

Race heats up for secretary of state

By CARRIE DOVE
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N.C. politicians expect a flood of candidate announcements for N.C. secretary of state in the next few months.

Democrat Thad Eure, who has held the office for 51 years, said he expects to announce whether he will run in mid-November. Other Democratic candidates could include Raleigh attorneys R. Bradley Miller and Rufus Edmisten.

Eure said he holds the longest

record of continuous service in any political office.

The secretary's office has increased in staff from about 17 to more than 70 as business and commerce in North Carolina has increased, Eure said.

"The office has changed as much as night and day," he said.

The N.C. secretary of state was responsible for chartering more than 15,000 new businesses this year and appointing all notaries public.

Edmisten, a candidate for governor in 1984, will run for secretary if Eure does not, a spokeswoman for Edmisten said. Miller has already filed a statement of organization with the N.C. Board of Elections.

"The natural assumption is that Thad Eure is going to run," said Margaret Lawton, a spokeswoman for the N.C. Democratic Party.

In the past the position has not been hotly contested, said Robert Jones, director of communications for the state Republican Party.

Eure has never been involved in a major scandal, he said, and his low profile has not earned him many political enemies.

"We are currently in the process of recruiting candidates for secretary of state," Jones said. "But none that we have talked to has expressed any definite intention to run."

In the 1984 election, Eure won with 1,166,538 votes, defeating Republican Patric Doracy, who received 910,249 votes.

Iranians fire on Iraqi school; missile kills 32, wounds 218

From Associated Press reports

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A missile fired from Iran exploded at an elementary school Tuesday morning as pupils filed into the building for classes, killing 32 people and wounding 218, nearly all of them children, officials said.

Shrapnel, shattered concrete and shards of glass flew through the playground of the Monument of Martyrs school, witnesses said. Textbooks and schoolbags lay strewn about.

The force of the explosion blew down parts of the building, Principal Ismael Ghetan Jassim said. "Thank God it didn't hit the classroom complex itself, or casualties would have been much higher," he added.

Neighbors said 12 members of one family, whose home the missile hit directly, were killed.

Baghdad radio said the missile destroyed 16 other buildings in the heavily populated area when it struck just five minutes before the school bell, but only three of those killed were adults. All but 22 of the wounded were children, the radio said.

It was the fourth Iranian missile to strike the Iraqi capital since Oct. 4, but the first to cause major casualties. It spurred fears of a new round of the War of Cities, which has killed thousands of people on both sides since the war began seven years ago.

Iran has lobbed more than 30 missiles into this city of 5 million people, and dozens more have hit other cities.

The official radio quoted a military spokesman as saying: "It is our right and duty to respond to this ugly crime." He said Iran had "declared a war of the cities and so it shall be. It is time for revenge."

Iraq has threatened to "flatten Tehran and other cities" because of Iranian shelling of border towns and claims to have new long-range missiles that can reach the Iranian

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capital.

Costa Rican leader wins Nobel

OSLO, Norway — President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica won the Nobel Peace Prize Tuesday for a Central American peace plan that he fashioned and persuaded the region's other leaders to adopt. Selection of Arias was a surprise and an unusual choice because the decision was based at least partially on accomplishments after nominations closed Feb. 1.

President Reagan, who has called the Arias plan "fatally flawed," said Tuesday: "President Arias fully deserves the Peace Prize for having started the Central American region on the road to peace."

The Norwegian parliament's Nobel Committee cited Arias, 46, as "the main architect" of the plan the five Central American presidents signed Aug. 7 and now are putting into effect.

Reagan obstinate about Bork

WHIPPANY, N.J. — A defiant President Reagan declared Tuesday that if Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork is defeated in the Senate as expected, he'll try to find a new nominee "that they'll object to just as much."

Earlier in the day, during a speech in Somerset, Reagan accused Bork opponents of "distortions and innuendos" but dropped harsher wording that had been included in an earlier version of the speech.

