

N.C. film industry brings money, jobs

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The movie industry brought a record \$384.1 million to North Carolina in 1987, ranking the Tar Heel state fourth nationwide in movie production, Gov. Jim Hunt said Wednesday.

Last year 16 movies, six made-for-television films and 13 short features were filmed in North Carolina, as well as \$28 million in commercials, said Bill Arnold, director of the N.C. Film Office.

The new figures are 44 percent higher than in 1986, when the industry generated \$266.5 million for North Carolina's economy, Arnold said. The new year promises to bring similar increases, he said.

In the past three or four years, an increase in N.C. movie production has created about 600 technical jobs, 600 acting jobs and 8,000 extras jobs for North Carolinians annually, Martin's statement said.

The \$384.1 million estimate is calculated from \$128 million that

production crews spent for lodging, catering, extras and other direct services, Arnold said. This direct spending is tripled by a ripple effect as the revenue circulates through other businesses, he said.

When Gov. Jim Hunt created the film office in 1980, 44 other states already had similar offices, and North Carolina lagged behind in movie recruitment, Arnold said.

"You could count the movies made in North Carolina before our (film office) establishment pretty much on one hand," Arnold said. "Our timing turned out to be good, though."

The movie boom prompted improvements in existing studios and construction of new facilities, making the state more attractive to movie makers, Arnold said.

In 1980, North Carolina hosted 11 movie productions, and the number has risen steadily since, Arnold said. Much of the increase in 1987 is a result of the governor's 1986 visits with Hollywood and New York

movie executives, he said.

"For example, Vestron was planning to film 'Dirty Dancing' in Canada until Martin visited them in New York, and it was filmed in the North Carolina mountains instead," Arnold said.

Martin will meet with Hollywood movie executives from Jan. 24-27 and hopes to attract even more movie companies to the state, Arnold said. California's state government is trying to reduce the flow of films from the state, but the N.C. Film Office expects to attract several movies, he said.

According to statistics, North Carolina lags behind third-ranked Florida's \$144 million movie industry revenues, Arnold said.

Florida's figures are misleading because they quote the total budget of each movie filmed there, said Bill Furney, Martin's press assistant. In some of the films, only one scene is shot in Florida, he said.

"If you take that into account,

North Carolina is number three (in movie production)," Furney said.

New York ranked second with \$2.3 billion in movie-related revenues, and first-place California reaped over \$6 billion from the movie industry, Arnold said.

The competition is getting tougher, but North Carolina has several big advantages, Arnold said.

"First, hundreds of North Carolinians are now well-trained in the technical aspects of film-making, so a whole crew does not have to be transported here, saving thousands of dollars," Arnold said. "Secondly, some of the nation's largest and best equipped studios and sound stages are already here."

"Finally, North Carolina has almost any kind of landscape and architecture a film maker could want — from mountains to the coast. They make every kind of movie here now, with a minimum of the chase, redneck-type adventure films they used to make (in North Carolina)."

Judge Bork resigns position on U.S. Court of Appeals

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Federal appellate court judge Robert Bork has resigned from the bench, telling President Reagan he wants to "publicly respond" to the charges that doomed his nomination to the Supreme Court, the White House announced Tuesday.

Bork's resignation letter was dated Jan. 7 but was released Thursday.

In a letter accepting the 60-year-old jurist's request to leave the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Reagan said: "The unprecedented political attack upon you which resulted in the regrettable Senate action was a tragedy for our country. All Americans are the poorer today for not having your extraordinary talents and legal skills on the high court."

The Senate on Oct. 3, 1987, denied Bork a seat on the Supreme Court by a 58-42 vote, culminating a long and tumultuous confirmation process that left Reagan administration officials embittered and prompted Reagan at one point to promise that he would send a new nominee "just as objectionable" to the Senate.

Israelis hold Palestinians

JERUSALEM — Israeli authorities detained 10 Palestinians in the occupied territories Thursday, apparently on suspicion of inciting resistance to Israeli rule. Seven were released later, two of them on bail.

According to U.N. figures, at least 35 Palestinians have been killed since unrest began Dec. 8 in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Six journalists in Arab east Jerusalem were among those rounded up Thursday, including Hanna Siniora, editor of the newspaper Al Fajr, who has called for mass civil disobedience against the Israeli occupation. The other four were doctors and lawyers.

