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One of the purposes of Wednesday's vigil was for people to sign a petition supporting an end to the war, as this student took time out to do. (Staff Photo by Cliff Kolovson)

## North Viets hit ships; Nixon sets TV speech

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SAIGON—North Vietnamese MIGs joined by fast patrol boats Wednesday attacked U.S. 7th Fleet warships in the Tonkin Gulf for the first time in the Vietnam War, damaging one ship. Return fire shot down one MIG and sank two patrol boats.

The U.S. command said four sailors were wounded aboard the damaged ship, which it did not identify. The American destroyer Sterett accounted for the downed MIG and the two patrol boats sunk, it said.

In Washington Wednesday, it was learned that President Nixon will address the American people next week on the current crisis which has sparked demonstrations for the third straight day across the country.

Nixon will go on nationwide radio and television some time next week to discuss further Vietnam troop withdrawals and the recent escalation of the war.

Sources close to the President said the speech would come after he studies a report by Brig. Gen. Alexander N. Haig, deputy to presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger, who returns in a few days from a fact-finding trip to Vietnam.

Antiwar protesters Wednesday marched on upper Broadway in New York City, picketed the Georgia Capitol in Atlanta and kept up demonstrations on campuses from coast to coast.

Most of the protests were peaceful but scuffling broke out between demonstrators who briefly took control of Columbia University's School for International Affairs and students who tried to enter the building.

Protest leaders vowed that Columbia and other New York metropolitan area campuses would be shut down by a student strike Thursday and stepped-up demonstrations were planned at a number of colleges and universities from New England to California.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, campaigning for the democratic presidential nomination, said in Harrisburg, Pa., that the nation's campuses would again be plunged into turmoil if the bombing raids in Indochina were not ended soon. He predicted outbreaks similar to those of 1967 and 1968.

Presidents of the eight Ivy League colleges and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology issued a statement deploring "the bombing of North Vietnam and its civilian population."

The North Vietnamese had not attacked American warships except by shore batteries since the twin Tonkin Gulf incidents against the destroyers Maddox and Turner Joy in August, 1964. Those

patrol boat attacks led to the Gulf of Tonkin resolution in Congress, heavy air raids against North Vietnam and direct American intervention in the ground war.

It was the first time the Soviet-built MIGs were used in attacks except against U.S. warplanes raiding the North.

The U.S. command in a statement issued early Thursday Saigon time said "preliminary reports indicate one MIG was destroyed and two enemy surface craft were sunk by fire from the Sterett" in an area 20 to 30 miles north of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) where the American warships were pounding North Vietnamese shore batteries.

In ground action, Communist troops Wednesday captured a district capital on

South Vietnam's central coast and launched new attacks against three government positions within 40 miles of Saigon.

In Cambodia, Communist forces continued their push along vital Highway 1 near the border, almost occupying the city and cutting off a provincial capital.

In other air action Wednesday, Hanoi radio said U.S. fighter bombers hit inside North Vietnam for the 14th consecutive day, raiding targets just north of the 20th Parallel. The North Vietnamese News Agency monitored in Tokyo said three of the warplanes were downed while bombing "populated areas" in two provinces.

Saigon military sources would not confirm the report but said U.S. B52

bombers flew their heaviest strikes in South Vietnam since 1969.

Communist forces, meanwhile, launched heavy attacks against the district capital of Dau Tieng at the edge of the old Michelin rubber plantation, 40 miles northwest of Saigon, and overwhelmed defenders at Hoai An, another district capital in the Central Highlands.

At beleaguered An Loc, 60 miles northwest of Saigon, where the Viet Cong reportedly have staked out as their new capital, Communist troops attacked a government paratroop position on a hill overlooking the town. After five hours of combat and seven waves of bombing strikes, fighting still raged, military sources said.

### Peace vigil held

## Epps asks boycott support

by Pam Phillips  
Staff Writer

Five hundred students stood silently for five minutes in Polk Place Wednesday at noon in observance of renewed bombing in North Vietnam and in protest of continued war activities.

Student Body President Richard Epps urged during the vigil that students boycott classes Friday in conjunction with a national student strike called by the National Students Association, National Student Leaders and the N.C. Resistance.

"For the past two years student

activism has dwindled to about nothing," Epps said. He then urged participation in the strike and in Washington Witness II, which began this morning. Witness is a bus trip for students wishing to lobby against the war.

Participants in the lobby are supposed to talk with congressmen and express support of the Mansfield amendment, which calls for cessation of war expenditures in 30 days on the condition that prisoners of war be released.

A UNC rally will be held in The Pit at 10 a.m. Friday.

A motorcade will then leave here at 10:45 a.m. to drive to N.C. State

University (NCSU) for a rally. Representative Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.) will speak at the rally from noon to 1 p.m. on the history of the Vietnam War.

Tentatively scheduled to speak are Duke University President Terry Sanford and Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee.

Students will then march at 1 p.m. from the NCSU campus to the capitol. NCSU Student Body President Gus Gusler will lead the march.

In other antiwar activities, slides of U.S. air power will be shown today at 3 p.m. in room 202-204 of the Student Union. N.C. Veterans for Peace are sponsoring the show.

A motorcade and rally is being planned for Saturday by a loose coalition of interested student, religious and community groups in the Chapel Hill-Durham area. The motorcade is scheduled to leave Ramshead parking lot at 10 a.m. and will proceed through Chapel Hill to Durham, via 15-501, in the manner of a funeral procession.

