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Chance Of Showers

Warmer today with a chance of scattered showers. Highs in the upper 50s. Possible showers and colder Friday.

Tickets

Student, staff tickets to the Virginia basketball game here Tuesday night will be available Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the ticket office in Carmichael Auditorium.

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Ervin Hits Mail Cigarette Warnings

WASHINGTON—Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., Wednesday protested to President Johnson and two cabinet members about plans for placing cigarette health warnings on U.S. mail trucks. "It is not the function of the Federal government to attempt to brainwash the American people concerning their personal habits in respect to smoking or anything else," Ervin told the President. "I request you to immediately rescind your order dealing with these scare tactics," Ervin said in his telegram to Secretary John Gardner of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Ervin also wired Postmaster General Larry O'Brien urging him to cancel plans for post office vehicles to carry "placards alleging that smoking is a health hazard."

Thieu Declares Martial Law

SAIGON—President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam Wednesday declared martial law throughout the nation in the wake of Viet Cong attacks that were "getting more serious" in the provinces. He said the Viet Cong attack on Saigon itself "has been completely foiled." Thieu said the series of attacks on more than 40 cities and towns throughout South Vietnam, including Tuesday's raid on the capital itself, had been "long and carefully prepared." He termed the Viet Cong announcement of a seven-day Tet truce as an "act of perfidy." Thieu had earlier announced a 24-hour curfew for all Vietnamese citizens throughout South Vietnam.

VC Occupy Provincial Capital

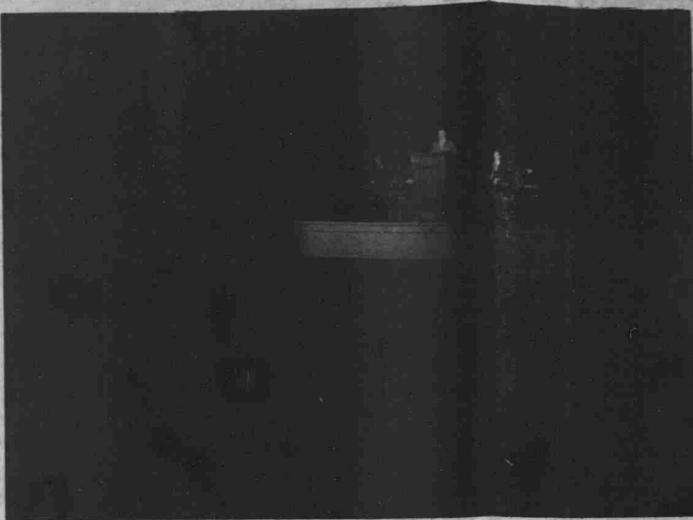
SAIGON—Viet Cong invaders battled Allied troops early Thursday at Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airbase, sniped at U.S. "Pentagon East" headquarters and fought street clashes near the presidential palace and in pockets throughout the South Vietnamese capital. In the Northeast, Communist troops were reported occupying the center of the key city of Hue, and flying the Viet Cong flag from the citadel in the old sector of the former imperial capital. The provincial capital of Ban Me Thout in the Central Highlands also was reported occupied by a force of about 1,000 Viet Cong. U.S. spokesmen reported nearly 1,800 Communist soldiers had been killed throughout the country in the first two days of the war's greatest Red offensive. American losses in the Saigon fighting alone were placed at 40 soldiers killed and at least 100 wounded.

Griffin Urges Twelve-Mile Limit

WASHINGTON — Sen. Robert P. Griffin, R-Mich., told Congress Wednesday that North Korea's seizure of the USS Pueblo called for U.S. action to keep Soviet spy vessels farther from American shores. North Korea says the U.S. intelligence ship was seized within the 12-mile limit of its territorial waters, but the Defense Department said it was hijacked in international waters more than 15 miles from the North Korean coast. Griffin, noting that the United States claims jurisdiction only three miles out, said "the Pueblo incident underscores the fact that we have been handing the Communists a significant espionage advantage." He said he would introduce—and Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said he would support—legislation requiring foreign vessels to observe the same territorial limit in U.S. waters as they claim for their own.

N. Koreans Seek 'Panmunjom' Talks

TOKYO—A ranking North Korean implied Wednesday night that any U.S.—Korean negotiations on the seized U.S. Navy spy ship Pueblo must take place at Panmunjom. The statement came from Kim Kwang Kyop, a member of the political committee of the central committee of the Communist Party, speaking at a welcome banquet for a visiting Romanian delegation. Kim did not use the word "Panmunjom" but said the question should be solved "by the method of the previous practice" which meant talks at the Truce village. "We resolutely oppose the discussion of the illegal complaint by the U.S. imperialists in the United Nations Security Council and we will never recognize any resolution rigged up for covering up the aggression of the U.S. imperialists but will declare it null and void," Kim said.



