

Babbitt fights for name recognition

By MATT BIVENS
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Former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt is running for president, and for many people, this is news.

All of the candidates for the Democratic nomination — with the exception of the Rev. Jesse Jackson — suffer from a lack of name recognition. Babbitt's case is severe.

"He (Babbitt) is an ex-governor from a small state," said Vada Manager, a spokesman for Babbitt.

Babbitt earned some name recognition, especially on college campuses, by participating in serious debates, Manager said.

Babbitt also received recognition from unexpected avenues.

Some late-night viewers got their first glimpse of Babbitt in a skit on NBC's Saturday Night Live, a comedy show. The skit depicted TV journalists catching Babbitt as he sneaked 14 items through an 11-item express lane at the grocery store.

The Saturday Night Live skit poked fun at candidates who dropped from the race following scandals, Manager said.

Charges of womanizing forced Colorado Sen. Gary Hart from the

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race last spring, and Delaware Sen. Joe Biden left the race soon after, following charges of plagiarism.

Admitting past marijuana use also brought Babbitt some unexpected boosts in name recognition.

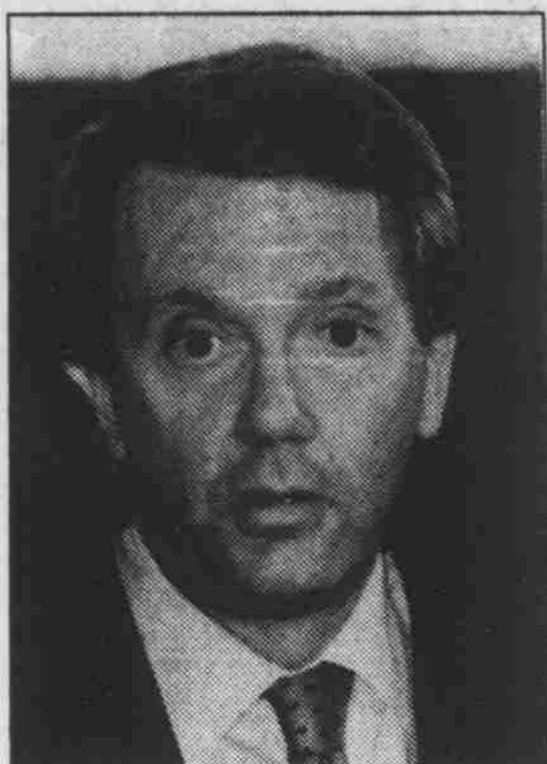
"I guess that's a lesson that voters don't know a lot about the candidates," Manager said. "They pick it up in bits and pieces."

Babbitt's admission followed the withdrawal of Supreme Court nominee Douglas Ginsburg after it was discovered that Ginsburg had used marijuana.

But marijuana use has not damaged Babbitt's candidacy because he revealed the use himself and the use occurred long ago, Manager said.

Candidates need name recognition to attract volunteer support and campaign contributions, he said.

Babbitt's fund raising suffers from his low name recognition, Manager said, but spending limits of \$750,000 in Iowa and \$450,000 in New Hampshire will allow Babbitt to compete in those crucial primaries.



Bruce Babbitt

Spending to the limits in Iowa and New Hampshire will exhaust Babbitt's funds, forcing him to rely on some showing in those primaries and a resulting increase in campaign contributions, he said.

Obscurity is not Babbitt's only difficulty.

Babbitt speaks poorly and appears

less telegenic than his rivals, said Thad Beyle, UNC political science professor.

But Manager said Babbitt is working to improve his television performance and delivery "to look as presidential as his rivals."

A more atypical liability may be Babbitt's willingness to outline specifics of his program. By making difficult choices early in the campaign, he may be alienating voters, Manager said.

"You're supposed to be a little more confusing and obscure to people," Beyle said.

To reduce the deficit, Babbitt advocates a 5 percent national sales tax on all goods except those needed by the poor, including food, medicine and housing, Manager said.

Babbitt has also listed 23 federal programs that should be cut, including parts of the defense budget and the entire Strategic Defense Initiative, or "Star Wars" program, he said.

In the light of the deficit and the problems of Wall Street, Manager said Babbitt's message may receive more favorable attention.

Investigators try to find cause of airplane crash in Denver

From Associated Press reports

DENVER — Flight recorders pulled from the twisted remains of a Continental Airlines DC-9 were flown to Washington on Monday to determine what caused the jet to crash during a snowstorm, killing 26 people and injuring 56.

