

Feminist Millett warns of troubled future

By KATHERINE LONG
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Writer, artist and professor Kate Millett warned of a grim future for men and women all over the world in a speech before about 800 people Tuesday night in Memorial Hall.

In her two-hour speech, Millett spoke about the future under the Reagan administration and the increase in torture as a means of governing, calling on women to become more politically active.

The address was sponsored by the Association for Women Students, National Organization of Women and Triangle Area Lesbian Feminists.

"All progress to which the last 20 years have been devoted seems to have come to a halt," because of the conservative movement, she said. "Most of it is centered around a so-called economy of budget. Money is cut back, denied, transferred to weaponry, military, bigger bombs, bigger missiles."

Millett said the Reagan administration's economic plan would take away from the poor to aid the rich and support a military buildup.

"We are, in fact, a scared people," she said. "The future has disappeared for us — and with it much of our hope.... This is an America for which

I feel very alienated. It makes me very sad."

Millett holds undergraduate degrees from the universities of Minnesota and Oxford and a doctorate from Columbia University. She has taught at a number of schools and has written six books, including *Sexual Politics* and *Flying*.

She told her audience that the fight for equal rights must continue. "Freedom is a large word; it demands a long struggle," she said.

Saying it was important for women to be active, she mentioned a women's protest at the Pentagon last Sunday that brought a sudden outburst of clapping and cheering from the audience.

Speaking of the government, she said: "They have accumulated nuclear bombs. They are determined to produce the billion-dollar MX missile. They have revived the cruel old killer — nerve gas. And they have brutally cut day care, women's shelters ... and proposed the Family Protection Act. They have made racism a new force action and stopped the ERA again."

Millett also discussed the history of the women's movement, saying women had tried to gain equal rights for 80 years.

"(There have been) so many women who worked so hard and gained so much," she said. "The prejudice today would not surprise them."

"Freedom is a large word, and women struggling for that freedom are one-half the human race. You're not dealing with that great a number in any other case."

Millett also spoke for about an hour about "certain forms of authoritarianism, so dominant, so dangerous that the political ramifications impinge on all of our lives."

She said government record-keeping and spying had become widespread and that the government controlled citizens today. She talked about terrorism and torture, recounting the time when she was arrested and beaten by police in Iran.

"Torture is practiced routinely in almost all countries in the world now," she said. "It is very much how most governments govern. The U.S. is responsible for a great deal of the atrocities." Millett said many instruments of torture and torture methods were manufactured or taught in the United States.

"This is the '80s," she said. "It is a matter of what we are going to do about it. We must decide to dissent again."

She called for a rebirth of international feminism and said women had to learn to demand and build unions and guilds.

"We women will play a bigger role in the '80s," she said. "We are an international movement."

Slide show, panel discussions to attract minority RAs planned

By TERESA BLOSSOM
Special to the DTH

A program designed to expose minority students to the resident assistant selection process begins at 8 tonight in Hinton James Residence Hall.

"Being an RA: A minority perspective" is the theme of the slide show and series of panel discussions which feature current RAs, assistant area directors, assistant tower managers and area directors who are black.

"The goals of the project are to inform minority students about the selection process, to tell what it's like to be an RA and to get them to apply," said Pauline McNeill, an RA in Cobb and one of the coordinators of the program.

Jody Harpster, associate director of residence life for University Housing, said that one of the concerns of the department each year was to increase the number of minority applicants.

"With the number of minorities increasing on campus, we need more black RAs," he said.

Presently, there are 17 black RAs. Two assistant area directors, one assistant tower manager and one area director are black.

Harpster said the number of blacks on South Campus was large enough to provide a collective voice to get diversity in activities.

"But on North Campus, there are halls with only a total of three or four blacks, and while the government may listen to their suggestion for floor or dorm activities, the government will go with the majority," he said.

Harpster said that increasing the number of black RAs on North Campus would provide a support system for blacks living there.

The panel discussions are scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday in Cobb and 8 p.m. Dec. 2 in Morrison Residence Hall.

Applications will be available Nov. 30 in the Housing Department and are due by 5 p.m. Jan. 15. They can be turned in to area directors or to the Residence Life Office in Carr Building.

Mayor to open new courthouse

Chapel Hill's new district courthouse, built in the renovated post office building on Franklin Street, will be officially opened at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Chapel Hill purchased the building from the Postal Service in 1979 for \$250,000.

As one of the sale's conditions, the post office will retain a 25-year lease on the building.

A \$330,000 renovation of the building added a courtroom that seats 100 people, three conference rooms for attorney-client meetings, judge's chambers, offices for the judge's secretary and offices for the district attorney and staff.

The town is planning to construct a ramp for handicapped persons at the front of the building next spring.

The district court offices were moved to the new site in August.

Chapel Hill Mayor Joe Nassif will preside at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Other speakers will include Town Council member and former Mayor Jim Wallace, Secretary of the department of Natural Resources and Community Development and former Mayor Howard Lee and Chief District Court Judge Stanley Peele.

—KAREN HAYWOOD

College Republicans seek to train campaigners

By AMY EDWARDS
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In an effort to attract more college-age campaign workers, representatives from the College Republican National Committee came to Chapel Hill Tuesday night and spoke to the UNC College Republicans about a unique "school" that teaches principles of campaigns and elections.

