

Thornburg says party needs unity

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Democratic Party members must remain active to hold ground against the Republican Party, N.C. Attorney General Lacy Thornburg told an audience of about 75 during a speech Tuesday night in the Carolina Union.

Thornburg's speech, "Justice and the Democratic Party," was sponsored by the UNC College Democrats.

Justice and the Democratic Party have always gone hand in hand, he said. Although the party is still in good condition, Democrats must avoid complacency, he said.

"We have to get the idea out of our minds that once we nominate a candidate, we can sit back and that candidate is automatically going to be elected," he said.

He outlined steps the party should take to increase its strength to compensate for the popularity gained by the

Republicans in recent years. In the face of Republican growth, Democrats must make renewed efforts to get their messages across, he said.

Thornburg referred to President Reagan's September speech to N.C. State students. The students supported Reagan because they did not understand the Democratic message, Thornburg said.

"If he (Reagan) accomplished what he said he was going to do, . . . half of the students who were standing there applauding would not be able to attend that university in Raleigh," he said.

Thornburg said unity was important for the Democrats to convey a strong message. Winning primaries is only half the battle in supporting a candidate, he said. "Once our candidates are chosen, then we all must be together in the fall."

Democratic candidates on the local level must be actively supported, just

as state and national candidates are, he said.

"In order for the Democratic Party to remain strong in the state of North Carolina, we have to elect those folks at the local level . . . who provide strong foundation for those of us who are in statewide races," he said.

Thornburg, a 1954 graduate of the UNC law school, encouraged his listeners to pursue an active life in the Democratic Party. "The only way the Democratic Party can remain strong is to encourage those of you who want to participate in government to get in there and work and take your lumps early and move into the party structure."

Thornburg attacked the Reagan administration's handling of the deficit problem. "The Republicans have piled up, in the few years that Reagan has been in office, a greater deficit than was

piled up by all of the predecessors," he said.

The \$700 that the average citizen pays on interest on the deficit cannot be used to help the people who need the money, he said.

The N.C. State Attorney General's office is preparing for what it sees as a probable extension of the farm crisis in the state because of Republican policies, he said. Republican policies may cause a wave of farm foreclosures in North Carolina similar to that of the western states.

Thornburg discussed the N.C. Department of Justice as a financially small but significant institution. Although its budget and employee total is small compared to other departments, the justice department touches more departments than any other, he said. Every other department needs advice and assistance from the department, he said.

Gorbachev rejects arms control proposals, conditions summit

From Associated Press reports

MOSCOW — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev rejected President Reagan's new arms control proposals Tuesday and said timing of the next summit hinged on an "understanding" about banning nuclear tests or eliminating medium-range missiles in Europe.

Convening the 27th Communist Party Congress with a speech that set the tone for the Kremlin's new generation, Gorbachev sharply criticized Reagan's stand on space weapons, his rejection of a freeze on British and French arsenals and his call for cuts in the Soviet Union's Asian nuclear forces.

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"It is hard to detect in the letter we have just received (from Reagan) any serious preparedness . . . to get down to the business of eliminating the nuclear threat," Gorbachev told the 5,000 delegates to the congress.

Gas prices up slightly

WASHINGTON — A tiny 0.1 percent increase in gasoline prices helped hold consumer prices overall to a moderate 0.3 percent increase in January, the government reported Tuesday.

Decisions speaker stresses world responsibility for environment

By **KEITH BRADSHAW**
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Balanced economic growth in developing countries without further environmental damage is the responsibility of Americans as well as the Third World, environmental consultant Norman Myers said Tuesday.

"Everybody's hand is on the chainsaw at work in the developing world," he said.

Nearly 300 students, faculty, and area residents attended the speech in the auditorium of Hanes Art Center. Myers' lecture was the fifth in the Great Decisions program, a series of weekly speeches on foreign affairs sponsored by the Office of International Programs.

The developing world is of economic, financial, strategic, and ecological importance to the United States, Myers said. For example, he said, 40 percent of U.S. trade is with developing nations, a percentage equal to total U.S. trade with all other developed countries except Canada.

"Everybody has a solid stake in Third World development," he said.

The Third World, however, can no longer be properly spoken of as a group, he said. Such countries as South Korea, Taiwan and Malaysia will soon join the ranks of the world's rich countries. But other countries like Ethiopia, Bangladesh and the Sudan remain extremely poor, he said.

"They just aren't going to make sufficient progress in the foreseeable future even to join the Third World," Myers said.

In the world's poorest countries, agriculture, forestry and energy experts need to work together to produce economic development without sacrificing the environment, he said. Otherwise, eroded topsoils can silt up dams, while

the loss of forests can cause local and even global climate changes.

"You can't tackle development one sector at a time," he said.

The destruction of tropical forests is particularly serious, Myers said. For example, undiscovered plants remain in the world's jungles which might offer superdrugs for medicine, he said. A drug from a periwinkle flower in Madagascar has increased a child's chance of surviving leukemia from one in 10 to nine in 10 since 1960, he said.