The twin-engine plane was taking off at Stapleton International Airport Sunday afternoon when it flipped upside down and broke into three pieces as it slid down the runway three-quarters of a mile.

It could be months before the cause of the crash is determined, authorities said.

Budget cut battle begins

WASHINGTON — White House and congressional negotiators on Monday began a final push for a deficit-reduction agreement by Friday's deadline, while groups started mobilizing against any cuts in Social Security.

The negotiators, seeking to find the spending cuts and tax increases to satisfy the requirements of the Gramm-Rudman law, continued to discuss delaying or limiting cost-of-living increases and benefits, including Social Security.

But in another room in the Capitol, a group of organizations, including advocates for the elderly and federal employee unions, said the budget cuts must not be done at their expense.

Meanwhile, President Reagan repeated his opposition to tax increases to reduce the deficit.

But the president expressed confidence that the talks would succeed in meeting the goals outlined in the Gramm-Rudman law.

News in Brief

Arms treaty still unfinished

WASHINGTON — The United States and the Soviet Union will be faced with a "series of choices," including postponement of the scheduled summit meeting, if a treaty to ban intermediate-range nuclear missiles is not ready to be signed by the end of the month, a State Department official said Monday.

With Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev due to arrive here Dec. 7, four treaty issues are not settled. These include safeguards against Soviet cheating as well as a Soviet proposal to follow the accord with negotiations apparently designed to impose restrictions on U.S. jet planes in Europe.

U.N. plans Ethiopian airlifts

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Emergency airlifts of food are the only hope for tens of thousands of drought victims in northern Ethiopia whose relief pipeline has been disrupted by rebel attacks, the chief of United Nations relief efforts said Monday.

"We had hoped to avoid the colossal expense of an airlift, but most relief agencies agree that an immediate airlift is needed," Michael Priestley said in an interview. He is in charge of the U.N. relief program in Ethiopia.

Priestley said he hoped airlifts could begin in the next couple of weeks to Tigray province, where 75 percent of the crop has failed and one million people face starvation.

Unlikely candidates join presidential race

By LAURIE DUNCAN
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In Chapel Hill a presidential candidate has emerged who doesn't smoke pot or frolic with suntanned models. In fact, this candidate has all four feet on the ground: he's a dog.

Punch B. Burger, a part German shepherd with a Siberian husky tail, isn't the only unlikely presidential candidate. More than 200 contenders have registered with the Federal Election Commission since 1985, said Sharon Snyder, an FEC assistant press officer.

Punch prompted lots of attention from the press, said the dog's owner, Laura Van Sant, a senior journalism major from Chapel Hill. People magazine featured him in a summer issue, and he will appear on an upcoming episode of the Today show, Van Sant said.

"He's got one campaign issue — lower import restrictions on beef," Van Sant said.

Despite the large pool of applicants, only 35 have raised or spent the minimum \$5,000 the FEC requires to be recognized as a presidential candidate, Snyder said. Nineteen of those candidates are Democrats, 12 are Republicans, one is an unknown, one is an independent and two are Libertarians, she said.

As of Sept. 30, Republican Vice President George Bush led the candidates in fund raising, with \$12.5 million. Mike Dukakis, governor of Massachusetts, garnered more than \$8 million in campaign funds, the highest amount among Democratic candidates.

The \$5,000 threshold saves time because the FEC doesn't have to keep

track of candidates who have little impact on the political process, Snyder said.

But such candidates persist. In Cleveland, Ohio, a few people are chanting "Norb for President!" Although Norbert Dennerl and his 13-member campaign staff have yet to raise \$5,000, the little-known Democrat said he has a shot at becoming president.

"It's a case of the ins against the outs," Dennerl said, referring to his struggle for name recognition with the six nationally-recognized Democratic contenders. In a telephone interview from his Cleveland headquarters, Dennerl blamed the "in" candidates for the government's deficit spending in recent years and said he would battle the deficit by raising the minimum wage from \$3.35 to \$4, which would generate greater income taxes and Social Security payments to the government.

Dennerl said his campaign targets college-age voters as its main voting bloc.

The experience Dennerl gained while working on John Kennedy's

presidential campaign, running for Congress in 1964 and serving on the Cleveland Town Council from 1957 to 1964 puts him on equal basis with the other Democratic candidates, he said.

It's typical to have 200 registered contenders, said Snyder, who would not say how many of the registrations were pranks.

