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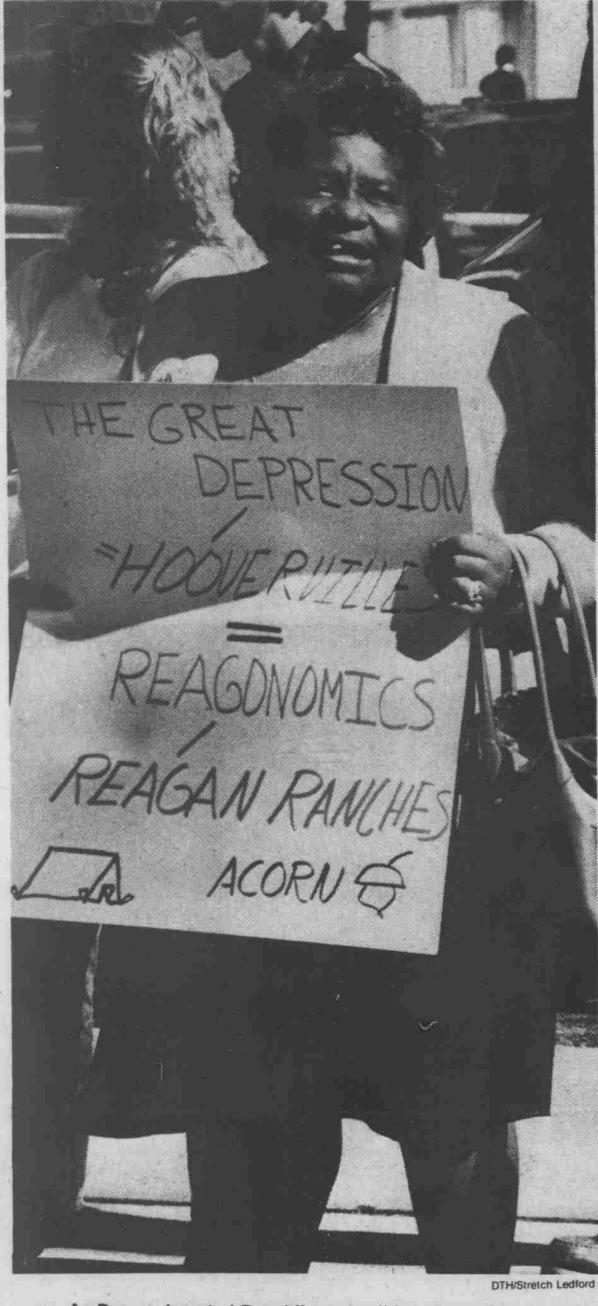
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As Reagan boosted Republican candidates' morale Tuesday ...not everyone came to praise him, approximately 80 protestors

Barnes says N.Y. theatre 'not just Broadway plays'

By KAREN ROSEN Staff Writer

"The Plight of the American Theatre' sounds rather grim," said Clive Barnes, drama and dance critic for the New York Post, commenting on his lecture topic Monday night in Memorial

"It's really not in a plight. It is in a flux, a position of change that is very easily reflected by the situation of the New York theatre," said Barnes, who was born in London and moved to New York in 1963.

Barnes said that although New York is probably the heart of the English - speaking theatre, "people tend to think only of Broadway, which is really very, very foolish."

Barnes, who attends the theatre an average of eight times a week, said that Broadway does indeed have a plight. which he blamed on astronomical production costs. For example, the musical 'A Doll's Life' lasted about three days

and lost \$3 million. "Broadway has had to play it safe and it's taken away the right to fail - an important right," he said. "A show is either dead at the end of a week, or a great, huge, smashing success."

'Cats', a \$6-million success story, received bad notices, but Barnes said that word - of - mouth, not critical praise, keeps a show going. "You pay more attention to someone at a cocktail party than you would to a critic," Barnes told his audience of 250.

The one thing Broadway still produces in style, said Barnes, is the musical, although today's musical is "a compromise between a rock concert on one side and opera on the other."

