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The Graham Memorial Social Committee will meet from 4-5 p.m. in the Woodhouse

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Powell Says Letter Is Personal Opinion

By DON CAMPBELL DTH Staff Writer

"The opinions I signed my name to ar3 mine alone, Student Body President Bob Powell said yesterday, in discussing the open letter sent to President Johnson last week expresssing concern about the Vietnam war.

The letter was signed by 100 student leaders from 100 colleges and universities throughout the United States.

"i didn't sign the letter on behalf of the University or of Student Government," Powell said, "I signed it for my-

The letter, sent to the White House on Thursday, has received wide attention in newspapers and magazines throughout the country. Powell said the letter was

not intended to criticize or embarrass the president. "The letter is basically a

report of a growing feeling among students," he said. Powell said, "I sincerely believe there is a growing disaffection with the war and

The text of the student leaders' letter to President Johnson may be found on page 6.

especially with the draft." The letter was simply an expression of growing concern with the war.

"There is not the onerous stigma attached to trying to avoid the draft today, that there was in previous wars," he continued, "I think this is because of the nature of this war."

The war just doesn't seem important enough to die for,

Powell added. The story behind the letter has been widely confused, according to Powell.

The idea of the letter arose during the conference of the National Student Association last summer at the University of Illionois.

There was a discussion at the meeting about "who is most effective in protesting the conduct of war, liberals or radicals?"

It was decided, Powell said, that "responsible action could be more effective than using the rhetoric of the New

Left." Al Lowenstein, a former The steering committee



Bob Powell

graduate of UNC suggested the writing of the letter. Lowenstein is now a practicing lawyer and a Reform Democrat in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The delegates debated the suggestion, but could not agree on the wording of the gates met after the general meeting, at 2 o'cock in the morning. They invited Lowenstein to attend and make suggestions.

Powell said the group stayed up "all night" drafting the letter and distributed it to the 200 delegates the next morning. The delegates were asked to sign the letter and mark a box indicating whether they would "sign seen or sign unseen" in case the letter was redrafted.

A steering committee, composed of student leaders in the Northeast, was picked to make further drafts of the letter during the fall.

Drafts were then sent out to the delegates, asking to them to make any corrections they

By the 1st of November, Powell said, the final draft was made. Student leaders in different regions of the country were then asked to distribute the letter to student leaders in their region, giving them the opportunity to sign the letter.

By December 1st, 175 signatures had been received, 90 of them student body presidents.

body president signatures, and by Christmas that number had been reached.

"I was really surprised at the reaction in the South," Powell said. "Six people in this state signed the letter, four of them student body presidents."

"Some people may try to connect the letter with the NSA," Powell said, "But there's no connection."

"The letter was signed on an individual basis," he said, "Everyone who signed it had the chance to make any corrections in the letter to suit

"Furthermore, the letter is considerably more moderate, than the resolution on Vietnam passed at the NSA convention."

Does Powell expect an answer to the letter?

"We would like for the President to respond publicly." Powell said. "We tried to be honest in writing the letter and we certainly hope to hear from him." "As we noted in the letter

to the President," Powell continued, "In a speech to the letter. Some 200 of the dele- student interns last year, the President said he recognized and discussed problems that have been troubling members of our generation.

"We took this opportunity to discuss some of our thoughts. This is a report to him on how we feel about the

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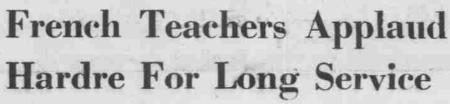
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THE FIRST WEEKLY peace watch was held vesterday noon in the chilly drizzle that sprinkled the some 100 to 150 silent protestors that stood for the lunch hour in a line that stretched from the post office corner up Franklin Street

to Suttons Drug Store. The peace watch was sponsored by the Chapel Hill Friends and was open to anyone wishing to join in the silent protest to the war.

-DTH Photo by Jock Lauterer

Pep Rally



Prof. Jacques Hardre, chairman of the Department of Romance Languages was singled out for special recognition at a meeting of the American Association of Teachers of French just concluded in New

Hardre was presented a silver tray for "distinguished services to the American Association of Teachers of

French from 1949-1966." The tray is inscribed with signatures of Hardre's collaborators over the past 17 years on the Executive Coun-

Hardre is a past president of the Association. The Assembly of Delegates further honored him in voting to amend the Association's Constitution so that he might remain on the Executive Council for a two-year term.

