

# Teachers' unions criticize UNC forum

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The Democratic presidential hopefuls at "Education '88" were caught up in "teacher bashing," and officials from two major teachers' unions didn't like it.

"You don't strengthen the system by attacking the teachers," said Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, after the Democratic session. "I don't like teacher bashing. You don't get bright kids in teaching when the public is oozing of negative attitudes."

Keith Geiger, vice president of the National Education Society, also criticized the Democrats for impart-

ing negative attitudes about the profession.

"That debate doesn't serve education," he said. "Public education will not be well served nor will practicing classroom teachers. We need a president that will start saying positive things. This president has consistently degraded public education."

But Geiger said the Democrats agree with the NEA on 80 percent of the issues.

"We disagree on some of the issues," Geiger said. "We disagree but they are not disagreeable."

The NEA sent out policy question-

naires to both the Democrats and the Republicans, but none of the Republicans returned the questionnaire except Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Mo., who has dropped out of the nomination race, Geiger said.

Shanker said the AFT was not ready to voice its support for one particular candidate but many of the Democrats agreed with the AFT's support of merit pay.

"(Rep. Richard) Gephardt (D-Mo.) said he wanted to spend some money on research to see how to pay teachers," Shanker said. "We don't exactly know how to pay for performance. It will take time and

research."  
The NEA does not support merit pay, Geiger said.

Shanker said he did not like former Gov. Bruce Babbitt's suggestion that the next president make phone calls to individual principals.

"It's very unrealistic," he said.

Shanker said the forum helped to turn some of the campaign's focus to education.

# A post-debate look at the candidates' views

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When the television lights flipped on and the applause sign went up, UNC was treated to a new experience in television politics.

Few expected they would be told when to clap. Some didn't expect to see an anti-apartheid banner unfurled from the upper level. Many more were surprised by the restrained, media-polished candidates and seemingly prepared statements. But when the lights dimmed, a few of the candidates allowed themselves to be grilled on issues from apartheid to drug testing to the success of the forum.

■ Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said none of the Democratic candidates "won" the forum Friday.

■ Former Gov. Bruce Babbitt, D-Ariz., whose television presence at earlier debates has brought him criticism, said he was "very pleased" with his forum performance.

■ Babbitt said Arizona Gov. Evan

Mecham was "a case example for the proposition that Darwin was wrong." Mecham has been criticized nationally for rescinding the Martin Luther King holiday in Arizona.

■ Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said he could be convinced to support the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court on one condition: "I'll be able to be persuaded if Judge Bork can show me he doesn't believe what he's written for 26 years."

■ Former Gov. Pete du Pont, R-Del., said he didn't think his proposed voucher system would be detrimental to integration. Under a voucher system, du Pont said, communities must still comply with all federal guidelines regarding racial mix in the schools. He didn't elaborate on how the guidelines would be enforced.

■ Du Pont said he opposed divestment from South Africa because it would cause many South African blacks to lose jobs.

■ Du Pont said he favors testing for drug and alcohol use of all high

school students. If a student is found to be a drug or alcohol user, du Pont said, the student should lose driving privileges.

■ The Rev. Jesse Jackson, Democratic presidential hopeful, told the crowd surrounding him after the forum, "Don't just cheer — vote."

■ After repeated questioning, Jackson said he thinks abortion is morally wrong, except in cases of incest and rape. But Jackson said women should have freedom of choice and that since abortion is a health issue, the government should provide funding to ensure sanitary facilities.

■ Jackson said if elected president he would go to Central America and end the war there "just like Eisenhower did in Korea and Carter did in the Mideast."

■ Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., said he would like to see all universities refuse money to research the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars), but he doesn't fault those universities that do

accept the funds. Simon said he believed universities were conducting too much defense research.

■ Sen. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn., called the forum a "tremendous success. It focused the attention on the most urgent problems. It's always a good boost in support."

He said there was little disagreement during the first session of the forum. "Education is a Democratic issue," he said.

■ Lt. Gov. Jim Jordan, a gubernatorial hopeful, complimented former Gov. Jim Hunt's performance as a moderator during the forum. He said, "Jim Hunt's (political) future is still wide open."

■ Gore said he supports more pressure on the South African government to eliminate apartheid, including economic sanctions and divestment.

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# Soviet official brings hope for future superpower summit

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said Sunday a decision on another superpower summit meeting depends on the outcome of his talks this week with President Reagan and Secretary of State George Schultz.

"We have come here in order to roll up our sleeves and work," Shevardnadze said on his arrival from Moscow.

The white-haired Soviet official brought with him a letter for Reagan from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and a "degree of optimism."

He did not disclose the contents of Gorbachev's letter to Reagan, but said through an interpreter, "As for the summit, everything will depend on the results of our work here."

Reagan and Gorbachev agreed at their first meeting in Geneva in November 1985 to hold successive summits the next two years in Washington and Moscow.

## Auto workers prepare for strike

DEARBORN, Mich. — Strike preparations are all but completed at the union locals of the United Auto Workers as negotiators for Ford Motor Co. and the union face Monday's contract deadline.

For the 104,000 rank-and-file Ford workers, little was left to do but wait for word on whether union and company bargainers would reach a contract by the 11:59 p.m. Monday deadline. The talks resumed Sunday after a Saturday session that lasted late

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into the night.

