

WORLD BRIEFS

House votes to release list of check bouncers

WASHINGTON — House Democratic leaders gave in to Republicans' crying cover-up Thursday and moved toward identifying 355 current and former members who wrote bad checks at the chamber's bank. Members of the House had scheduled a vote late Thursday evening on a bipartisan measure that would release all the names, not just a group of 24 present and former lawmakers labeled as "abusers" by the House Ethics Committee.

Several lawmakers rushed to confess their overdrafts in an effort to limit political damage.

One of them, Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Texas, estimated he had written between 75 and 85 rubber checks during the 39 months reviewed by the House Ethics Committee.

But Wilson said he had merely taken advantage of what had been an accepted practice for a century.

"It's so strange how things turn out to be big deals that you just never dreamed," Wilson said.

The short list was expected to be released in about 10 days, and the full version about 20 days later.

With the political ground quickly shifting, Democrats repudiated their

own leadership, which had held out for releasing only the smaller list.

The Democrats buckled under Republican comments charging that the majority wanted to protect its members. Democrats far outnumber Republicans in the House, and the list of lawmakers with overdrafts presumably would also be top-heavy with Democrats.

The House ethics committee, which spent five months investigating rubber check writing, said 296 current members and 59 former members wrote bad checks at the bank during the period under review.

— The Associated Press

Campus Calendar

FRIDAY
 NOON: CGLA Lesbian Lunch will meet in 220 Union until 1:30 p.m.
 1 p.m. Juggling Club will meet in Carmichael Ballroom.
 6 p.m. BISA is having worship service followed by a potluck dinner in the Wesley Foundation.
SENIOR NIGHT OUT at Players. No cover for seniors.
SATURDAY
 8:30 a.m. Physicians for Social Responsibility is having a retreat on "The Cold War Is Over Or Is It?" in the Wesley Foundation. Call N. Arthur Coulter, M.D., 942-9365/2994.
 10 a.m. ZTA Franklin 5K Race to benefit ARC and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Call 942-4416 for information.
SUNDAY
 7 p.m. Presentation by Eagle's Eye will be held in the Carolina Inn. Sponsored by UCPPS.

ARTS

'Nuts' addresses prostitution, sanity plea

By Elizabeth Oliver
 Staff Writer

Trials of prostitutes are fairly common occurrences. After all, prostitution is a crime. But what happens when a prostitute is accused of killing one of her clients?

This kind of trial, with an added twist, is the focus of "Nuts," a production of Campus Theater.

In today's courts, it's common for an alleged murderer to undergo a sanity trial before being tried for committing a crime. Though most people use the insanity plea as a way to hedge around more serious punishments, this is not the case in "Nuts."

Claudia, the prostitute whose trial is the center of the production, hopes to be found sane and later plead not guilty to the charge that she murdered one of her clients.

Claudia's parents and a psychiatrist join her on the stand. Her parents hope Claudia will receive a verdict of insanity and thus endure a lighter punishment for her alleged crime.

Some people may remember the movie "Nuts," which starred Barbra Streisand. Though the two productions have the same basic stories and characters, Campus Theater's version centers totally on the sanity trial of Claudia and not on her character's life outside the courthouse.

As seen in recent movies such as "JFK" and "Fried Green Tomatoes," trial scenes are usually an intense part of any production or screenplay. Given



Cast members Crystal Feimster and Tom Quinn rehearse for "Nuts"

that "Nuts" is all about a trial, it should prove to be an intriguing and exciting experience for the audience.

Campus Theater also tries to interact with the viewers as much as possible by having the courtroom lawyers act near the audience. In fact, the viewers may feel as though they are Claudia's jury as the actors gesture and talk to them.

Though people will certainly have their own opinions regarding the play and the issues it addresses, co-director Anna Weinstein says one issue seemed to stand above the rest: the seriousness of prostitution as a crime.

As the prosecuting lawyers repeatedly badger Claudia about her past prostitution activities, Weinstein says, it almost seems as if her former sexual behavior is more indicative of insanity than the alleged murder itself.

"Nuts" was chosen by Campus Theater because it has six main roles rather than the conventional one or two. The talents of the actors involved are tapped more effectively with so many principle roles.

Campus Theater joined UNC's theater scene in the middle of last semester when it was formed by Anna Weinstein, Chris Qualls and Duncan Boothby. The group has received a good response from students: Each performance has had large audiences and plenty of aspiring actors auditioning for available

roles. "Nuts" is the group's third production.

Though the story of "Nuts" already seems intriguing, Tom Quinn, a senior speech major from Greenville who plays a district attorney in the play, says that what makes the play really stand out is that it "makes the strange really familiar."

Given the group's innovative approach to the play as well as the intriguing issues confronted, "Nuts" should be a performance that lawyers could find guilty only of excellence.

"Nuts" will be performed at 4 and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, in 111 Murphrey. Admission is free.

Calls

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violated," Doyle said.

Thomas handed out slips of paper at the rally with Hardin's home and office phone numbers and a message for supporters to read when they called him.

Thomas said the supporters' intent in calling Hardin was not to harass or annoy him but to find out if he was considering their demands and had changed his mind about his response to the groups.

"We're not trying to annoy the chancellor," Thomas said. "That is not harassment. It is our right to call our chancellor to find out if he's doing his job. I'll probably call him at eight o'clock tomorrow morning to see if he's changed his mind."

Jane Bethay, Hardin's secretary, said Wednesday after the rally she had received about 12 calls so far.

"We hope the calls don't interrupt business," she said. "All we can do is just answer them as they come in."

Beverly Frey, Hardin's housekeeper, said Hardin and his wife left town Wednesday morning to attend the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament. She said she had not received any phone calls while at the Hardin's house.

"This phone is not manned (this weekend)," she said. "There's not much chance they're going to get hold of anyone if they call."

Thomas said she hoped the phone calls would force Hardin to give the BSM a written response to their demands.

"We've given him the boundaries of where we expect our free-standing newly constructed black cultural center to be," she said. "It was very specific. There was no way for him not to understand what we were asking for."

Lee Richardson, a BSM member, said he was calling Hardin because if many people called, it might elicit a response from the chancellor.

"Only through mass action do we get action and results," he said. "I feel he will have some type of conviction... or at least get tired of us 'bothering' him."

BSM member Rhonda McCoy said she felt it was time to stand up to Hardin's slowness in answering the BSM's needs.

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Correction

In the March 12 Daily Tar Heel article, "Bulls belong in Durham, council says," Chapel Hill Town Council member Roosevelt Wilkerson cast the dissenting vote in a council resolution supporting Durham's efforts to keep the Durham Bulls playing in Durham Athletic Park.

The DTH regrets the error.

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