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Fair Thursday. Cloudiness Friday, rain changing to snow Saturday, clear and cold Sunday.

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Nuclear disarmament, draft, Lebanon, Granada

Clarke covers the issues for UNCA Democrats

By Chris Streppa

The answer for Americans troubled by the escalating threat of war is to "elect another president in 1984," said North Carolina Congressman James McClure Clarke.

The College Democrats of UNCA sponsored Clarke's campus appearance Dec. 5.

Nuclear arms control is "the overriding issue of our time," declared Clarke. But, he added, many members of the House believe the Reagan administration is "not serious" about negotiating a nuclear freeze.

As a result, said Clarke, many representatives, himself included, voted for a bilateral nuclear freeze to "push the administration into serious arms negotiations."

The congressman pointed to the "swing group" of House Democrats that provided the margin for approving funds for the MX missile.

They did so, said Clarke, only after the administration made a firm commitment to take "meaningful steps towards arms control negotiations."

Clarke said he voted against appropriating funds for the MX missile. The expenditure, he explained, will amount to more than \$22 billion, or "about \$400 for every man, woman, and child in America."

In addition, Clarke questioned the value of

missiles housed in "fixed silos," sites whose locations are already known and "targeted" by the Soviet Union.

This, he said, makes the MX missile a "first-strike weapon," one that can only increase the danger of nuclear war.

Concerning the deployment of nuclear warheads in Europe, Clarke advocated that the United

States support its allies and honor all commitments made to them.

However, he added, "if they change their position, I think we should change ours."

With the threat of nuclear war growing increasingly ominous,

Clarke said it is essential for the United States to "persistently seek agreement with the

Soviet Union on arms control, regardless of "indefensible" actions such as the Russian shoot-down of a Korean airliner.

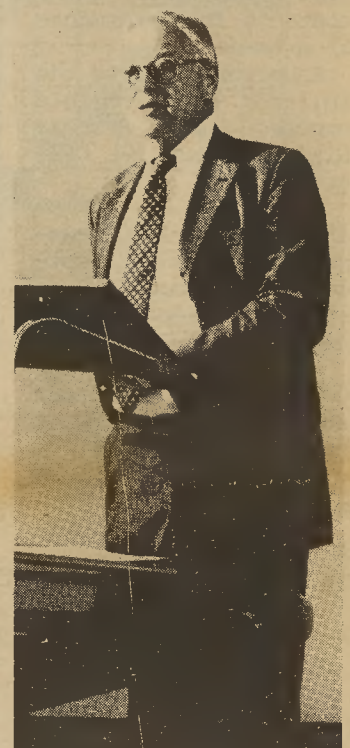
The political situation in Central America is a "tough problem," said Clarke.

He said the United States has made "numerous mistakes" in the past by supporting dictators who preserved their power at the expense of human rights.

He called the situation in El Salvador "gloomy and depressing."

It is a government based on terror, and murder, and death squads, he said.

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Congressional report: Rep. James McClure Clarke spoke in the Student Center Dec. 5.

Photo by David La Pour



"Did you hear the one about...?" Soviet soldiers joke together in a Moscow square. UNCA student Gary Davis caught them in this relaxed mood on his recent trip to the Soviet Union for eye surgery. For his story see page 6.

Photo by Gary Davis

Library catalog goes computer

By Anna Paulette Witt

Ramsey library is getting a new cat in January.

Its name is COMCAT and it can compute. Or at least it can be computed.

Because of this talent it is expected to soon expel the library's old cat, Catalog.

Actually, COMCAT is an acronym for Computer Output Microform Catalog.

And UNCA is the first of the 16 UNC sister institutions to get one.

"We expect COMCAT to be delivered Jan. 11; and we plan to imple-

ment it immediately," said Head UNCA Librarian Mel Blowers.

"COMCAT will provide library users with the same information as the card catalog," but without the large cabinets and the cards, said Robert Bland, UNCA technical services librarian.

Instead, said Blowers. Continued on page 2