The motorcade will stop briefly at the Army Research Operation at Duke and at the Sperry-Rand plant in Durham, the company that is a major war contractor. Following this, a rally is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church in Durham.

During the vigil Wednesday, petitions were circulated supporting the Mansfield amendment. The petitions collected 678 signatures in a half hour. They will be presented by the witness group to Representative Nick Galifianakis, Second District Representative L.H. Fountain, Senator Sam Ervin and Senator B. Everett Jordan, all N.C. Democrats.

Protests have been started all over the country since the U.S. stepped up the bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong last week. The protests have been mainly peaceful on college campuses.

## SL meets Dickey in session tonight

by Greg Turosak  
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Extremely busy is the only way to describe all those involved, as final preparations are being finished for what should be, barring a special session, the last meeting of the Student Legislature (SL) tonight.

Three committees have met within the past two days to decide which bills should be released to the floor, two special anti-war bills will be introduced for immediate consideration, and Pitt Dickey has called for everyone to join him in an "exorcism" of SL at the meeting.

The Ways and Means Committee met Tuesday and tabled a bill introduced by representatives Dave Gephart, Bill Hill and Grover Cable which deplored the current situation in Vietnam, called for withdrawal of all U.S. forces and recommended opposition from all in the university community.

Although the bill was tabled in committee, Gephart and Hill said the bill will be introduced, in a slightly altered fashion, at the meeting "for immediate consideration," which requires a two-thirds majority to pass.

Gephart, Hill and Cable are also introducing a second bill, "for immediate consideration," that would call for a general strike of the student body on Friday so students would be able to

attend rallies in Polk Place and Raleigh. On Wednesday, the Finance Committee voted to report favorably the resident unit grant and loan fund bill which provides procedures for the spending of \$10,000 set aside for the physical improvement of dorms.

Richard Robertson, sponsor of the bill, said he expected the bill would pass SL. However, he said there could be some opposition, since the bill includes no provision for the insurance of articles bought by residence units. Robertson hopes to introduce separate legislation on insurance in the future.

The Rules Committee also met Wednesday, and postponed indefinitely a bill sponsored by Bill Hill to place limits on campaign spending in student government and dorm elections.

Richard Epps, Fred Davenport and Pitt Dickey were on hand to support the bill, and when the bill was shelved Dickey left in a rage with the warning, "You'll have to deal with me again next year."

After the hearing, Dickey outlined his own plans for tonight's SL meeting. He called for "all friends of the Blue Sky Party" to attend an "exorcism of Student Legislature."

"People can bring whatever they want—kazoes, vegetables, bubbles, candles—and we'll try to drive the Mickey Mouse spirits away from Student Legislature," he said.

## Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy; high in the 80's, low in the 50's; probability of precipitation 20 percent through tonight.

### Lt. Gov. hopefuls

## Candidates discuss issues

by David Eskridge  
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Three Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor discussed their views on a variety of subjects at a meeting of the UNC Young Democrats Club Tuesday night.

Allen Barbee, Margaret Harper and Jim Hunt attended the meeting. Roy Sowers and Reginald Frazier, the two other candidates, did not attend.

Each candidate was given 15 minutes to speak on areas they would work on if elected.

Barbee, a state legislator from Spring Hope, cited the three biggest issues facing N.C.—human relations, economy and ecology. "The legislators will have to go to Raleigh more than 6 months every two years. The legislature will have to get involved more."

Harper, a newspaperwoman from Southport, said she has felt for many years that women have been discriminated against in state government.

"I'm not a feminist or a women's liber. I just think that women, who make up more than 50 percent of this state's population, should be represented in government.

Harper also said she was completely against any closed meetings of government.

"I want to bring a personal touch to state government," she added.

Hunt, an attorney from Wilson, said he would like to see the N.C. Democratic Party "work up" so it would be easier for blacks and young people to become involved.

On black education, Hunt said, "We've got to see that black people not be oriented into vocational fields rather than college just because they're black. I feel very strongly that we should keep the black universities in North Carolina because they play a very important function. People who have not been given the same opportunities as others deserve extra help."

The reorganization of state government, voter registration and the environment were discussed at a question-and-answer session following the speeches.

Hunt said voter registration for college students should be allowed in college towns. "I think students who believe they are residents of their college towns should be able to vote in the town."

On the environment, Barbee said study

programs have been set up to deal with the ecological problems.

Harper urged all North Carolinians to vote for the clean water bond on May 6. She said she wanted to keep all polluting industries out of North Carolina.

Hunt called for an environment bill of rights to be placed in the state's constitution. He also said, "We should keep moving vigorously with laws and revenues."

On the reorganization of state government, Hunt referred to a national study that ranked the N.C. legislature as 47th in efficiency and organization.

Hunt made several proposals on modernizing the state legislature—create more joint and standing committees, employ a full-time Raleigh staff, install electronic voting and "seriously consider annual sessions."

Harper said she would be hesitant to approve annual sessions of the state legislature. "I feel that the danger in meeting every year would be the creation of a professional legislature."

She said she thought too much time was being wasted by the legislators. "I would like to help those men get to the point of things."



Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor Jim Hunt. Candidates Margaret Harper, seated at the table, and Reginald Frazier also spoke. (Staff Photo by Scott Stewart)