### Separated twins begin recovery

BALTIMORE — Seven-month-old Siamese twins began to emerge Sunday from the drug-induced comas in which they were placed after being separated at the skull a week ago, a hospital official said.

"They're starting to show signs of waking up now," said Ghita Levine, Johns Hopkins Hospital spokeswoman. They are exhibiting "some spontaneous movement" and attempting to breathe on their own, she said.

Doctors began reducing the barbiturate dosage Saturday night and planned to completely withdraw the drug Sunday night, Levine said.

Patrick and Benjamin Binder are not expected to awaken completely for several days, she said.

### Lawmen chase runaway llama

DALLAS — In the land of horses and cattle roundups, sheriff's officers had to use a patrol car and an ambulance to chase down and lasso a llama on the run.

An ambulance crew noticed Sugar Ray Llama outside his fence Saturday at the Sunnyvale home of John Aston and told the Dallas County sheriff's department, giving deputies their first "llama in progress" call, said deputy Joe Collard.

# Republicans

Du Pont said the GOP needs to pay more attention to education.

Both Republicans advocated smaller roles for the federal government in education.

Du Pont derided government intervention in education, saying the government should empower people to make their own education choices. The federal government does not have the power to "regulate people to death," du Pont said.

But Kemp and du Pont differed over who should hold the responsibility for implementing the programs.

Kemp said authority rests with parents and teachers at a local level

while du Pont placed responsibility on the states.

Du Pont supports a no-frills school plan that would improve education without increasing cost by concentrating on the basics. He did see a need to set up funds for disadvantaged children.

Kemp agreed, saying education should reinforce accountability of teachers, basics, and character. He said schools need to emphasize intellectual and moral excellence.

Programs assisting disadvantaged students, HeadStart and early childhood education could be expanded without increasing the deficit, he said.

Kemp said the first step to improving education is eliminating bad teachers. Teachers should be tested and principals should be responsible for choosing their staff, he said.

"Teachers evaluated me in third grade," du Pont said. "If you talk to parents, they will tell you they want their teachers evaluated."

Education could be improved without spending more but by using available funds properly, Kemp said. Although the government spends \$308 million per year on education, standardized test scores continue to decline, he said.

He said he is not "cut happy" but

sees no need to pour additional funds into education.

Du Pont said it is not right to measure commitment in terms of dollars.

In addition to his support for federal vouchers, du Pont said some extra funds are needed to encourage magnet schools and universal choice programs.

Other incentive programs for teachers, such as a "master teacher program" would also help improve schools, du Pont said. Competition between schools would also increase teacher salaries.

The two candidates also disagreed on funding higher education.

Kemp said a combination of grants for lower income and disadvantaged families and loans for everyone else would be his approach.

Du Pont said that higher education is available to disadvantaged youth who can apply for Pell Grants and loans, but people in the middle are being left out. To solve this, he said the federal government should guarantee loans for students at their personal banks. If loan collection became a problem, the IRS could collect delinquent loans, he said.

# Psychologist to enter race as independent candidate

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Almost certain that the Rev. Jesse Jackson will not win the Democratic presidential nomination, Dr. Lenora Fulani plans to throw her hat into the ring and run as an independent, campaign officials said.

Fulani, a New York psychologist and spokeswoman for the 15,000-member New Alliance Party, said she will run for president as an independent if Jackson does not capture the Democratic nomination, said Kate Gardner, director of communications for Fulani's Committee for Fair Elections.

"There is no other independent candidate even talking about running in all 50 states," Gardner said.

Fulani has prepared for her presidential bid by developing a platform and beginning a petition drive, Gardner said.

To run nationwide, Fulani must get 1.5 million signatures, Gardner said. Fulani needs 90,000 signatures from registered voters in North Carolina to get her name on the state ballot.

"The general theme of the campaign is people instead of profits," Gardner said. "People deserve decent jobs and places to live."

Gardner said the New Alliance Party has encountered some difficulty getting the necessary signatures. She would not disclose how many the party had received.

Gardner said Fulani will probably have enough signatures to run by November 1988.

Fulani, who is black, believes the Democratic Party abandoned minorities when it chose former Vice President Walter Mondale as the party's 1984 candidate, Gardner said.

Gardner said polls indicate a majority of Americans favor minority, women's, and gay-rights, a national health service, and cutting off aid to the Nicaraguan contra rebels. Politicians have ignored what the people want, she said.

"It's only through the establishment of a third party that we'll see a change that will bring these issues to the nation," Gardner said. "The range of choices between the two parties is so narrow that many people just don't vote."

Fulani, 37, directs the community clinics of the New York-based Institute for Social Therapy and Research, which helps low-income families adjust to discrimination and poverty, Gardner said. The Institute is not federally funded.

Fulani's first try for elected office came in 1982, when she ran for lieutenant governor of New York.

In 1985 Fulani's bid for mayor of New York City earned her recognition as the "independent black mayor of Harlem" when she swept the Harlem precincts, Gardner said.

When she ran for governor of New York in 1986 Fulani garnered 26,000 votes, the most votes of any independent progressive for that office in over 30 years, Gardner said.

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