Reagan failed to mention Bork in the formal remarks he delivered in Whippany to the N.J. Republican State Central Committee. But after the speech a woman called out, "We want Bork," and Reagan rose to her words.

"You want Bork, too?" Reagan asked. "So do I."

Planned Parenthood reveals survey results

By LISA WYNNE
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More than three-quarters of North Carolinians surveyed oppose a constitutional amendment banning all abortions, a recent Planned Parenthood survey said.

The results of the survey, called "North Carolina Speaks," affirmed that people in general are pro-choice, said Charlotte Brody, associate director of Planned Parenthood of Greater Charlotte.

"It shows there is not a stark division," she said. "We have a consensus."

The survey also indicates that 85 percent of registered voters in the state believe sex education should be taught in the public schools. The majority of respondents oppose a "squeal rule." The rule prohibits

family planning clinics from giving birth control assistance to teenagers without the consent of their parents.

Robert Marshall, executive director of the American Life Lobby of Stafford, Va., said the results of the poll are misleading because sex education is not defined. He said this type of survey "surreptitiously proposes a norm, and since we all want to be considered normal, it may sway the swayable."

"They don't tell you about the ineffectiveness of the pill," he said. "They are trading on ignorance constantly."

FGI Research, the Chapel Hill agency that prepared the poll, interviewed 600 people, said Archie Purcell, director of research for FGI.

The pollsters interviewed by tele-

phone, selecting people with a random digit dialing system, Purcell said. The margin of error was plus or minus about 4 percent, he said.

Respondents in the statewide survey ranged in age from 18 to 90 and were 80 percent white, 18 percent black, and 2 percent American Indian or some other race.

More than three-quarters of the respondents described themselves as Protestants. About 4 percent affiliate with the Catholic Church, 7 percent belong to some other religious faith, and 1 percent were Jewish or did not answer. Eight percent had no affiliation.

Planned Parenthood paid for the poll with a \$20,000 grant from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, Brody said. The poll was

conducted between Jan. 9 and Jan. 15, 1987.

Although Planned Parenthood did not intend for the survey to be used politically, Brody said politicians pick up on anything that tells what a group of voters might believe.

Many North Carolinians believe that although they are pro-choice, most other people are not, Brody said.

She said that as she traveled and worked on the poll, she found that people thought pro-choice advocates were concentrated only in Chapel Hill, Charlotte and Winston-Salem, but not in their own towns.

Although the poll shows there is a consensus on these issues, Brody said, "The privacy of the consensus doesn't let people know it's there."

State offers bonds for college educations

By LEE ANN NECESSARY
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Parents can cushion the blow of an expensive college education by purchasing a new N.C. tax-free capital appreciation bond, which goes on sale Tuesday.

"I believe these bonds will go fast," said J.D. Foust, deputy state treasurer. "(They) may go within the first hour of being on sale."

The sale of the bonds, featuring less expensive starting prices, is an attempt by the N.C. General Assem-

bly to provide new parents the opportunity to secure bonds now to help pay for their children's college educations.

"The whole idea behind the bonds is we're talking about being able to invest in someone's education 15 years away, in accordance with limited means," said Benny Bowers, financial analyst for the state treasury office.

Although the General Assembly approved the capital appreciation bill last summer with the incentive of

college investments in mind, the bonds' returns may be used for any purpose.

But the bonds' 20-year maturity rate encourages long-term investments because the highest return is received at the end of the maturity rate. With other bonds, the income is received at various set periods over the life of the bond, Bowers said.

"The system works well if you have a child zero to three years old. Then you can put in a little money now for a reasonable return later," Bowers said.

Bowers estimated that, assuming a 9 percent interest rate, a \$270-\$290 bond investment would be worth \$1,000 in 18 years.

A term bond with a 30-year maturity rate and a serial bond, which would produce return every year, were also included in the General Assembly bill, Bowers said.

The three bond sales, called the Duke University bonds, will provide

a loan to Duke University to help pay for a \$44.1 million construction and renovation project.

Of the three bonds, the capital appreciation bonds have the highest expected return if held until maturity, Bowers said.

