

# Speaker criticizes military spending

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Much of the poverty and sickness in underdeveloped countries around the world could be avoided if the \$800 billion spent on arms each year was used instead for food and medical supplies, a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility said Monday in the Student Union.

In a Human Rights Week speech, Dr. Art Coulter, president of the local chapter of PSR, said the projected military budget of the United States had increased from about \$180 billion in early 1981 to nearly \$500 billion in 1990.

"That's a much greater budget than the budgets of whole governments in other countries," he said, adding that foreign aid has increased very little since 1962.

Coulter showed slides to the small group attending to illustrate his point that military spending by the nations of the world had become excessive and unnecessary.

From information shown in one slide, Coulter said that \$300 million for foreign aid to immunize newborns could be obtained if the arms race was halted for only three hours and \$7.5 billion could be used to control malaria in developing countries if the arms buildup was stopped for four days.

Part of the excessive spending is due to the fact

that the Pentagon is paying outrageous prices for items that would cost very little on the commercial market, Coulter said. He said that a hammer reportedly cost the Pentagon \$436 and one screwdriver cost \$265.

"And then there was the famous case of the \$7,622 coffee pot for transport planes," Coulter said. "The reason it cost so much was because the Defense Department specified that it must function at an altitude of 90,000 feet and at a temperature of below 200 degrees Celsius. In other words, it had to function in conditions incompatible with human life. Maybe it's for robots," he said.

While a metronome ticked in the background, Coulter told the audience that "with every two beats of the metronome (approximately two seconds), a child in a developing country contracts a totally preventable illness and is maimed for life."

He said most of these diseases could be prevented by a vaccination program and by a clean water supply, to which only four percent of the population of underdeveloped countries had access.

The World Health Organization has developed an Expanded Program of Immunization to deal with the crisis, but so far has been able to raise only a fraction of the money needed to carry it out, Coulter said.

"It would require a significant investment, but compared to (the money spent on) the arms races it's

pitiful," he said.

He said the efforts of WHO had already resulted in the eradication of the disfiguring and highly fatal smallpox disease. "You hear a lot of criticism about the U.N., but there are a lot of worthwhile things going on there that we just don't hear about," he said.

The Physicians for Social Responsibility were influential in the establishment of the Limited Test Ban treaty between the United States, Soviet Union and Great Britain in 1963, Coulter said, adding that he feared that an opportunity for a similar treaty would be overlooked in the Geneva summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"There is a possibility of having a comprehensive test ban treaty now," he said. "The Soviets have declared a unilateral moratorium on weapons testing until the first of the year, and they have said that if the U.S. would join them, they would continue it."

Whether the Soviets are being faithful to this public declaration is a matter for satellite detection devices to determine, he said.

He praised organizations such as Students Taking Action for Nuclear Disarmament and the North Carolina Center for Peace Education for the work they were doing to curb weapons spending and development.

## Superpower summit begins

From wire reports

GENEVA — President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev began the first superpower summit in six years Tuesday with a private 64-minute meeting before joining top advisors twice for negotiations.

The private session between the two men had been scheduled to last only 15 minutes. President Reagan said after the talk that the two men had been "very business-like." The two summit sessions plus the private talk lasted over four hours.

The summit resumes today at the Soviet mission compound where Gorbachev will host the talks. Under an agreement between the sides, details of the talks will be blacked out until the end of the summit.

### 2 Syrian fighters shot down

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli warplanes shot down two Syrian fighters in a two-minute dogfight over Lebanon Tuesday, in what military sources called the first major encounter between the two air forces since the 1982 Lebanon invasion.

Lebanese and Israeli armies both reported the Israeli planes returned safely to their bases. Syria issued a military statement saying its fighters confronted the Israeli planes only after the Israelis crossed into Syrian air space, saying nothing about its planes being shot down.

An Israeli army spokesman said his nation's planes were intercepted during a routine patrol over Lebanon. Lebanese sources agreed the dogfight developed when the Syrians tried to intercept the Israeli jets.

## news in brief

### Kate squalls in Florida

KEY WEST, Fla. — Schools and public transit systems closed in Miami's Dade County Tuesday, as Hurricane Kate roared over Cuba, hitting the Florida Keys and Miami Beach with blinding squalls.

The National Hurricane Center said the Keys would not be directly hit by Kate if the hurricane kept its present course, heading south of the island chain into the Gulf of Mexico.