—DTH Staff Photo by MIKE MCGOWAN

Spring Rush Begins

Hundreds of freshmen listen to Roy Armstrong, Executive Director of the Morehead Foundation, at Memorial Hall Wednesday night, as the official opening of spring rush draws night. 800 freshmen are expected to go through fraternity rush which begins Sunday, Feb. 11. Students Wednesday night filled out interest cards expressing fraternities in which they are particularly interested. These cards will be read by the rush chairmen of the separate houses when invitation lists are drawn up.

Student Opinions On Vietnam Unchanged By Saigon Invasion

By RICK GRAY
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How has your opinion of the war in Vietnam changed since Tuesday's invasion of Saigon by the Viet Cong? This question was asked seven students here Wednesday, and all of them said the invasion of the Vietnamese capital had not had any major effect on their opinions. Six of the seven were doves. One is working with Sen. Eugene McCarthy's campaign for the democratic nomination for President, and three others were involved in peace activity in varying degrees. Three were selected at random to provide opinions of the uninvolved observers. Peter Gardner, sociology graduate student, had not read a paper. But he said the attack on the American embassy "would not change my opinion." Gardner's position on the war calls for "negotiations as soon as possible."

Ed, "All I know is what I read in the Tar Heel, but I don't see how the invasion could change my opinion." Rebel Good, the only hawk in the group, was as unaffected as the doves. "I am not opposed to the war. I am opposed to certain aspects of the governmental policy, but the present American force in Vietnam should be sufficient to contain overt acts such as the attack on our embassy now and in the future."

Jim Hunter, who is for unilateral withdrawal answered, "Very little." He thinks the attack will only "lengthen the time required for any change in policy." Jim Rogers, who is against the government's policy, stated, "The attack, however, does change my stand in favor of negotiations with the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong."

Battle's Interludes Filled By Screams

SAIGON (UPI)—Between the bursts of machinegun fire, I could hear the little girl scream. She crouched in a house where the Viet Cong set up a do-or-die machinegun nest. At the mouth of the alley, GIs maneuvered to kill the guerrillas. I watched the girl through a window. She jammed fingers in her ears to drown out the sound of battle. The guerrilla gun fell silent. I was listening for the girl when a wounded GI stumbled out of the alley into plantation road. Another followed. Then the guerrilla gun chattered. In the pause that followed another GI ran out. Nine came out in all, with the American troops in the drainage ditch shouting "Come on, Come on!" The GIs had gone into the alley in a truck. That was an hour earlier, when the going looked easier. The guerrillas had charged into Tan Son Nhut Air Base, across the street. Tanks and machineguns drove them back. The Viet Cong scurried into the alley, past shacks made of soft drink cartons and kindling wood. The alley population fled. They left overturned smoked fish and pineapple slice stands. And the girl.

The guerrillas nested into a pair of crumbling plaster houses, villas of a lost French colonization. About 25 GIs donned flak jackets, fed shells into their automatic weapons and rode a truck into the alley. The Viet Cong guns splattered the truck. It burst into flame. I looked into the alley and saw bodies sprawled in the dust. A helicopter gunship swooped in and spat thousands of rounds of bullets and pumped rockets into the Viet Cong-held buildings. Then the GIs came running out. The gunship struck again, yards from where I bent behind a jeep with bullet-flattened tires. The MPs moved forward. The Viet Cong guns sounded again. A telephone wire snapped over my head. I fell back to the ditch. I heard a small voice screaming.

Minimum Wage Goes Up Today Fair Employment Legislation Forcing Pay Raises For 250

By WAYNE HURDER
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About 250 student employees of the University will get an increase in their wages to a minimum of \$1.15 an hour starting today because of the federal Fair Employment Practices Act. The majority of student employees are already receiving over \$1.15 an hour and will not be affected by the change, according to Director of Personnel Fred Haskell. The wage increase is being made because of the federal Fair Employment Practices Act which requires a \$1.15 minimum wage for full time employees, starting today.

over \$1.15; it would have to be done in consultation with the state Department of the Budget.

The next scheduled increase for students is Feb. 1, 1969, when the rate will go up to \$1.30 an hour. On Feb. 1, 1970 wages will go up to \$1.45 an hour. The University had 862 student employees on its payroll last year.