"Of course you cannot predict how profitable the investment will be if not held until maturity because the market changes every day," he said. "But that is the incentive intended — for people to hold the bonds to maturity."

Vigil

National Anthem.

Also, two protesters playing guitars led the crowd in singing "If I Had A Hammer" and "I Shall Be Released."

The vigil ended with the crowd shouting in unison, "Power to the People!"

The Chapel Hill vigil was one of about 60 vigils occurring at universities across the country Tuesday night, said Joel Segal, UNC law student and nationwide vigil organizer.

"We want the Reagan administration and legislators all over the world to put pressure on the South African government to commute the prison sentences of 30,000 political prisoners," Segal said.

UNC still has \$6.9 million invested

in companies such as General Motors and IBM that still do business with South Africa, Segal said.

"Divestment to me is a sham," he said. "The Board of Trustees say they divested for economic reasons, so what's to stop them from reinvesting

Runoff

withdrew due to lack of interest.

"We have always had problems filling seats in graduate districts," he said.

Friedman said there are few budget worries for the upcoming semester, although reforming campus election laws is one of the issues the congress will tackle.

"The congress will react to whatever happens," he added.

Rusty Doggett, the new District 2

when the climate gets better?"

Students must continue the fight for complete divestment, Segal said.

"The fight has just begun," he said. "Students have no reason at this point to sit back and say, 'The fight is over.'"

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representative, is a first-year MBA student who also attended undergraduate school at UNC.

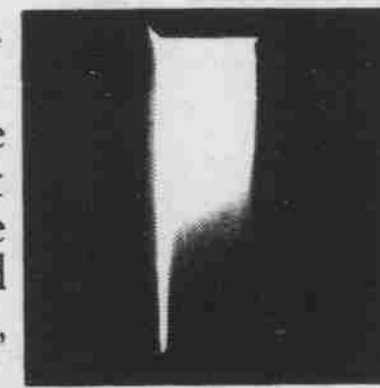
"Being an undergrad here has helped me see a lot of things," he said. "Chapel Hill is a changing city; we need to be careful."

Doggett said parking problems and the noise ordinance are two issues he hopes to work with. Doggett added he is eager to represent graduate students on the congress.

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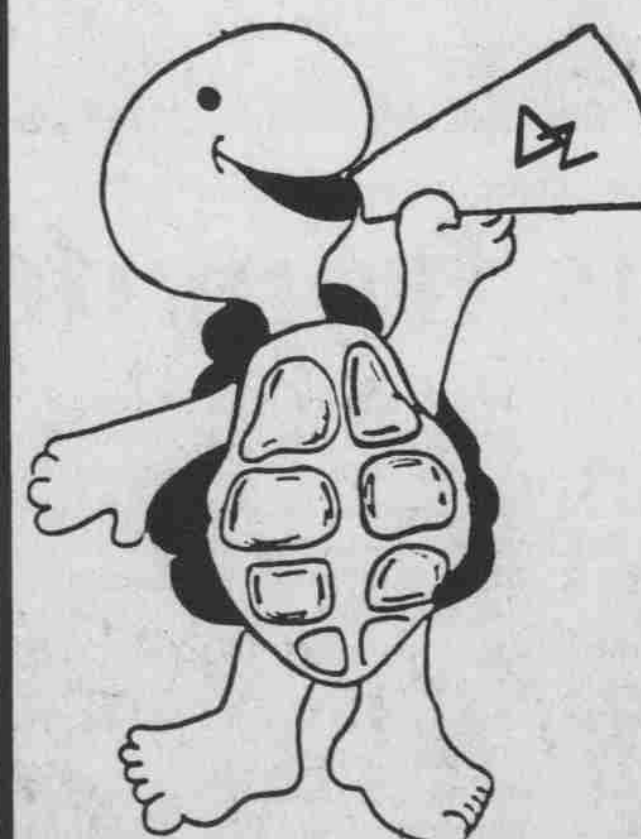
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