Prof. David M. Dougherty of the University of Oregon, president of the Association, appointed Hardre chairman of a committee to review functions and structure of the Association and to make recommendations for changes and formulate plans for the future of the organization.

had a good government, and

for an unsuccessful revolt

for four or five days." Then

the Cambodians began to ask

many questions about the Viet-

namese military, which he

"I was not against my peo-

ple, but only against the dic-

tator Diem." So he was put

in jail for fourteen months,

where he was seriously ill and

hunger strike set him free.

overthrown in 1963, he was

back in Vietnam to take com-

Saigon in 1964, all the gen-

erals met and asked Thi to

take the post of Prime Minis-

Is a total victory against the

sion and later I Corps.

ter. But he refused.

mand of the 1st Infantry Divi-

refused to answer.

I supported him."

against Diem.

attempt.

There will be a pep rally

at noon on Saturday in front of Carmichael Auditorium before the team leaves for Duke. All the cheerleaders and the Pep Band will be present. The rally is spensored by the junior class.

State Offers 25 Student

Twenty-five college juniors will be selected for this year's N. C. State Government Summer Internship Program.

Internships

They may attend college either within or outside the state, but must be N. C. resi-

After Geneva he command-The 11-week Internship Proed an Airborne brigade in gram is a blend of work and the Vietnamese Army. "At study. first I thought Ngo Dinh Diem

After an orientation week, participants will combine a 40-hour week in a state de-However, he came to see partment with two evening that Diem was not the man seminars a week on the N.C. for Vietnam. In October of 1960 State campus. he organized the striding force The seminars are led by

state officials, agency heads, and university professors, and Thi relates that he flew to deal with the political, social Cambodia after the ill - fated cultural, and economic facets of North Carolina. "There I was received well Interns will be paid \$75 a and entertained very lavishly

week while gaining three semester hours of credit at N. C. State.

The Internship Program is not limited to those students definitely entering the field of public service. It will begin June 6 and

continue through August 18. The Institute of Government will again be responsible for suffered much. A four day the program, as it has been General Thi does not talk Almost as soon as Diem was since 1962 at the program's

> The program was begun to encourage an interest in state government in North Carolina college and university stu-When Nguyen Kanh left It retains that objective,

while adding the second of helping students to contribute to the various branches of state government.

Application forms for the Summer Internship Program may be obtained from college placement offices, departments of busines, government, history, or political science in North Carolina coltory, then it is only tempoleges or universities, local offices of the N. C. Employment Security Commission, and the N. C. State Personnel

Department.

120 Protest In Viet Vigil By DON CAMPBELL

DTH Staff Writer

More than 120 University students and Chapel Hill townspeople stood in silent vigil on the sidewalk in front of the Post Office yesterday to protest the war

The vigil started at noon, with the protesters forming a single file line which gradually lengthened along the outside of the sidewalk towards the center of town.

For 60 minutes the protesters stood quietly, while television cameramen had a field day. At 1 O'clock, each protester shook hands with participants on either side and walked away.

All those asked said they would be back next Wednesday and every Wednesday thereafter until the fighting stops.

The idea of the peace vigil was first advanced by Dr. Charles Hubbel, a former graduate student here who now teaches at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

According to Professor Robert Gwyn, of the Radio, Television and Motion Picture Department, Hubbel wrote the Friends Meeting of Chapel Hill describing

Sophomores

New Major

which begin tonight.

the American culture.

geography.

ence, economics, sociology

based on the various subjects

to discuss requirements for a

major in the field.

the peace vigil, telling the m that the idea is being used in 67 communities throughout the The Friends Meeting here Will Discuss discussed the idea, endorsed it

and directed the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to organize the vigil. Gwyn said yesterday that although the Quakers had planned the demonstration, many Carolina's newest undergraparticipants were not mem-

duate major field of study, bers of the church. along with many of the tra-"We welcome anyone who ditional majors, will be diswishes to join in this vigil cussed in the series of majto express our sorrow and our ors seminars for sophomores protest," Gwyn said.

Asked if the vigil would last The newest major is Ameras long as the war, Gwyn said ican Studies. Designed to elihe hoped the war ends today minate departmental barriers, and would like to think that the new study deals with the the vigil helped to end it. interrelationships of the liter-

One bystander asked Gwyn ature, science, history, sociolwhat he thought was accomlogy, economy and politics of plished by the vigil.

"It makes some people feel American Studies will be better," he replied. discussed tonight with other There was no particular social sciences - political scicategory of people involved in

the demonstration. There were psychology, anthropology and professors, undergraduates, graduate students, business-Tonight's seminar and those men, and several very elderly which follow will begin with an introduction to the gener-

One woman held a baby in al field, and then the particiher arms. pants will divide into groups

There were three graduate students from Duke. They said they would be back every week, unless a simliar vigil Dr. Richard Lyon will diswas started in Durham. cuss the American Studies Each participant was hand-

major. Other professors who ed a sheet with suggestions on conduct to be observed in the will speak tonight are Dr. David Lapkin, economics; Dr. vigil. Frank Cloak, anthropology; It began simply: "Until Dr. David Basile, geography; Americans stop killing and be-Dr. Lewis Lipsitz, political sciing killed in Vietnam: A silent ence; Dr. Richard Cramer, sovigil every Wednesday noon to

UNC Students Given \$1.75 Million In Aid

ciology; Dr. Marcus Waller, express our sorrow and our

ly \$1.75 million went to 25 per cent of the UNC student body during the 1965-66 academic

The aid in the form of scholarships, loans and self - help work was administered by the Student Aid Office.