Siniora said his detention prevented a planned meeting with U.N. envoy Marrack Goulding, who is touring the West Bank and Gaza for a report to the Security Council on the living conditions of Palestinian refugees.

Israel captured the territories, where 1.5 million Palestinians live, from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war.

Arafat bargains for recognition

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Yasser Arafat said Thursday he will recognize Israel's right to exist if it and the United States accept

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PLO participation in an international Middle East peace conference.

He said resolutions passed by the U.N. General Assembly supporting Palestinians' right to an independent homeland and calling for Israeli withdrawal from land seized in the 1967 war also must be included in the forum.

Security Council resolutions are binding on U.N. member nations but those passed by the General Assembly are not.

To reassure Israel about its security beside any Palestinian state, Arafat said he would allow U.N. troops to patrol the border on Palestinian territory.

Israel considers the PLO a terrorist organization and refuses to deal with it.

In Washington, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said of Arafat's remarks: "Our position on the international peace conference is that there has to be direct negotiations between Israel and its neighbors, but we also feel that an international peace conference perhaps could be a helpful vehicle."

Peace plan falls short of goal

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — President Oscar Arias on Thursday blamed himself and the other Central American presidents for their failure to achieve the major goals of his peace plan.

"There hasn't been the political will to comply," Arias told a news conference on the eve of a summit meeting of the region's five chief executives.

But Arias rejected the suggestion that the Central Americans are powerless to shape their own destiny in the face of interference by the superpowers of East and West.

Arias, who won the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize for devising and promoting the peace plan, declined to say whether he would seek an extension of the initiative beyond Friday's summit, which was to have marked the final deadline for compliance with the accord signed in Guatemala Aug. 7 by Arias and the presidents of Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

Compliance with the plan has varied from country to country, but none of the three warring nations has been able to achieve a cease-fire.

AIDS controversy surfaces at UNC

By DONNA LEINWAND
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As the homecoming parade wound down Stadium Drive last fall before UNC's football team played Wake Forest, spectators got their first glimpse of a float that would prompt letters to The Daily Tar Heel, outrage in the homosexual community and a Student Congress resolution.

Amidst crepe paper flowers, students had painted "Deacs have AIDS."

From increased awareness to decreased promiscuity, AIDS has wrought change on campus. But all the changes may not be enough to quell fears, curb hostility or halt the spread of the virus.

In 1981, AIDS first surfaced in appreciable numbers, striking mostly gay men living in urban areas. Few people outside the gay and medical communities knew the disease existed.

"At that time the gay community was so in the dark about AIDS, there may have been some belief that it was only a gay disease," said Mark Donahue, editor of Lambda, the newsletter for the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association.

Students at UNC often harass openly gay students, using AIDS as an excuse for their hatred, says Steve Sullivan, a CGLA member.

"I've gotten called 'faggot' in the street," he said. "There's a lot of homophobia, and AIDS just contributes to the fear."

Although many CGLA members have helped other campus causes, and its members were among the first to begin educating the local public about AIDS, Sullivan said few of the liberal campus groups have reached out to CGLA.

"We just realized we have to take care of ourselves," Sullivan said. "We've been educating people, teaching and practicing safe sex (sex with condoms) since the outset. People who want AIDS education don't want to be hooked up with us."

Members of the Carolina gay community banded with thousands of homosexuals nationwide to march in Washington, D.C., in early October. The march demanded equal rights for homosexuals and more funding for AIDS research and prevention.

Sullivan said the theme for the march, "Out and Outraged," illustrates the feelings in the gay community.

"It's barbaric the way gays and lesbians are treated," he said. "I think when the time comes when people look back at history of the 1980s, people will see it as a dark time for humanity."

But Jay (not his real name), a former UNC student who has AIDS, said both gays and straights have ostracized him because of the disease.

"I don't feel much a part of society," he said.

Despite being avoided because of his illness, Jay said AIDS gives him the opportunity to speak out.

"Everything I do, AIDS plays into it," he said. "If I decide to return to school, 22,000 students may boot me off campus because I have AIDS. But I have a lot of things to say, and I'm getting to say some things I want to say. You know, I speak at these panels on campus, and I'm the token AIDS patient. They listen to me. Maybe I'll make a difference for somebody else."

