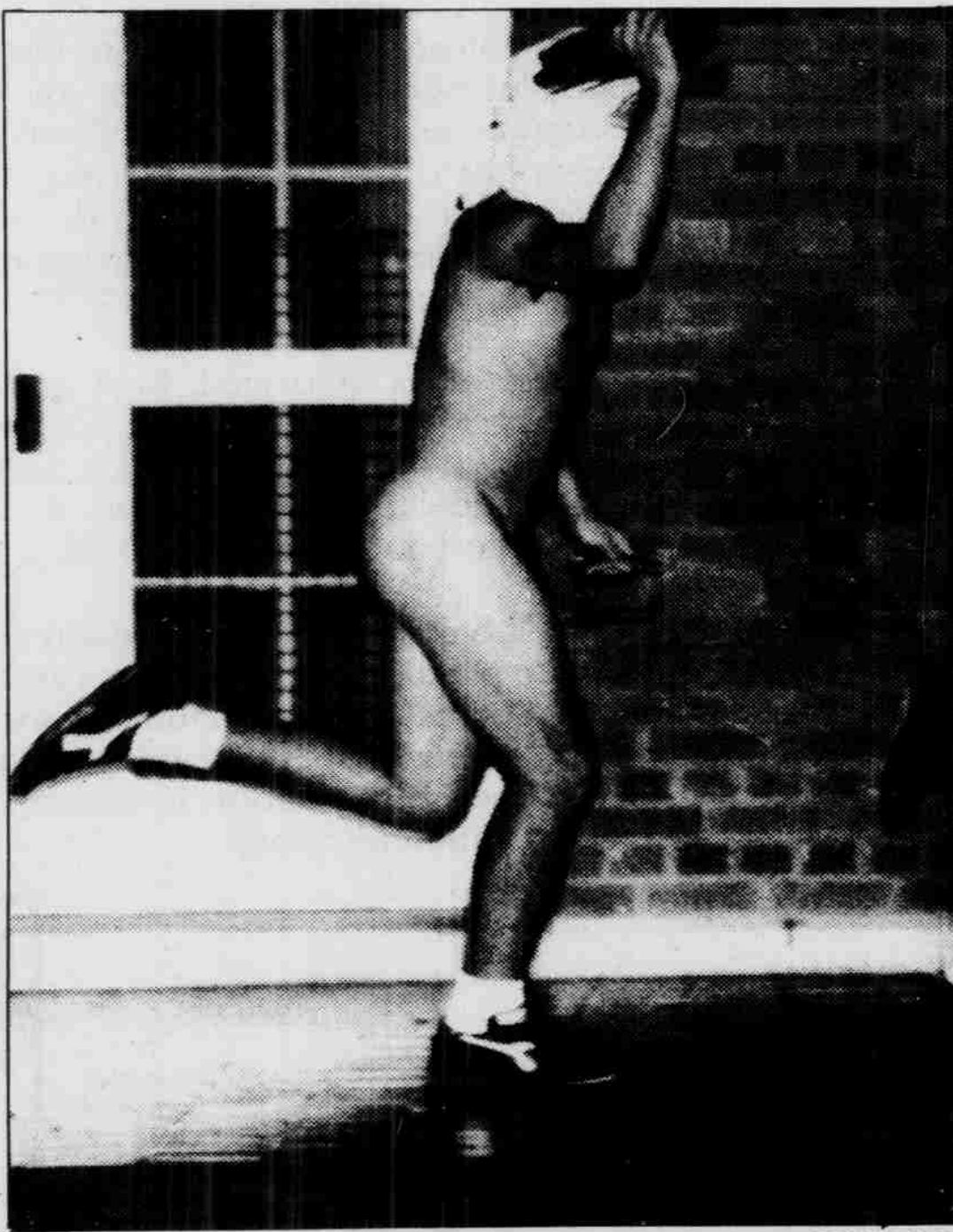
University Day activities include a speech by Provost Dennis O'Connor and the recognition of Distinguished Alumni Award winners. The convocation, which is free and open to the public, begins at 11 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

The celebration commemorates the laying of the first cornerstone of Old East on Oct. 12, 1793. Old East is the nation's oldest state university building. Events that will occur on University Day apart from the formal ceremonies include a Graduate Students United rally and a press conference held by the Conference of Chairs of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students participating in the GSU demonstration will gather in front of Memorial Hall at 10:30 a.m. GSU co-chairman Joel Sipress said all students were encouraged to attend and to bring signs with slogans protesting the budget cuts.

The demonstration will flank the sides of the faculty procession into Memorial Hall for the University Day ceremony.

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Streaker visits porch of McIver Residence Hall

In the race for quality, there is no finish line. — David T. Kearns