But the term "Broadway" is misleading, Barnes said. "New York is the largest theatre town; it has 254 theatres," he said. "I must tell you I make up statistics - it's much easier than trying to remember them. Anyway, we have 217 New York theatres and of these, only 34 are in fact Broadway theatres. Only two are actually on Broadway, but five off-Broadway theatres are on Broadway and even more off-off-Broadway

theatres are on Broadway." The name actually refers to size, but most of the shows that make it to the Great White Way have come from smaller theatres in New York or from regional theatres.

Besides union contracts that reward stagehands with salaries of \$1,400 a week, Barnes said that real estate in New York



Reagan lauds GOP in Raleigh

By LYNN EARLEY

RALEIGH - President Ronald Reagan told a crowd of about 4,000 in Raleigh Tuesday, "Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina" as he campaigned for North Carolina Republican congressional candidates in a GOP rally at the Raleigh Civic Center. About 2,500 more people waited outside, unable to get into the crowded

During the rally, only a week before congressional elections, Republican supporters interrupted Reagan's speech with applause about 40 times as the president discussed his economic policies and spoke about the congressional races. The president's economic programs are seen as central issues in next Tuesday's elections.

In his first visit to the Tarheel state since his election in 1980, Reagan briefly praised each of the 11 GOP congres-

Barnes

the ground.

skyscraper world.

has made it expensive to get a show off

"Broadway was foolish enough to be

built on the most expensive chunk of dirt

in the Western world," Barnes said.

Tearing down the Morosco and Helen

Haves theatres made good economic

sense, he said, because a theatre is only

used once or twice a day and has so much

air space above it - not advisable in a

But Barnes said that ticket prices are

not so extravagantly out of line. "During

the Depression, tickets were \$4.99 top,"

Barnes said. "I submit that four dollars

50 years ago was worth more than \$40-50

He conceded that a night on the town

"It's a question of hard cash. We have

can run from \$140-\$180 including dinner,

drinks, parking fees and a babysitter for

to decide whether we want arts or not.

the average suburban couple.

sional candidates. Reagan spoke from about 12:45 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

The president described 4th Congressional District candidate Bill Cobey as a tiger. Cobey, former UNC athletic director and unsuccessful 1980 lieutenant governor candidate, is currently waging a strong battle against incumbent Democratic Rep. Ike Andrews in the district, which includes Orange County.

"Let me just say a few words about these tigers you have for challengers - Bill Cobey from the 4th District," Reagan said, glancing at his prepared text. "He's bright and I understand he's done some mighty good recruiting for one of your great universities. I think that anyone who can produce that many champions is a champion himself and deserves to be elected."

In his opening remarks the president also referred to UNC when he said North Carolina was rich in tradition and strong in character. He added, "If you want the proof, watch the Wolfpack and the Tar Heels." The crowd cheered and a few people yelled, "Go Heels!"

Reagan focused mainly, however, on a defense of his administration's record and a reiteration of Republican goals instead of on specific congressional candidates. He used his statements about 3rd District candidate Red McDaniel, a former prisoner of war in North Vietnam, to introduce his comments on sacrifice and courage.

"Now the problems we face today do not require the same sacrifices heroes like Red were called upon to make," Reagan said. "But they do require courage courage to look to the future rather than cling to the past; courage to say, 'I will carry on,' rather than 'I give up' and courage to believe in our hopes rather than to be ruled by our fears."

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New policy adopted

RHA increases time requirement for dorms to leave confederation

By PAM DUNCAN Staff Writer

The Residence Hall Association Governing Board voted Monday to adopt a new policy that would increase by 45 days the time required for a dormitory to secede from a confederation. According to the old policy, a dormitory had to wait 30 days

for its secession petition to be finalized. In a three-hour meeting, the board approved a secession policy drawn up last week by an RHA committee and revised during the

board meeting. The secession issue sprang from the board's debate on independent dormitories voting on the RHA Governing Board, RHA

members have said. The committee decided last week to re-examine a proposal that would have changed the waiting period for a dormitory's secession from 30 days to three semesters. Grimes dormitory had threatened last week to secede if RHA approved that proposal.