"Just think how many more plants there must be," he said.

The burning of tropical forests to clear land for cattle and crops is helping to raise the world's average temperature, which could shift world rainfall patterns in 30 to 50 years, Myers said. The American West could suffer acute drought while the Soviet Ukraine receives more ample rain.

"It may well be that your great Grain Belt might stand to become unbuckled," said Myers, who is English.

Western lifestyles encourage the loss of rain forests, he said. In Central America forests are burned to provide pasturage for cattle destined for U.S. hamburgers, he said.

"Deforestation in Central America is not due to a population explosion," he said. "It is due to an explosion of demand for cheap beef in the developed world."

The distribution of income is also a serious problem in many Third World countries, such as Brazil and the Ivory Coast, Myers said. Even when there is rapid economic growth, only a small elite with Western ideals and lifestyles may benefit, he said.

"The increase in the economy in the Ivory Coast is almost entirely going to the top five or ten percent," he said.

UNC group sponsors clothing drive

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The UNC Anti-Apartheid Support Group is holding a clothing drive for the needy in Carrboro and South Africa through Thursday.

Students can contribute clothing, as well as food or money, to the drive — anything the needy can feasibly use, Support group member Paul Pickhardt said. Members will collect door-to-door, but students can also leave donations at the Campus Y, he said.

Half of the material collected will be given to the needy in Carrboro, and the other half will be sent to a United Nations relief organization to be distributed to black South Africans, group member Herman Bennett said.

Collecting for the needy is a humanitarian gesture,

Bennett said.

"Both (the needy in Carrboro and South Africa) are important," he said. "By concentrating on local needs, the external can be reflected through the internal. We want to make a linkage between the two."

Student involvement is important, Bennett said. Helping community members will make the group's goal to aid South Africans more tangible, he said.

Pickhardt said he coordinated the clothing drive. The group printed fliers to educate students on the South African issue and inform them of the drive, he said.

"Seventy-five percent of all blacks are living below the poverty level as of 1980," Pickhardt said. A lot of people seem to think South Africa is a rich country, but blacks in townships don't have any of that, he

said.

"Blacks make up 70 percent of the work force, but they only earn 26 percent of the income," Pickhardt said.

The Anti-Apartheid Support Group, established last semester, advocates total divestment of University funds from businesses with ties to South Africa, Bennett said.

Concerning divestment, Bennett said he was not sure how substantial the University Endowment Board's new policy on divestment will be.

"In final analysis, I suspect it (the Endowment Board's decision to divest all of its stock in businesses that give direct and substantial support to the South African government) is only a trickle, and what we need is a flood," Bennett said.

Student Congress officers seek positive, effective image

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The Student Congress wants to establish a good image as its first goal for the new session, recently elected officers said in an interview Monday.

Sophomore Ben Burroughs (Dist. 20), said as speaker pro-tem, he was concerned that in the past the image of the Student Congress has been negative. "I'd like to help get a positive image out to the student body," he said. "I'd like students to know how we do what we do."

Speaker Janie Sitton said the past year's bad publicity for the Campus Governing Council — the former name for the Student Congress — must be overcome so that student government can be effective.

"A large part of our effort is reorganization," Sitton said. "We want to

keep very clear records on what we do."

She said the Student Congress was working on compiling changes previously made in the Student Code in an effort to clean house.

"Student government as a whole is going through a new transition," Sitton said. "The new student body president (Bryan Hassel) is a sophomore and hasn't been extensively involved in student politics.

"We're fairly young ourselves," she said, "however, I think we have a lot of energy and the capacity to do a great deal for the University."

Some major issues facing the Student Congress were the mandatory meal plan, the drinking age and problems between the Division of Student Affairs and students, Sitton said.

A sophomore from District 11, Sitton was chairperson for the Rules and

Judiciary Committee last year. This year's committee chairperson is sophomore Rob Friedman (Dist. 16). Freshman Jody Beasley, Dist. 16, heads the Finance Committee. Student Affairs Committee chairperson, David Edquist (Dist. 1), is a first year law student.

Sitton said the Congress was so young, because only four members returned from last year's CGC as representatives in the Student Congress, and two of those became CGC members in October.

Beasley said he didn't think being a freshman put him at a disadvantage as a committee chair. "The first couple of weeks in office will be a learning experience," he said. A major goal is to keep the Finance Committee problem-minded, Beasley said. Communication is integral to keeping things in line.

Friedman said he would bring his experience as a member of the Hinton James governing board to his office. "I'd like to reform the elections laws," he said, "because in the past election they were slightly insufficient." The Rules and Judiciary Committee would "go over the laws with a fine-tooth comb," he said.

Friedman also said the committee would work on making referendums clearer on ballots in future elections. "People didn't really realize what they were voting for (in past elections)," he said.

Student Congress officers agreed that keeping in tune to student's needs was important. "This Congress especially has a lot of energy behind it, since we're a new bunch of people," Friedman said. "If we keep that energy going we can make the University a better place."



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