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## Former United States General illustrates the "Ironies of War"

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Retired General William Westmoreland, commander of all U.S. forces in the Vietnam War, gave a lecture at UNCA Monday entitled "The Irony of War."

"The Irony of War is that it makes for a world safe for democracy," said Westmoreland.

Westmoreland, 75 grew up in Spartanburg, S.C., and attended The Citadel and West Point. He has four Distinguished Service Medals, and in 1965, Time named him "Man of the Year." He has written his autobiography, *A Soldier Reports*.

Westmoreland defended U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War by saying the U.S. military, under presidential authority, holds responsibility to halt communism and to make a world safe for democracy.

Students protested outside the Owen Conference Center after the lecture, chanting "No more Vietnams. No more Vietnams," while holding a large white banner that read, "Democracy in action: 1.7 million Vietnamese killed.

Ecocide: Agent Orange is forever." In a question-and-answer discussion held after the lecture, a member of the audience asked Westmoreland, "Is the halt of communism worth losing all those lives?" He replied, "It makes the world safe for democracy."

A member of the audience spoke against the use of Agent Orange as part of the military technology in the Vietnam War.

Westmoreland said the Vietnam War was not fought in vain and history is proving it.

"The United States, by its military efforts, blocked the expansion of communism for 10 years, removing pressure on ASEAN," said Westmoreland.

ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations), an alliance of important third-world countries including the Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand, assisted the U.S. war effort in Vietnam. The U.S. helped protect ASEAN

countries, who were part of the non-communist world.

"These countries held importance to the U.S. because they had rich

mineral resources precious to the future of the United States.

"In the process of the war, America provided for those insecure countries 14 years to mature and develop self-confidence in running their own affairs," said Westmoreland.

A member of the audience retaliated against Westmoreland's defense of American military action by saying, "Dwight Eisenhower saw the folly of a strong military. There are non-militaristic ways of solving political problems."

Another member of the audience confronted Westmoreland with questions concerning the U.S. killings of Vietnamese children in the war.

"I don't know of children being intentionally killed. The rules of engagement we had went out of their way and they were enforced, I would say, 95 percent of the time, as much as humanly possible in order to avoid civilian casualties," said Westmoreland.

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Photo by Miranda Wyatt

General Westmoreland answered some of the commonly asked questions about the Vietnam War Monday at UNCA.

## Budget cuts affect schools

By Lane Hollifield  
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Across-the-board budget cutbacks applied by the North Carolina General Assembly are crippling universities and colleges across the state.

Members of the North Carolina Student Government Association (NCSGA) met for an emergency telecommunications video conference Jan. 29 to discuss and possibly arrive at some solutions to end this problem.

Student government officials from campuses across the state related stories of cutbacks, freezes on the filling of new and vacant positions and shortages of supplies. Hardest hit of these schools tended to be the North Carolina School of the Arts and North Carolina A & T.

NCSGA president Gene Davis explained that North Carolina is a no-deficit state. "If we don't have the money, we don't spend it," he said.

Davis explained that the General Assembly receives money

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## Campus blood drive exceeds expectations

### Sigma Pi wins SGA contest

By Michelle Franklin  
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The American Red Cross collected 118 units of blood during Wednesday's blood drive sponsored by the SGA.

The established goal, 70 units, was easily met according to Red Cross charge nurse, Mary Hyde.

"It has been a tremendous success," said Hyde. "Our goal was 70 and I know we've collected over 100 units because we had such a steady stream of kids all day long."

Maria Dickerson, SGA senior senator who has volunteered in past UNCA blood drives, also felt the turnout was good.

"It was a big improvement over last time," said Dickerson. "Everything was really organized and we got lots of help from student volunteers."

The Red Cross's September blood drive held in Lipinsky

Auditorium only collected 59 units of blood according to Amy Hollifield, Assistant Director of Donor Resources Development. One reason why Wednesday's blood drive held in the Highsmith Center proved to be more successful was because of the different location, according to Dickerson.

Another reason Dickerson gave for the high turnout was the SGA sponsored contest among campus groups. Groups could win by either having the highest percentage of turnout within the group and also by having the highest total turnout.

