

Gubernatorial hopeful leaves Mass. campaign

From Associated Press reports
BOSTON — Lt. Gov. Evelyn Murphy dropped out of the governor's race Monday after her mutiny against Gov. Michael Dukakis ignited rebellion in her own camp.

The stunning reversal came less than a week after Murphy tried to prove she could lead state government, seizing the crown of acting governor when Dukakis went to Europe on a weeklong trade mission.

Murphy proposed various steps to slash state spending and solve the government's fiscal woes. But those maneuvers, which were blasted as a political stunt designed to rescue her campaign, caused a wave of defections from within her ranks.

Announcing her withdrawal from the Democratic race at the same podium where she revealed the budget proposals Friday, Murphy said: "Now there can be no confusion. This is not a political ploy. It is an honest and necessary act of leadership."

But Murphy campaign staffers said the main reason for the withdrawal was the simple fact that she could not win.

Michael Goldman, a campaign strategist, said surveys conducted over the weekend showed Murphy's support growing, but not enough to land her the nomination in the Sept. 18 primary.

He said Murphy made the decision Monday morning, and aides relayed it to one of her rivals, former state Attorney General Francis Bellotti, who has been leading in opinion polls.

Murphy said she would support Bellotti, adding "he comes closest to the values that are important to me."

There was no discussion about

giving Murphy a job if Bellotti should win, Goldman said.

The third Democratic candidate is Boston University president-on-leave John Silber, who has staked out the conservative wing of the Democratic Party along with independent voters.

Murphy's announcement came on the same day that Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn, along with other leading liberals, said he would back Bellotti.

Murphy had portrayed herself as a champion of the liberal wing of the party. But her support had begun disintegrating even before last week's revolt.

Murphy took command of state government when Dukakis left on a trade mission to Europe. Before his departure, she said she was waiting for him to leave so she could seize control of the state's ailing finances. Dukakis postponed the trip briefly, then decided to leave after warning that he would return if Murphy took any drastic actions.

Murphy's budget-cutting plans, which she predicted would save up to \$150 million, included executive orders to fire an estimated 1,000 workers and cut salaries for others. Murphy also asked agencies to cut their 1992 budgets 10 percent below spending levels for the current fiscal year.

Murphy reviewed those plans Monday with L. Edward Lashman, the state secretary of administration and finance.

Last week, Lashman said the projected savings under Murphy's proposals were highly inflated.

Dukakis had issued his own budget-cutting orders before the revolt.

Budget agreement elusive to negotiators

From Associated Press reports
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Stalled budget talks between Bush administration officials and congressional leaders reached the negotiators' self-imposed deadline Monday and participants began complaining publicly about the lack of progress.

"I would say the talks are going nowhere fast," Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said.

For a fourth day, bargainers haggled in the privacy of the officers' club of Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, 10 miles from the capital. With little progress to report, House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., the Democrats' chief negotiator, canceled a scheduled White House meeting with President Bush.

"There's no movement at the moment," said one official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In addition to Brady's comment, on ABC's "Good Morning America," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said White House Chief of

Staff John Sununu had indicated there was wide disagreement on most areas: taxes, spending cuts and the military budget.

"So we're still hopeful, but it's looking less and less optimistic" for a quick agreement, Fitzwater said.

The negotiators want to devise a package of tax increases and spending cuts that would slice \$50 billion from next year's budget deficit and save \$500 billion over five years. Next year's shortfall will be at least \$250 billion — a record — unless savings are found, a level that would trigger automatic spending cuts.

Before the talks began, bargainers said they had to shake hands on a deal by Monday to give Congress time to enact it by the Oct. 1 start of the coming fiscal year.

With the sessions producing little progress, participants have begun to talk about perhaps finishing in time for Bush's scheduled speech Tuesday night to a joint session of Congress.

But some negotiators are beginning to fear that the talks won't prove fruitful until after Oct. 1.

