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New Zealand bristles at pawn treatment

By MATT BIVENS
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The people of New Zealand are concerned with nuclear proliferation and are against nuclear arms and the arms race, the Honorable Sir Wallace Rowling told a full house at the Hanes Art Center Tuesday night.

Rowling, New Zealand's ambassador to the United States and the country's former prime minister, spoke about "The Pacific Basin: Alliances, Trade and Bases," in the seventh of eight speeches in the Great Decisions '87 series.

Rowling said his native land has two main crops — grass and trees,

Great Decisions

and a population of 90 million 75 million sheep, 12 million cattle, and 3 million people. The national religion is unquestionably sports, he said.

New Zealanders are also fiercely independent, politically aware and dedicated to the ideal of democracy, and women have a heavy influence in the country's positions, he said.

The New Zealand position against nuclear proliferation began in the post-World War II years, when the

atomic powers began nuclear testing on islands in the South Pacific, Rowling said.

"The resentment and anger at the nuclear intrusion of that time ran deep and profound," he said.

Nuclear arms were not seen as a deterrent against wars in Vietnam, Afghanistan, Kampuchea and numerous other conflicts since World War II, Rowling said.

"Frustration came from the machinations of the superpowers, from seeing agreements reached and then, for convenience, set aside, like SALT II," he said.

In 1975, acting as prime minister,

Rowling introduced a resolution to the United Nations that eventually led to the creation of the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty, which declared the South Pacific off limits for nuclear testing and proliferation.

The Soviet Union and China have agreed to the treaty, with some qualifications, but both France and the United States have refused to ratify the treaty, he said.

"We bristle when we are sometimes treated as a pawn on the communist chessboard, simply because we won't come to heel at the Pentagon's command," Rowling

said. "There's more to it than that."

United States officials have said the United States can't be responsible for military aid to New Zealand while the nuclear-free zone exists, Rowling said, although relations between the countries remain good.

During a question and answer period, Rowling said the western response to the French bombing of The Rainbow Warrior, a Greenpeace ship, disappointed many New Zealanders.

"It caused a tremendous surge of outrage in New Zealand," he said. "We consider it an act of state-sponsored terrorism."



Wallace Rowling

Leaders discuss victory plans in closed session

By JO FLEISCHER
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UNC officials and student leaders held a closed-door meeting Tuesday with town officials to discuss plans for activities surrounding the possible advancement of the Tar Heels in the NCAA basketball championship.

A brief statement released directly after the 90-minute meeting said student, town and University representatives have met with town officials on several occasions. The purpose of the meetings was "to develop possible plans in the event the men's basketball team continues in the NCAA championship," according to the statement.

Details about specific plans made during Tuesday's meeting will not be released until an appropriate time. Dean of Students Frederic Schroeder said details of the group's plans were not released because it

would be presumptuous to do so before the Tar Heels face Notre Dame Thursday.

"To speculate further would be wildly premature," Schroeder said. "To look beyond this next game is not appropriate."

To avoid putting undue pressure on UNC's team, no plans will be released until after the two teams that will be in the March 30 championship game are decided March 28, he said.

Carol Geer, Carolina Athletic Association president, said the representatives at the meeting are looking only toward the Notre Dame game.

"That's the way they (the players and coaches) look at it, then if it's appropriate, we will go from there," she said. "We want the team to know we're focusing on Notre Dame, too."

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Friends forever

Michael W. Smith, a Christian rock singer, shared his music and personal conviction to an eagerly receptive crowd in Memorial

Hall Tuesday night. He used lyrics of his songs to paint his own view of contemporary life in his "Big Picture" tour.

Best for dorms is old and new

By LAURA PEARLMAN
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The most feasible option for renovating Old East and Old West residence halls is to maintain the historical appearance of the buildings while installing modern conveniences, according to the architectural firm hired by the University.

Thomas Amann, an architect who's studying the design of the buildings, said Tuesday that the architectural firm of Dodge and Associates in Raleigh is now studying the buildings to determine the most feasible use for the residence halls.

"Right now, we're looking to

upgrade the dorms to modern standards and leave them looking old on the outside, to turn part of them into offices or to connect the three towers in each dorm," Amann said.

"Of these three possible changes, the most feasible at this point would be to update the plumbing, electricity, phone hook-ups, and possibly add air conditioning to the residence halls, leaving them as dormitories," Amann said.

Dodge and Associates plans to submit its studies to the University within a week to 10 days.

Last November, the Old East Old West Task Force submitted

ideas about renovating the buildings to Wayne Kunkel, director of University Housing.

The architectural firm is determining the cost of implementing each of the task force's three proposals.

To upgrade the interior of the residence halls, the task force suggested that sinks be added in each room, overhead fans be installed, temperature controls be added in each room and the first floor of each residence hall be made accessible to handicapped students.

Another option suggested by

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Right wing wants Helms to run

By SHARON KEBSCHULL
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In a move to get what he views as a truly conservative candidate running for president, the head of Sen. Jesse Helms' political organization has mailed letters to the Republican's supporters asking them to convince Helms to run.

"If 50,000 or so can convince him to run, then he has a chance to be considered as a viable candidate," said Carter Wrenn, executive director of the N.C. Congressional Club, Helms' political organization.