Hurricane warnings were dropped for south Florida except the middle and lower Keys by Tuesday morning.

### Mrs. Mandela in Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed black nationalist Nelson Mandela, remained in Johannesburg Tuesday despite an order by security police to return to her home by last Friday.

Mrs. Mandela flew to Johannesburg Friday after spending two weeks visiting her husband at a Cape Town hospital where he underwent surgery for an enlarged prostate gland.

Four blacks died Monday in South Africa of gunshot wounds suffered in weekend riots that claimed at least 13 lives. Authorities said 129 blacks were arrested in other rioting incidents around the country Monday.

## Vietnam has irony of horror with thrill

By ANDY TRINCIA  
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Dr. Richard Lucas' brother was a clerk typist in the Vietnam War. One night he was awakened in his tent by strange noises and got out of bed. While attempting to get dressed, mortar fire exploded and shredded his left arm. He was 23.

Lucas, staff clinical psychologist at the Durham Veterans Administration Hospital and associate professor of psychology at UNC, told a small group of students Monday during a Human Rights Week speech in the Student Union that he had a special interest in the problems faced by Vietnam veterans.

His brother and brother-in-law both came back from Vietnam as totally different men. They were hospitalized for psychological therapy in California within three weeks of their return to the United States. "They have never been the same," Lucas said.

Lucas said his brother was suicidally depressed after coming home. His brother-in-law thought he was embodied with the powers of Jesus Christ. These symptoms are not uncommon of Vietnam veterans, often diagnosed as having Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. PTSD can involve veterans, rape victims or anyone else who has been through a traumatic experience that gives them flashbacks, nightmares or recurring thoughts of some horrifying incident.

Lucas said nearly one-half of the one million Americans who went to

Vietnam suffered from PTSD or will acquire the disorder later. Three million served during the Vietnam War and 58,000 were killed, 20 of which were women, he said.

Lucas sees about 25 patients monthly at the VA hospital. Many of them bring gruesome images of Vietnam into consultation, he said. Some of these images include GIs blowing up women, children and other civilians, hills being destroyed by battleships, homemade napalm bombs and blood running down the arm of a GI as he kills his 400th Viet Cong.

Lucas said it was ironic that with all the horror of the Vietnam War, there was some thrill for the young soldiers.

"There is something unsettling for Vietnam vets," he said. "It's like a Scout jamboree with bloodletting. There is the irony of horror with the thrill of it all."

Lucas said he was encouraged by efforts to help or recognize Vietnam veterans, specifically the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Lucas told students to respect Vietnam veterans, many of whom find discrimination when looking for jobs.

"A large percent of them are consciously employed or want to be," he said. "They don't want to be perceived as raging maniacs ready to bust into someone's life. All they're saying is, 'Hey, don't expect the worst from us. Just give us a chance.'"

## Council requests rezoning of lodge

By WAYNE GRIMSLEY  
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The Chapel Hill Town Council asked Town Manager David Taylor to find ways to rezone the Masonic Lodge on East Franklin Street so that it could be converted into an office building.

William E. Brenner and William E. Brenner Jr., owners of the building, wish to convert the lodge into doctors' offices by rezoning the land for commercial use.

But the town manager's report opposed neighborhood-commercial use, saying that banks, auto repair shops, barber shops and retail businesses would also be permitted in this area if it was rezoned.

The Planning Board also voted against the neighborhood-commercial use in September, saying the new zone would neither correct the zoning plan nor be appropriate to changing conditions.

The property is allowed to be used as if in a residential area because of a special use permit issued in 1960.

Robert Page, attorney for the Brenners, said his clients would not mind if the area was rezoned for office-and-institutional use, which excluded more businesses than a commercial use zone.

Past leader James Jennings of the Masonic Lodge said the freemasons could no longer afford to operate it and sold it to Dr. Brenner. "We wanted to make certain the building still fitted the

character of the area," Jennings said. Brenner Sr. said the property should be changed to doctors' offices because doctors had inadequate office spaces and the medical community was increasing.

"This is becoming a regional medical center," he said, adding that if they want to ignore the smokestack industries and bring in the health care business, the town must provide facilities to the specialists.

The president of the Franklin Hills Home Owners Association said he was strongly against the lodge rezoned as neighborhood-commercial, saying it would create urban sprawl in Chapel Hill's "oldest and richest areas." However, he said he would not oppose office-and-institutional use.

Many residents living near the lodge and Masonic Lodge members came to support the rezoning that would create doctors' offices in the building.