Van Sant read a 50-cent paperback, "Everybody for President," which she said inspired her to enter Punch as a candidate in the spring of 1985.

For the Record

Monday's article, "SAFE escort revises program to increase student involvement," incorrectly reported that escort service is available in Davis and Undergraduate libraries from 7 p.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday. The service is only available Sunday through Wednesday.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

Speaker says Korea's history affects its human rights situation

By LISA WYNNE
Staff Writer

Despite apparent moves toward complete democratization in South Korea, subtle repression still exists there, a UNC professor told about 50 people Monday night in the Union.

Sang-II Choi, chairman of the physics and astronomy department, said South Korea's history affects the current state of human rights. His speech was sponsored by Amnesty International as part of the Campus Y's Human Rights Week. A question-and-answer session followed the speech.

"I don't believe you can remove all the causes for human rights violations," said Choi, who left South Korea in 1956 and has taught at UNC since 1963.

He said the communist control of labor unions during World War II laid the foundation for negative feelings toward unions today.

The communists did not want the

economy to improve and resented U.S. presence in Korea.

Constant invasion by foreign powers also may have increased the Korean propensity for human rights violations, he said.

"When one people try to keep another people down, the only way to do it is by strength," he said.

From 1945 to 1948, he said, a great deal of torture occurred, and he heard rumors of shootings.

But, he said, the nation's police and military suspected communist dealings in most of these incidents, which made the police and military actions more understandable.

Along with the Korean War, Choi said these events and others in South Korea's history show that certain types of leadership must be avoided to preserve human rights.

Charismatic leaders should be avoided because they lead to authoritarian government, he said. Also, many South Koreans believe com-

promise demonstrates weakness and should be abandoned. Military officials should learn to tolerate dissension, he said.

"Military and civilian people should start to feel that dissension is a strong component of democracy," he said.

Despite subtle remnants of flagrant human rights violations, Choi said the government's moves toward democratization are not a sham intended to draw respect from the international community.

The government is serious about democratization, but if it does not follow through on its promises of democracy, the country's radical youth would react violently, he said.

Choi said the 1988 presidential elections would be authentic. He said he did not think the administration of President Chun Doo Hwan would react negatively if he lost the election.

"He (Chun) cannot go back on his word," Choi said.

Policy

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the disclaimer from the tickets.

Smith Center ticket manager Kenneth Brown said Monday the disclaimer is not on the back of UNC football and basketball tickets, which are not issued by Ticketron.

UNC did not instigate the disclaimer, Brown said.

"I'm probably 100 percent sure it's not illegal because every coliseum can search," he said. "Every concert now, they do look in your purse. If they want to search, they're allowed."

Ticketron officials said the disclaimer is solely for the benefit of the Smith Center and other facilities that sell the tickets.

Albert Zaleski, Ticketron area manager for North Carolina and Virginia, said the disclaimer is on the back of all Ticketron tickets. "We do it on behalf of the building," he said. "It is up to the building to allow or deny entry."

If the disclaimer is illegal, Zaleski said, Ticketron would simply remove it from the back of the tickets.

Susan Ehringhaus, assistant to the chancellor, said she didn't know the disclaimer existed, and she was puzzled by it.

"The University has no intention of violating any law or Constitutional provision," she said. "The security

services and management of the Smith Center have been briefed on what the law permits and on what it doesn't permit."

Maj. Robert Porreca of University police said the disclaimer does not affect police actions.

"Law enforcement officers will not be searching based on that ticket."

A case similar to this was brought against the Greensboro Coliseum in 1973, according to NCCLU officials.

Liz Wheaton, NCCLU administrative assistant, said the Greensboro Coliseum — a municipally funded facility — had a policy to search everyone who entered a concert. The NCCLU challenged this policy in federal court, and won the case.

NCCLU lawyer Simpson said the NCCLU would consider pursuing a case against the Smith Center.

"If they are actually doing the searching, we'd be interested in pursuing it," he said. "If this is being implemented, if they're actually searching, then we would be interested. If all it is, is something on the back of the ticket, I don't know about that."

"The state attorney general has made it pretty clear that this sort of policy is unconstitutional," Simpson said. "I'm not even sure the state would defend it."

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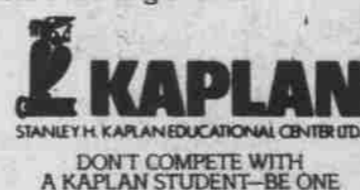
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