"To some extent the contest helped," said Dickerson. "It gets the groups motivated."

Underdog Productions was the winner of the percentage contest. They had a 40% turnout for the blood drive. Sigma Pi was second with a 31% turnout.

The winning group for the highest total turnout was Sigma Pi. They had a total of 14 members to give blood. Underdog Productions came in second with a total of 12 members giving blood.

The winning groups each received \$50, along with a certificate presented to them by the Red Cross.



Photo by Sandra Sigmon

An enthusiastic donor smiles for the camera

Other groups participating in the contest were Alpha Xi Delta, Kappa Phi, and Pi Lambda Phi. Dickerson expressed her thanks on behalf of the Red Cross and the SGA for the groups' efforts. "I

am really happy with the results of student participation and I hope we do as well next time," said Dickerson.

The blood collected during the next few months will be very

important to the Red Cross according to Hollifield. "Right now we are experiencing a national blood shortage and we are entering a high usage period."

Hollifield also said that the number one reason people don't give blood is fear, but that students should think that it could

blood several times. "So far I've given a gallon of blood," said Byrd. "I feel good about giving blood and helping other people out. I would like someone to do it for me if I needed blood, so I do it for other people."

UNCA staff, as well as students, participated in the blood drive.

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Sean Byrd

be their family member in need of blood one day.

First time donor Jonathan Anderson said he was nervous about giving blood, but he thought it was important. "You can save somebody's life by giving blood."

Robert McDaniel, another first time donor, said he gave blood because of his wife, Linc McDaniel, who also gave blood.

"She kept telling me that I was afraid and I couldn't do it," Senior Sean Byrd has given

Bookstore employee Krista Warwick said she gave blood because other people can use it. "It gives somebody else a chance to live."

Hollifield said the next Red Cross blood drive at UNCA is tentatively scheduled for April 26.

She also added that a person can give blood every 56 days, so persons who gave this time would

be able to give in April's blood drive.

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## Research articles being accepted

By Jami Shippe  
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The editors of UNCA's Journal of Undergraduate Research are inviting students to submit their original research articles for publication, according to John Stevens, director of the Undergraduate Research Program. The deadline for intent to submit an article for review is March 31. The deadline for submissions is April 15.

The journal, published by UNCA students, accepts articles submitted by all disciplines of the university.

"This journal is unique because there are few examples in the United States of undergraduate research journals, especially with student editors," Stevens said.

The editors plan to publish the journal in the late summer for distribution by Sept. 1.

Chemistry major Edward Lilly, one of six students published in the 1989 journal, plans to submit an article this year dealing with Mossbauer spectroscopy.

"The journal is an outstanding endeavor to get undergraduates into the field of research," Lilly said. "It speaks well of UNCA."

As well as publishing the journal, the UNCA Undergraduate Research Program formally established the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, which UNCA hosted in 1987 and 1988. The conferences attracted students and faculty from over 300 colleges.

"UNCA has played a leadership role in bringing together thinking on undergraduate research," Stevens said. "Establishing this conference has given UNCA much visibility and a national reputation."

The conference is held in different locations around the country. This spring, Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., will serve as host.

"There will be about 20 students and 10 faculty members from UNCA presenting papers at Schenectady," said Stevens.

Lilly participated in the 1989 National Conference held in San Antonio, Tex.

"Both the students and the faculty were very professional in their presentations," he said. "It was fabulous."

"The conference provided a special opportunity for me," Lilly said. "One of the top men in the field of inorganic chemistry, Harry B. Grey, was in charge of my presentation. It was interesting to meet and discuss my research with him."

Fine Arts major IV Whitman also participated in the 1989 conference. He presented research dealing with the convergence of life and art in a sculptural environment, Whitman said.

"The conference was incredible because of the concentration of students from all over the United States," Whitman said. "I met

people from Harvard, Cal Tech, UCLA, and Columbia."

Whitman would like to attend the conference this spring if he completes his research.

"The conference is an inspiring time for everyone there because everyone is excited about everyone else's ideas," Whitman said. "I was able to learn things that I would never have been able to learn without this exposure."

In 1991, California Polytechnical Institute will host the conference.