Mayor Joe Nassif and council member Bill Thorpe reminded the audience that they were talking about how to zone the area and not deciding whether to put doctors' offices on the property.

"Who's against a doctor's office?" Thorpe asked. "Nobody's against that. But that's not what we're talking about."

Council member David Godschalk said that a conditional zoning permit, which would designate the building for one specific use, should be considered for the property.

## Forum stresses needs of poor

By KATHERINE WOOD  
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Discussions about helping the homeless, the working poor and others in need in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area were held in the Student Union Tuesday as part of Campus Y's Human Rights Week.

The Rev. Richard Edens of the United Church and the Inter-Faith Council for Social Services and the Rev. David Stanford, associate for Campus Ministry at the Chapel of the Cross and president of Habitat for Humanity, addressed a small group of students about what their organizations were doing to help the needy.

Edens presented a slide show on the history of the Inter-Faith Council and its accomplishments since its creation in 1959. The Council has expanded from a group of seven to an organization of 700 volunteers with three divisions that serve the community, Edens said. Those divisions — individual, community and general services — offer loans, grants, food and homes to the poor, he said.

"The Inter-Faith Council is a living

institution that is continuing to grow and creatively expand," Edens said.

While the Inter-Faith Council offers a variety of service programs to the needy, Habitat for Humanity focuses on providing housing to the "working poor," Stanford said.

"Eighty percent of the people who work for the University or the town cannot afford to live in Chapel Hill," Stanford said, adding that many of the working poor do not have decent housing.

Habitat for Humanity seeks to build housing at a non-interest and non-profit price because "housing is a big issue in terms of self-image," Stanford said.

The group recently received a 77-acre grant on West U.S. 54, on which it hopes to construct 44 to 48 houses, Stanford said.

He also said Habitat for Humanity hoped to receive three lots from Carrboro out of funds the town received from a recent block grant.

The Inter-Faith Council and Habitat for Humanity each need volunteers and financial support, the two representatives said.

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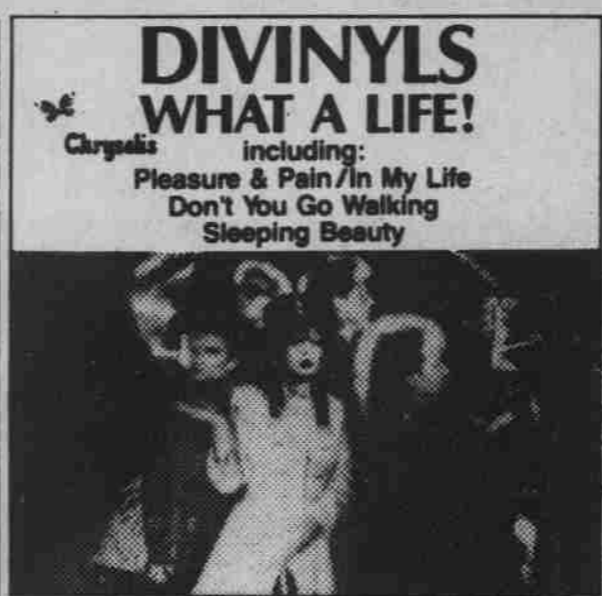
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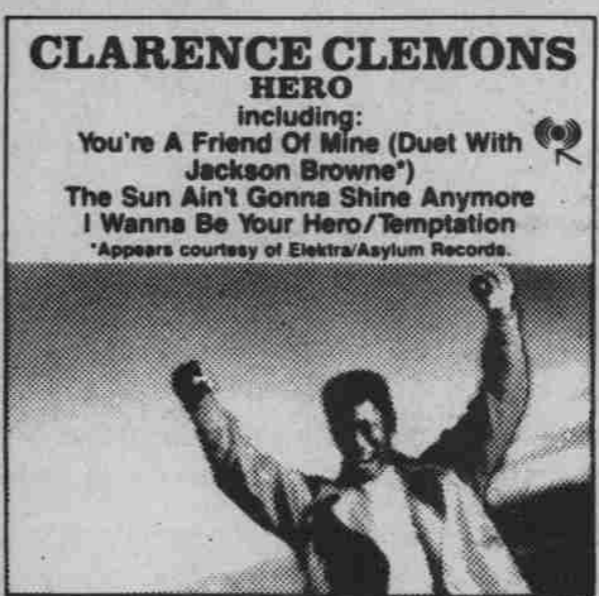
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