If a new Student Congress resolution is any indication of the campus mood, CGLA members have made a difference. The resolution, passed in November, condemns the homecoming float and calls for increased student awareness and education.

Speaker of the Congress Rob Friedman said the congress will probably do little else in the area of AIDS awareness.

"I don't think it's our job to legislate morality," he said. "We can promote awareness, and if the CGLA wanted money for an AIDS-awareness program, they'd probably get it."

Although the CGLA may be more vocal in its crusade for AIDS awareness, dormitories, Student Health Service, fraternities and sororities, and other student organizations have pushed the risk of AIDS to heterosexuals into the spotlight.

SHS provides AIDS-awareness programming to residence halls and offers brochures and films. Although only five dormitories have requested the programming, SHS officials say the brochures go quickly.

"Students are taking the information," said DeVetta Holman, an associate health educator at SHS. "We restock every week."

Despite media attention and campus programs, Holman said many heterosexual students still do not think they are as vulnerable to AIDS.

"We have a relatively well population on this campus," she said. "We need to clarify this false sense of security."

Jay said people may be inadvertently spreading AIDS on campus.

"You can't tell if someone has AIDS," he said. "The pictures they show in the papers of AIDS victims — the people are emaciated, pale, disgusting, sick-looking people. I look gorgeous. You can't tell when I walk by. But I'm probably not the only person on campus with AIDS. It could be Joe College next door."

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relieve traffic and parking problems in town and on campus. The large parking lots would be served by express buses that would bring the riders into town or campus.

Council member Julie Andresen said she was interested in the park-and-ride lots and hoped the town would not waste any time in building them.

Speed limits around the campus should be more vigorously enforced, committee members told the council. The University should also construct overpasses for pedestrians.

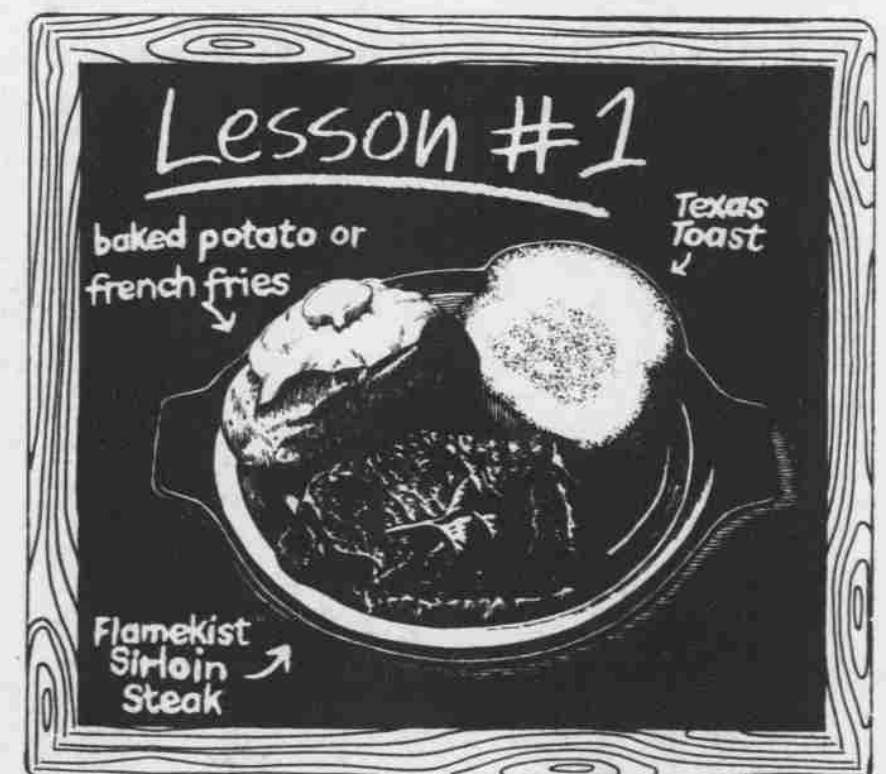
"What I have presented to you

tonight is a real consensus of this committee," Werner said. "This committee worked very hard together, and I am impressed with the work they have done."

The town council approved a resolution accepting the committee's recommendations, but they decided not to endorse the report. Howes said the report should be reviewed by the Chapel Hill Planning Board and the Transportation Board before the council endorses it.

The report will also be presented to the UNC Board of Trustees in February.

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