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Wish you were here

The gusty winds and cold rain that greeted returning University students no doubt left many wishing they were still vacationing on the coast enjoying some of last week's spring weather. The

weatherman is predicting partly cloudy skies for today, with a chance more blue sky and sunshine by Saturday. But it won't last long, the weather service says; rain will return on Sunday.

Recovering Reagan was hit by ricochet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite some pain, a high-spirited Pres. Reagan got out of bed and set to work in his hospital suite Wednesday as aides indicated he may be released by early next week — and make a major trip before the month is out.

White House physician Daniel Ruge declared late in the day that "the president continues to make excellent progress toward full recovery" from the bullet wound which punctured his left lung in Monday's assassination attempt.

"He has experienced some pain, which is normal for ... an injury and surgery of this type. He is now resting comfortably," Ruge said.

Earlier, Vice Pres. George Bush said after a visit that "the president is doing so well ... it's really amazing."

Meanwhile, James Brady, the presidential press secretary shot in the brain during the assassination attempt, was

making a "truly exceptional" recovery and may regain more mental functions than had been hoped, brain specialists said. He remained in critical condition and his doctors said they were "cautiously optimistic."

John Hinckley, charged with trying to kill Reagan, underwent three hours of psychiatric testing to determine if Hinckley is competent to stand trial. He is being held at the Quantico, Va., Marine base, south of Washington.

As for the shooting itself, sources who declined to be identified say investigators now believe that Reagan was hit by a ricochet from one of the six bullets fired instead of being struck directly.

Two bullets hit Reagan's limousine and the investigators say the president was probably hit by the bullet which struck the rear door. The investigators found microscopic traces of paint on the bullet removed from Reagan and the

entry wound was more ragged than it would have been had he been struck directly, the sources explained.

Reagan was moved into a private room in a surgical ward and a "full-time office" was set up nearby for staff members, according to presidential counselor Edwin Meese. Meese said the president may be sent home from the George Washington University Hospital early next week.

White House chief of staff James Baker and his deputy, Michael Deaver, who with Meese make up the triumvirate that directs the White House and administration operations, spent about 10 minutes with the president shortly after 7 a.m.

At the White House, Bush filled in at the president's only previously scheduled appointment for the day, presiding at a National Security Council meeting he would have attended an-

yway. Reagan originally was scheduled to speak to the Illinois legislature in Springfield.

Deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes said plans were going ahead for a Reagan meeting scheduled for April 27 and 28 in San Diego, Calif., with Mexican President Jose Lopez-Portillo. The trip may include a stop across the border in Tijuana.

A trip to Cincinnati next Wednesday for the opening game of the Major League Baseball season was canceled.

The White House took over "virtually a whole corridor" at the hospital, Speakes said. All told, 11 rooms were set aside for White House use. There were "lots" of jelly beans — Reagan's favorite confection — in the room, assistant White House press secretary Mark Weinberg said.

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Groups protest reduced funding



Committee cuts may lower fees

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Several student-funded University groups, sure the Incident Fee Committee made mistakes in their budget recommendations, pleaded their cases Wednesday afternoon.

ESCAPE director Jim Doty argued for field-studies program printing and duplication money for almost an hour.

"ESCAPE is a paper-intensive program," Doty explained. "It's a cross between a University service and a class."

Under its 1981-82 budget, students who enroll in ESCAPE courses must purchase a program manual that in the past has been provided free-of-charge.

"We can't sell the manual until they're printed, and we can't print them on credit," Doty said.

After a lengthy, rambling discussion, the IFC approved the \$1,200 loan by 4-1 vote, with chairer Jon Neiderbach dissenting.

Neiderbach proposed loaning ESCAPE enough print manuals for next fall term instead of releasing the entire loan at once.

"The people getting the service should pay the lion's share," Neiderbach said.

But Doty answered that master copies of the manual cost almost \$100 each time it is printed.

The committee rejected ESCAPE's \$117 request for other printing costs, paring it to \$25.

Although the IFC only approved a portion of ESCAPE's appeal, Doty said he was happy with the results.

But he said it is difficult to predict what a program's expenses will be 18 months in the future.

In other business, the IFC approved an appeal from Women in Communications, which requested \$20 for stationary.

But the Muslim Student Association was not as fortunate as the preceding groups. The IFC denied its appeal for additional funding for travel expenses of guest speakers and for educational films and books.

MSA representative Ahmed Altwaijri said he plans to appeal the committee's decision to ASUO Pres. Dave Eaton.

The IFC released about \$3,200 from reserve funds to the Foreign Student Organization for two cultural programs.

Land, Air and Water was awarded a supplementary budget request to pay for a guest speaker's travel expenses to an April conference it is sponsoring.

Committee member Susan Harris was absent.

University students will see a reduction in their incidental fees next year if this year's Incident Fee Committee continues in its budget-cutting ways.

Pending appeals and veto hearings, which begin this week, the IFC has cut more than 9 percent from this year's incidental fee budget, allocating \$493,837 to the ASUO programs, about \$53,000 less than last year.

Budget hearings for the EMU will be held later this quarter, and the part of the incidental fee allocated to the Athletic Department — \$17 per term this year — has yet to be determined.

Although several programs have sustained budget cuts up to 75 percent, ASUO Pres. Dave Eaton, who recommended a sharper decrease in the programs' budgets than the IFC has allocated, and IFC Chairer Jon Neiderbach predict the cuts will have minimal effect on program services.

"We (the IFC) cut fat; we didn't cut meat" from the program budgets, Neiderbach says. He adds that most programs can live with the cuts, since only eight have appealed their allocations.

More than \$100,000 allocated for the 1979 and 1980 program budgets remains unspent.

However, not all program directors agree that the cuts won't affect their programs' services.

"I think the IFC expects the programs to continue the same services with less cost, and that's just an unrealistic expectation," says ESCAPE Director Jim Doty.

"It (the 20 percent cut in the ESCAPE budget) is definitely going to be felt."