If there is no deficit-reduction plan in force by that day, the Gramm-Rudman law will automatically pare government spending by \$100 billion. Democrats and Republicans agree that a cut of that depth out of the \$1.2 trillion federal budget would be intolerably harsh.

"I'm optimistic that we'll get a deal at some point," Brady said. "I'm not optimistic that these particular talks will produce it in time."

The frustration was spreading to lawmakers left behind on Capitol Hill, some of whom began urging Bush to turn up the heat.

"He's reaching the point where he really needs to go over the head of Congress to the American people, and sock it to the Congress for not being serious about reaching an agreement," Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., said on the Senate floor.

Participants said fundamental disagreements remained over how deep to

cut defense and domestic programs and whose taxes should be raised.

Democrats want to pare at least \$13 billion from the \$303 billion defense budget, about \$8 billion more than Republicans.

Democrats were also trying to limit reductions in benefit programs such as Medicare, although officials have said the two sides were trying to complete a package that would cut those programs by about \$10 billion.

The two sides agree that about \$25 billion in new revenues is needed, but are clashing over how to raise the money.

Democratic proposals have focused on raising taxes for the wealthy and imposing new energy, gasoline and alcohol levies.

GOP tax offers have included higher rates for beer and alcohol and reducing the federal income tax break for state and local taxes.

One major dispute has been over the administration's insistence that the capital gains tax rate be cut.

3rd S.C. legislator pleads guilty to selling votes

From Associated Press reports
COLUMBIA, S.C. — Former state Sen. Rick Lee now joins two other former S.C. legislators who are awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to charges of trading their votes for cash.

"I made a very bad mistake and I'm going to have to suffer the consequences," Lee said Monday morning

after U.S. District Court Judge Falcon Hawkins accepted his plea.

"We're looking for the best, but preparing for the worst."

Although Lee was the first of the five lawmakers charged to say he would plead guilty, former Reps. Robert Brown, D-Marion, and Daniel Winstead, R-Charleston, made guilty

pleas last week. The court will sentence the legislators about 30 days after a presentence report has been completed by the U.S. Probation Office.

Lee faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Lee's Spartanburg attorney, Mike Spears, says he does not believe Lee knows any information that would help

the FBI, but federal authorities have said more indictments may follow.

A Republican from Boiling Springs, Lee resigned his Senate seat two weeks ago after being indicted on charges in August that he had violated the Hobbs Act, a federal law banning acceptance of money or gifts in return for votes or favors.

Meeting

on this subject."

Joel Sipress, Graduate Students United co-chairman, said the General Administration had done an ineffectual job in dealing with and preventing the cuts. Spangler and Jay Robinson, UNC-system vice president of public affairs, have remained silent about the cuts, he said.

N.C. legislators are blind to the effects of the budget cutbacks, Sipress said.

"It's very demoralizing to find out that people who are representing the University are not keeping the policy makers sufficiently informed of the particular effects of the budget cuts,"

Protest

read a telegram at the outdoor meeting that they sent to President Richard Nixon expressing concern over the Cambodia invasion and the tension it had caused on campuses.

Sitterson said he feared how the University would react to the national events, but that the campus remained peaceful. "The campus, I thought, handled the whole situation remarkably well," Sitterson said. "We didn't have any violence and we didn't close the University."

"Communication between administration, faculty and students was so free and open during that period, which in my opinion is why we didn't have any violence."

Packer said the violence that had erupted on other campuses was another fear for UNC students. "There was a lot

of anger at that time, a lot of fear," she said. "There was violence on other campuses, and there was no telling what was going to happen here."

Peter Filene, another student who participated in the protests and now is a UNC history professor, said there were definite differences between the '70s protest and the present budget crisis.

"The crisis we have at this point is serious, but abstract," he said. "The crisis back in April of 1970 was remote, in a way, but it was very concrete — four students were killed. People didn't know what to do."