Scholarships totalling nearly \$350,000 were given to 1,108 students by the Faculty Com-Scholarships, mittee on Awards and Student Aid. Morehead Scholarships are not administered through the

demically prepared and can maintain a good record can come to the University, whether he has financial resources or not," said William M. Geer, director of the Student Aid

"If one comes here and loses his resources, he can stay as long as he's doing good academic work."

There are 2,188 scholarships available at UNC.

He cited academic merit and financial need as the two criteria used by the faculty scholarship committee which awards the scholarships.

Most scholarships are given to young students who are from families with an average

Financial aid totalling near- income of less than \$9,000 per Student loan funds were dis-

tributed this year to 1,165 students for a total of \$884,392. Emergency loans of \$100 or less each were made to 305 To borrow from student aid

funds, the borrower must be a fully-enrolled university student, must have a satisfactory academic average and must show a need to borrow. Non-technical, part - time

campus jobs employed 862 students, earning a total "Any student who is aca- \$387,900 in salaries.

More than 10 per cent of the 13,250 students hold parttime jobs ranging from history grader to residence hall adviser, from office employe to dining hall worker.

All on-campus jobs except these requiring special training or skills are assigned by the Student Aid Committee. Off-campus job arrangements are made directly between the student and employer, but help is available through the Student Aid Office when need-

More than one-half million dollars was spent this year for special student work. Federal or state assistance

is also part of student aid.

president of the NSA and a wished to have 100 student Vietnamese General Awaits Further Orders

By MIKE McGEE Special To The DTH

General Nguyen Chanh Thi, former commander of I Corps, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, is living in an exclusive apartment house on Connecticut Avenue in Washington. This is the man who has led

his army in Central Vietnam to many victories against the Communist guerrillas. This is also the man who played a large part in the un-

successful struggle by army

units and the Buddhist hierar-

chy against the Ky government last March. The general's apartment is a comfortable one, but the walls are bare, the furniture simple. The only break from the military-like austerity is a

portrait, on an end table, of the general in his uniform. The forty -three - year - old Thi presents a very imposing appearance, in spite of his small stature. Though he eaks very good English his aide, a graduate of Baylor Uni-

versity, acts as translator. When does Thi plan to return to Vietnam? "In August I received orders from my government to go to the United States for five months. Now I wait for orders to go back to Saigon after January." He doesn't know what he will be doing when he returns, but hopes to be able to serve in the military.

Does he have any ambitions or politics? "I have always been a soldier; I do not think about detailed political probems, but only about how to win in the field."

But the struggle against the overnment last March was urely a political problem, vasn't it?

mander of I Corps he was naturally required to work very closely with the people and with the government. Because he always worked for the best interests of the people, they liked him.

Suddenly, in March, he received orders to report back to the Saigon government. The people didn't like his

He explained that as com- being removed. When he returned to his headquarters after a meeting in Saigon, great crowds of people were there

> government of Premier Ky was becoming a dictatorship. "The Vietnamese lived for one century under French rule, then for nine years under the oppression of Diem; there are



The General

many Communists coming to Vietnam now.

to receive him. The people feared that the

the Communists which would represent all the people. The people require a popular gov-

"There are no strong political parties in Vietnam because all the leaders were killed over the years. The people were right in wanting to form a popular party against

> The general insists that there was no organization to start the demonstrations against the Ky regime. It was a "spontaneous effort by the people," which he felt it was

> > his duty to support. The people wanted the government to be voted by the public, and still insist on this. But he knew, and argued to this effect with the rebels, that any requirement upon the government by themselves should

be quiet and disciplined, because disorder is good for the like a man who has participated in a struggle which was a failure. He speaks confident-

ly about slow progress toward democracy in his country. "We hope, step by step, with the help of America, to advance to a democracy. "So far, we have a parlia-

finally we hope that the leadership in Vietnam should be useful. Those leaders who love their country should be used. "As for me, I only hope to fight the Communists in the field. I am a soldier."

General Thi fought with the

French Army in the years be-

fore the Geneva settlement.

He was imprisoned by the

Communists in 1946 and 1948,

but escaped both times.

ment elected by the people;

Viet Cong possible? "In Vietnam we are fighting a guerrilla war. It is not like ordinary combat. If we want to win a guerrilla war we must have the public opinion. "If we don't get public support, and win a military vic-

"With good cooperation by the Veitnamese Government

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