WRC Okays Chapel Hill Overnights

By KAREN FREEMAN
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Undergraduate women will be able to visit coeds living in apartments this semester if the Dean of Women's office approves a resolution passed by the Women's Residence Council Tuesday night. A verdict from the Dean of Women's office on the action, which passed by a 33-3 vote, is expected by the weekend. If approved, seniors, women 21, and non-seniors with "blanket" permission to stay anywhere overnight at their own discretion will have no restrictions placed on their visiting coeds' apartments in Chapel Hill. Women without "blanket" permission on the parental permission form would have the opportunity to ask their parents to send permission for them to visit apartments. As always when a woman stays overnight in Chapel Hill, the hostess must extend the invitation to a member of the Residence Administration and

the overnight can only be taken on a weekend. A reapportionment proposal that would eliminate house presidents from the Council and take the vote away from WRC members not elected as WRC representatives met with little success. The main opponents of the proposal were the house presidents, who said taking presidents off the Council would cause a breakdown in inter-dormitory communication. The WRC representatives who are members of WRC by virtue of another office also protested. The representatives from Kenan, the graduate women's dormitory, told WRC that they could see no reason to be included on the Council since the Council's work does not affect them. A motion to exclude them was subsequently passed. It was also decided that the representative from the town students would no longer be a voting WRC member. No vote was taken on any motion concerning how many representatives each dormitory should have, or whether this number should be determined geographically or by population. The Signing In and Out Committee put its report before WRC, suggesting that sign-out slips no longer be countersigned by a member of the Residence Administration, and that the slips themselves be discarded in favor of a sign-out book to be kept at the desk of each dormitory. Under this system, each girl would be on her honor to sign out under the realm of her parental permission form. The committee also asked WRC to consider what occasions a coed can sign out for. The report will be discussed and brought to a vote at the next meeting.

Couple Found Guilty In Cohabitation Case

A Long Island, N.Y., sophomore has been convicted in Recorder's Court of bedding and cohabitation with a 19-year-old Connecticut coed. The pair, which was arrested Saturday night at 322 W. Rosemary St. by police officers looking for a 15-year-old runaway girl, were both sentenced to pay a \$10 fine and court costs. Chapel Hill Police Chief William D. Blake, who called the address "sort of a hippie hangout," said another couple was also arrested at the same time there and will be tried on similar charges next Tuesday. Recorder's Court Judge L. J. Phipps imposed the sentence after finding the pair guilty. They had pleaded not guilty to the charge. Blake admitted the bedding and cohabitation law is rarely enforced, but said, "when you observe the thing, there's not much you can do but arrest them."

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New Helmet Law To Be Enforced

By GENE WANG
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On the first of this year, North Carolina became the latest state to require motorcycle helmets. The new law, passed by the general assembly last July, requires the driver and passenger of a motorcycle to wear a helmet approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles when driving on a public road. Motorcycles must also have a rear-view mirror which would enable the driver to see 200 feet behind him. State and local police departments have given cyclists a month's grace

period; instead of issuing tickets, they have been giving warnings to violators. "We'll start giving out tickets on February 1," said Chapel Hill Police Chief William Blake. "I personally feel that it's a good law—we've had several accidents here where helmets would have prevented injuries or deaths." (Two years ago, two students died of injuries received in separate accidents involving motorcycles. There were not fatalities last year, although several students were injured in accidents.) The helmets are designed to

prevent injuries to the head. They are made of an outer shell of fiberglass or other "space-age" plastic, with an inner foam padding. When the cyclist's head strikes a hard surface the foam cushions his head from the impact. In extreme cases, the outer shell will crack, diverting the force of impact. Even the chin straps are designed for maximum safety. They have been subjected to test forces of up to 600 pounds to insure that the helmet will not come off the wearer's head. Helmet approval is done by the Accident Records division

of the Department of Motor Vehicles. C. S. Waters, director of the division, said that the state does not test the helmets, but follows the recommendations of an independent rating agency. Waters also said that his office has prepared lists of those helmets which are approved in North Carolina and has distributed them to police departments throughout the state. According to Tex McGill of Travel-On Motorcycle Co., the new law has not precipitated a "great rush" of helmet buying.

"We've sold about 75 over the past two months, which is more than usual, but there hasn't been a real rush because people have known about the law since last July when it was passed," he said. McGill said that reaction to the law was mixed—some people accepted it and others were "definitely displeased." One law student plans to challenge the constitutionality of the law. McGill himself advocates the use of helmets and always wears one but feels that it should not be required by law.

"I don't think that people should be told what to wear, but in some states they make motorcyclists wear boots and helmets, so this law isn't so bad," he said. Chapel Hill Solicitor James Harper feels that the helmet law, although it may violate individual rights, would be upheld in court if it were challenged. "It would probably stand up under the public health, safety and welfare provisions of the law," he said. Harper also said that violators could be fined up to \$50 plus court costs, which vary from \$10 to \$25.