"What we were really upset about was the three-semester deal," Grimes President Mike Murray said Tuesday, "It was pretty impossible. This one is pretty hard, but as far as compromises go, it was the best we could hope for."

The petitioning process for secession from a confederation can begin no earlier than four weeks from the day classes begin in the fall semester, according to RHA's new secession policy.

The policy also dictates that two sets of two forums must be held by the petitioning dormitory - the first within three weeks of the petitioning and the second within one week after the end of the 75-day waiting period. Two-thirds of the petitioning dormitory must attend one of the first set of forums and 75 percent must attend one of the second set.

Under the old policy, petitioning residents were required to at-

The policy also provides that the last two forums for any petition for secession made after Feb. 1 must be held after Oct. 1.

"This policy makes it (secession from a confederation) a little more of a thought-provoking process," Scott Templeton, RHA president, said after Monday's meeting. "I think this falls in line with a lot of what I was hearing from confederation-member dormitory residents.

Terri Blackwood, governor of Olde Campus Confederation, said Tuesday she hoped forums under the new policy would provide education for petitioning residents before they agreed to

"At least people that come to these forums that makes confederations work or not is the strength of the commitment by dormitories to the confederation."

Mark Dalton, governor of Ehringhaus dormitory and chairman of the RHA committee that studied the secession issue, said Tuesday that there was a definite need for a change in the seces-

sion policy. The new policy will allow for a little more education of residents, he added. "This way residence halls cannot be railroaded through secession by the two petitioners," Dalton said. "It also gives the con-

halls if it needs to." See RHA on page 3

federation time to redeem itself in the eyes of individual residence

Mondale criticizes Reagan in Greensboro speech

By CHRISTINE MANUEL Staff Writer

GREENSBORO - Criticizing President Ronald Reagan's economic policies, former Vice President Walter Mondale campaigned for 6th Congressional District candidate Robin

Britt in Greensboro Tuesday. Mondale spoke first at a Regional Airport press conference with Britt and 5th District Rep. Steven Neal, who is running for re-

election. "I understand that someone else is in North Carolina today," Mondale said, speaking of

Reagan's appearance in Raleigh Tuesday. Mondale went on to criticize Reagan's

"radical economic policies" and said that after President Jimmy Carter left office the

American economy was booming. Mondale's solution was to get rid of the federal deficit, decrease defense spending, repeal the tax cuts, control hospital costs and persuade the Federal Reserve Bank to decrease

Later Tuesday night, Mondale appeared at a fund-raising dinner for Britt attended by more than 400 people.

The Nov. 2 election will decide several fundamental issues, Mondale said. He stressed the election will send a message to President Reagan that the economic poncies are not work-

"Two years ago, they (Republicans) said that recovery is on the way," Mondale said. He said the Republicans' answers were to cut taxes, raise defense spending and at the same time, balance the budget.

"There's only one thing wrong with that pro-

gram," Mondale said. "It's nuts." The Reagan administration came in with a deficit, he said, but added that it had caused the highest deficit in the history of the nation and

the world. "They have choked this economy almost to

death," Mondale said. Mondale said Reagan and the Republicans did not know what it was like to lose a job or lose personal dignity. Reagan is out of touch with the people, he added.

People are not better off than they were two years ago, as the Republicans claim, Mondale said. He said the small farmers, small businessmen, senior citizens and college students who depend on government aid were

not better off. Mondale added that the nation was not preparing for the future and called it a major problem. He said America needed to restore our competitiveness in the world economy.

"We need to keep working on the energy problem," Mondale said, noting the progress of the Carter administration. The United States needs to conserve more energy and seek alternatives, he added.

"We need to protect our environment," Mondale said. "We're not going to do that with (Secretary of the Interior) James Watt."

Mondale also said that the United States needs a strong but sensible defense policy and that Washington should reduce or even obliterate the chance that "those God-awful nuclear weapons" will ever be used.

"This country is for everyone, not just for

the rich," he said. Former 6th District Rep. Richardson Preyer, who introduced Mondale, almost stole the show, calling Mondale one of the best vice-

presidents in American history, and saying that See MONDALE on page 4