Seven to 10 representatives of the UNC Republican group will attend a Student Fieldman School at Wake Forest University this weekend. The school, sponsored by the CRNC, will train participants for

future jobs on state and national political campaigns.

"The program has been very successful in training people," said Denis Calabrese, a CRNC speaker who outlined the goals and format of the school to the UNC group.

On Friday, participants in the school will discuss political organization and campaigning on college campuses, Calabrese said. State and national politics will be discussed Saturday, and students will divide into groups to plan a mock campaign for candidates in the fictional state of Columbia.

On Sunday, the school will discuss

campaign issues and will learn how to defend the Republican viewpoint more effectively on many issues likely to surface in coming elections. The groups will present their Columbia projects to the school's leaders, who will critique their proposed campaigns, Calabrese said.

He also said students who completed the school would be eligible to submit resumes to the CRNC's talent bank, a national placement service that provides Republican candidates with college-age campaign workers. "(The school) creates a vast pool of highly trained campaign workers," Calabrese said.

Calabrese said Republican candidates

realized the value of college support. "Ronald Reagan gives a lot of credit for his victory in Massachusetts — (Sen.) Ted Kennedy's stomping ground — to his youth campaign," he said.

He emphasized that trained workers were eligible for full-time salaried jobs, not just volunteer envelope-stuffing and canvassing. If a trained student wants to work on a specific candidate's campaign, the talent bank will send the worker's resume and telephone number to that candidate's campaign manager, Calabrese said.

Summer jobs and full-time, semester-long positions with possible college credit are available in Republican campaigns, he added.



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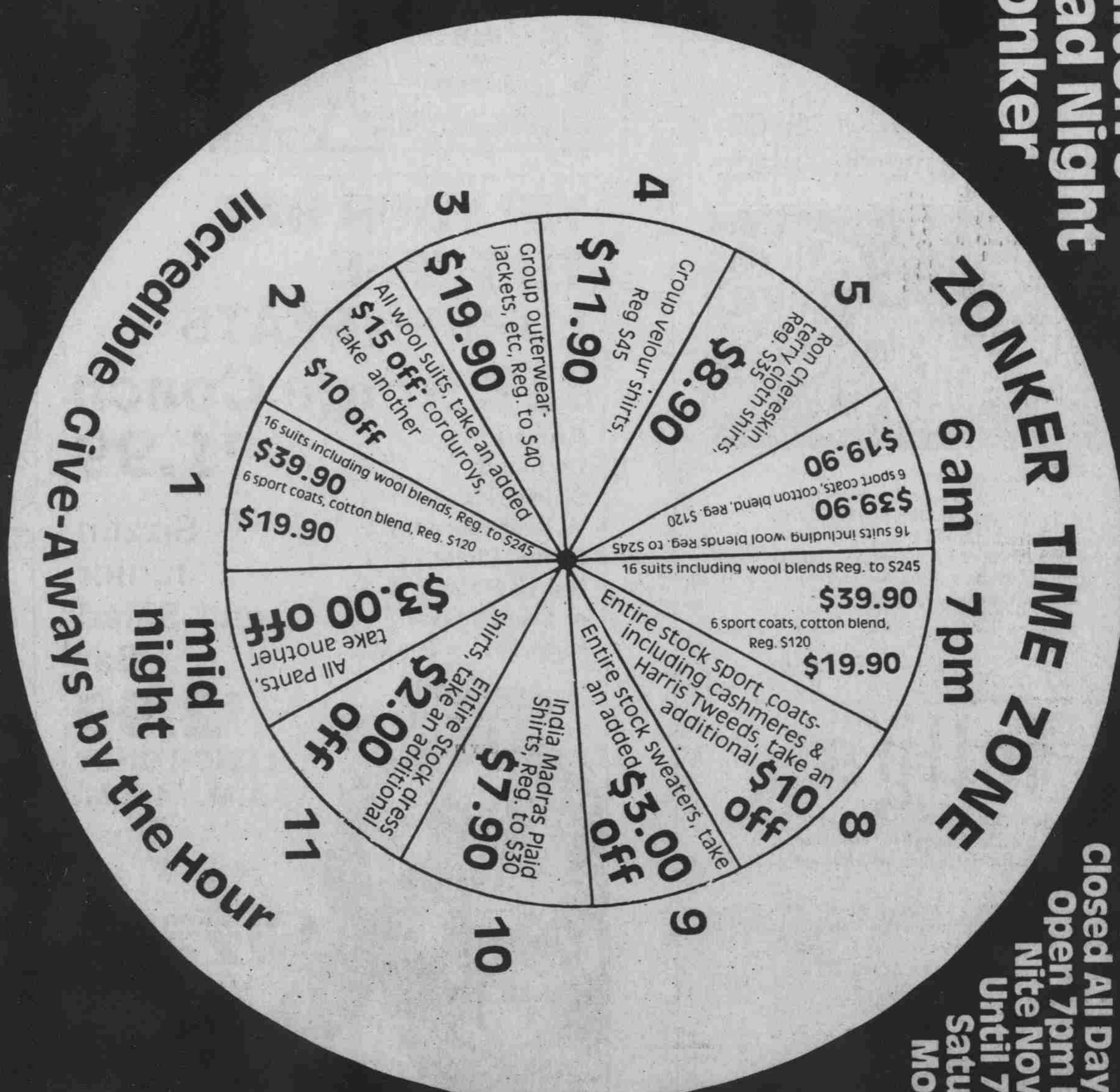
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