His friends had a hopeless feeling about the war, Filene said. "My friends were feeling a sense of futility," he said. "We were going to do what we could do to stop the war and to spot the killing at

ing ovation from others at the meeting.

Hackney said he had supported drawing upon those funds for educational assistance. "I did support the diversion of money from the Highway Trust Fund, but I'm a minority," Hackney said.

Hildebolt said students were obligated to react to the cuts by taking personal action, encouraging their parents to get involved and talking to people at other universities.

"It is our duty to go out and to tell the legislature, to tell our parents and to tell the people of the state that our education is invaluable."

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Campus Calendar

TUESDAY

11 a.m.: The Black Student Movement is having a membership drive in front of the Union today until 2 p.m. through Friday (\$3 for a year's membership).

3 p.m.: Career Planning and Placement Services will hold Job Hunt 101: Basic information on how to use the UCPPS office for Ph.D./Chemistry students in 207 Venable.

4 p.m.: The Volunteer Action Committee of the Campus Y will hold its first meeting in front of the Y. VAC does everything. Come check us out!

UNC-Soviet Exchange Program will hold its first meeting in 226 Union. No language requirement. New faces needed. "The Russians are coming!"

UNC Field Hockey Club will practice on Ehringhaus Field.

5:30 p.m.: Carolina Fever will have a combination meeting/cookout in the Forest Theatre. Bring a drink and \$2 for food with you. This is a very important meeting, and we want everyone there!

7 p.m.: UNC Best Buddies, an organization in which UNC students become buddies to mentally retarded children, is having its organizational meeting in 106 Gardner until 9 p.m. Mandatory meeting for all interested. For more info call 929-4376.

The Tarheel Recycling Program will meet in 208 Union. Interested in adopting a paper or aluminum recycling bin in your residence hall? Want to learn more about recycling and help make the UNC Recycling Program successful? Please come! For more info call the Campus Y.

The Carolina Critic will have its fall general interest meeting in 208 Bingham. We promise. We need writers, artists, production assistants, sales representatives and anyone else with an opinion. Campus Roundtable, a biweekly television show, features student political discussion and is produced by us for STV. Interested? Please come!

7:30 p.m.: Alpha Epsilon Delta, pre-med fraternity, will hold an organizational meeting in 224 Union. Members and rushees are more than welcome.

8 p.m.: The Campus Girl Scouts will meet in 218 Union. Old members come and help plan events for the coming year!

The UNC Young Democrats will meet in 205 Union. UNC political science professor Thad Beyle will speak. All are welcome!

11 p.m.: WXYC FM 89.3 will play the new album from Dead Can Dance: *AION*, in its entirety with no interruptions.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Modernextension, UNC's modern dance company, will hold auditions on Sept. 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Women's Gym. Interested male dancers are strongly encouraged to attend!

The N.C. Association of Educators Student Program is having a membership drive. Interested in education/teaching? Come by Peabody from lobby through Sept. 21. Monthly meetings, newsletters, conventions. NCAE!

The Student Supreme Court has applications for Associate and Emergency Justices available in Suite C of the Union. All applications are due by 5 p.m., today in Suite C.

The Opeyo! Dancers will have auditions from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 13 and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 14 in Studio B of the Women's Gym.

The University Counseling Center is offering a Black Graduate Women's Support Group for African-American female graduate and professional students at UNC. For info or to sign up, call 962-2175.

The University Counseling Center is looking for new members to join its Dissertation Support Group. For information/registration, call 962-2175.

Student Health Service announces that a Diabetes Educational Group is now forming. Call 966-6562 for information/registration.

PlayMakers Repertory Company will open its 15th season with "You Never Can Tell," Sept. 12, through Oct. 7 at the Paul Green Theatre. For information call 962-PLAY.

UCPPS announces that the Foreign Service Written Exam will be held on Oct. 27. Deadline for receipt of application is Sept. 21. Applications are available in 211 Hanes.