The club mailed several thousand letters to Helms' supporters around the country last week, asking them to respond if they would support the Club's encouraging Helms to run. If

the majority respond positively, then the Club will send the mailings to its entire membership.

The letter also encouraged donations to pay for the mailings to the 120,000 total membership. The Club's goal is \$55,000, Wrenn said.

Helms has said earlier that he would not run.

"There is no one running now to light a fire under the conservatives," said Wrenn. "His record in the Senate would appeal to conservatives uniquely, more than any other candidate."

Wrenn said he thought Helms would consider running very seriously.

"He wants to do what is best for the conservative cause," Wrenn said.

"There's no doubt it would be a very hard campaign — any campaign for president is . . . but he's the most prominent leader of conservatives, and he has a national following."

"In the (Senate) campaign of '84, people from all over the country contributed. He could be an exceptionally strong candidate," Wrenn said.

Paul Shumaker, press secretary for the N.C. Republican Party Headquarters, said the letters came as no surprise, and the Club is just putting out "sounding boards" as they did in 1976 for vice president and again in a brief campaign in 1980.

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Movie theaters still thriving in North Carolina, across nation

By ROBERT KEEFE
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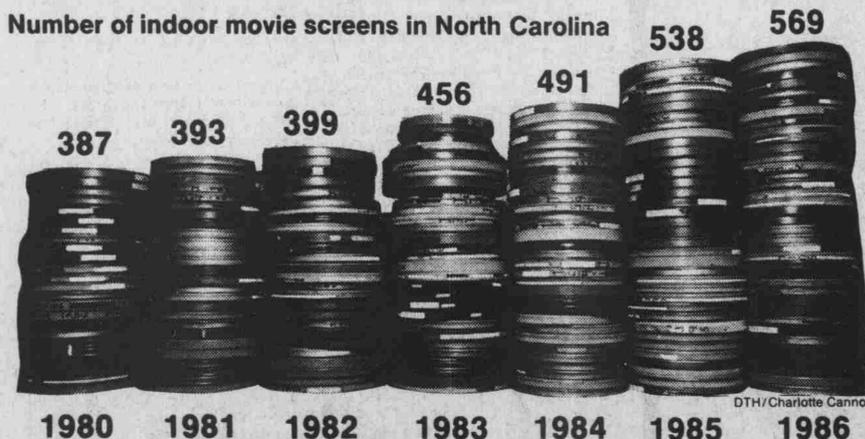
Every man, woman and child goes to the movies at least five times a year, according to the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA).

"The movie industry isn't exactly a dying business," said Bob Franklin, vice president of world-wide market research with MPAA. "Even when you're talking about home movies and cable, you have to realize that the original springboard for most movies is the theater. Movies don't play on VCRs and cable until they play in the theaters first."

The Motion Picture Association of America is a New York-based organization that works to further the interests of major film distributors around the nation.

According to the MPAA, last year's theater attendance was the second highest in history — 1.03 billion viewers. The highest attendance was 1.05 billion in 1985.

"I think that since 1974 there has been a pretty stable number of admissions across the nation," said



Source: Motion Picture Association of American, Inc.

Wayne Green, director of communications with the National Association of Theater Owners, also based in New York.

And with the high attendance

rates, movie theaters are still turning a good-sized profit. National profits were up 2 percent last year, at \$3.83 billion. 1984 was also the record year for ticket sales, with theaters raking

in around \$4.03 billion.

In 1984, North Carolina's 179 indoor theaters grossed about \$10.3 million, according to the latest available census statistics.

With 179 indoor movie theaters and 65 drive-ins, North Carolina ranks ninth in the number of theaters per state, behind states such as California (with 2,156 theaters), Texas (1,845), New York (1,369), Florida (1,292) and Ohio (877 theaters).

Though there have been no recent additions to the 10 screens in Chapel Hill, there were 31 screens installed in new theaters elsewhere in the state, bringing the total number of indoor screens to 569.

Many of these new theaters were opened in the Triangle area, including the Tower Merchant's Six on N.C. 64 in Raleigh, the six-screen Cineplex Odeon in Six Forks Station in Raleigh, and Carmike's eight-screen complex in Willowdale Shopping Center in Durham.

And as North Carolina and the Triangle continues to grow, so will the movie industry, experts said.

"What is happening now is that they (theater companies) are starting to bring the pictures to where the population is," Franklin said. "If you look at theater admissions in areas

like the Sun Belt (where the population is steadily growing) and in depressed areas (where population growth is relatively stagnant), you'll see the difference in the number of theaters seems to be a direct end result of where the people are."

Franklin said an 11-screen theater opened six months ago in his hometown about 40 miles north of New York City, where previously there was a single two-screen theater.

"It has been packed ever since," he said.

He added that the population in his area has more than doubled in the past five years.

"It's very difficult to fill a 3,000 seat theater," Franklin said. "But it is a little easier nowadays because you can put in more screens per acre, so you can afford to put in eight or 10 or 12 different screens in one theater."

This would appeal to a wider variety of movie goers that could fill a theater more easily.

Toronto-based Cineplex Odeon

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He that scattereth thorns must not go barefoot. — Thomas Fuller