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## President to speak on Viet Nam tonight

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WASHINGTON — President Nixon will address the nation at 10 p.m. tonight on his assessment of the new offensive in Vietnam and its effect on future U.S. troop withdrawals.

In Vietnam, North Vietnamese armoured infantry units moved rapidly down Highway 14 in South Vietnam's Central Highlands Tuesday, scattering government troops and refugees before them as they drove toward the provincial capital of Kontum. Ten Americans were killed and eight were missing.

At the same time, other Communist troops opened a new phase of the 26-day-old offensive with a series of attacks on government positions along coastal Highway 1 about 80 miles to the east of Kontum.

Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Nixon will report on the "situation in Vietnam" and his decisions on future troop levels after consultations with South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu and other top level diplomatic and military advisers.

### \$242,000 asked

## Nyle to sue UNC

By Howie Carr  
Associate Editor

Nyle Frank, the graduate student better known as King Nyle I of the Invisible Universe, said Tuesday he plans to sue the University of North Carolina "within ten days for \$242,000 in damages resulting from his failure to pass the oral examinations for his Ph.D. in political science."

"I was denied equal protection and due process, which are both guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment," Frank said.

Frank failed the orals on April 3 for the second time in six months, and received a letter two days later from Assistant Dean of the Graduate School Joseph M. Flora citing "a regulation of the Graduate School (which) stipulates that a student who fails the examination a second time is ineligible to continue in the Graduate School."

Frank appealed April 11 to the Administrative Board of the Graduate School with a petition "for open and public hearing concerning the results of my oral examinations for a Ph.D. in political science."

The Board met last Thursday, and, according to a letter Frank received April 21, "concluded that in the absence of writing of any specific allegations and evidence, it was in no position to consider your request."

"Flora told me they'd make a decision," Frank explained. "He didn't say anything about needing evidence, and anyway, they must have the typed single-spaced page and a half of 'evidence'

Ziegler said the President will achieve his goal of reducing the U.S. troop ceiling in South Vietnam to 69,000 by May 1 despite the Communist offensive.

"The President made his decision as to when and how and what to say in his address after talking to National Security Affairs Advisor Henry A. Kissinger," Ziegler said.

He said Nixon conferred with Kissinger at Camp David, Md., Monday night following Kissinger's return from a secret four-day trip to Moscow. They discussed the Vietnam situation again Tuesday morning with regard to the possibility of future troop withdrawals, he said.

As South Vietnamese forces withdrew from forward positions north Kontum, a helicopter evacuating six U.S. Army advisers from Dak To was shot down and all 10 Americans aboard, including the four crewmen, were killed. Eight other American advisers in the area of Tan Canh and Dak To 25 miles north of Kontum were listed as missing after the towns and bases fell Monday to advancing

North Vietnamese.

South Vietnamese troops falling back from northern positions were regrouping Tuesday night at Artillery Base Bravo, which is on Highway 14 just to the north of Vo Dinh village and is 12 miles north of Kontum. The provincial capital has a population of 30,000.

UPI correspondent Matt Franjola, covering the area from an observation helicopter, said most of the estimated 4,000-man North Vietnamese force along with infantry and tanks was about six miles north of Bravo base at sundown Tuesday.

The main Communist position there indicated an advance of about 20 miles within the past 24 hours, but some of their units already had moved around the main column in a flanking maneuver during fighting Sunday and Monday at Dak To.

Government spokesmen in Saigon said Dak To had been abandoned, but there were field reports saying a South Vietnamese battalion may still be fighting inside the town.

The report said the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Lo Van Bao, had refused orders that he withdraw his troops and told his commanders he would remain there and "fight to the death." There has been no further word from Bao, an ethnic "Black Thai" from North Vietnam. The name is given to dark-complexion Vietnamese of Thailand ancestry.

Although ground resistance to the Communist advance appeared light, there was heavy bombing all along the front. The U.S. command said B-52 bombers flew 12 missions there during the 24-hour period ending at noon Tuesday, and there also were strikes by at least 140 tactical fighter-bombers and waves of helicopter gunships. Hundreds of refugees jammed the Kontum airport hoping to find flights to Pleiku or to Saigon, 260 miles south of Kontum.

## Weather

TODAY: Sunny and cool; highs in the 50's, lows in the 30's; zero probability of precipitation through tonight.

## Insight Today

The Daily Tar Heel 'Insight' today takes a look at Chapel Hill's first community festival — the Apple Chill Fair. Staff writer Lynn Lloyd examines the behind-the-scenes preparation, and a schedule of the remaining events is included.



Democratic gubernatorial candidates Wilbur Hobby and Pat Taylor shake hands following a volatile question and answer session before students in The Pit yesterday. (Photo by Leslie Todd)

## Taylor confronted by Hobby Tuesday

by Mike Fogler  
Staff Writer

Wilbur Hobby and Pat Taylor, Democratic candidates for governor, got their chance for an open confrontation between the two Tuesday in The Pit.

Taylor invited Hobby to ask him any questions on his mind. Hobby's first question: "Why haven't you spoken against the immoral and costly war in Vietnam?"

Taylor replied, "Vietnam may be a bloody mistake, but only history will tell." Later, Hobby said, "Vietnam is a bloody mistake. We must let Washington know we think all troops should be brought home as soon as possible," he said.

The next question which Hobby asked concerned campaign spending. Hobby wanted to know how much money Taylor had spent in his campaign.

Taylor responded by saying, "I'm not trying to hide anything. Tomorrow I will file under law all my expenditures."

Hobby also challenged Taylor to debate with him around the state and to debate with "Skipper" Bowles, another Democratic candidate for governor.

Taylor also expressed interest in discussing the issues with his opponents. He told Hobby if the two of them survived the May 6 primary, he would want to debate the issues.

One member of the crowd which filled The Pit said he found out Taylor as

an attorney had represented three large insurance companies. He then asked Taylor, "Does that make you one of the 'big boys'?"

Taylor said he had a minimal association with the insurance companies and he was only trying to do the best job possible as a lawyer.

Asked about his priorities, Taylor said the public schools system is the number one issue. He claimed improvements are needed in kindergarten programs, occupational schools and the pupil-teacher ratio in North Carolina.

Another important issue to Taylor is the road system in the state. He cited the possibility of constructing more east-west highways.

Meanwhile, Hobby was delivering his remarks to a slightly larger crowd than when Taylor spoke. Many of Hobby's remarks were directed at what Taylor had said a few minutes earlier.

Hobby referred to one of Taylor's 17 years of experience in the state government. "And what has Taylor done in 17 years in the state government? Why is North Carolina ranked 47th in the country in state governments?" proclaimed Hobby.

Hobby also mentioned his campaign is \$14,700 in debt. He called on everyone to help him. "May 6 is not far away," said Hobby. He then expressed his confidence he will win in the primary and in November.

## Building security tightened

Due to the number of bomb threats received on campus recently, the University has announced that special security measures will be in effect during the final examinations period.

A report issued to all University students, faculty and staff by Claiborne S. Jones, assistant to the Chancellor, said in most cases, bomb threats have been made in buildings that have had a scheduled examination or quiz.

"Students, faculty and others have been seriously inconvenienced — and students have faced, and many yet face, the possibility of being unable to receive satisfactory course grades or even to graduate because of exam cancellation necessitated by the evacuation of buildings."

The report said three steps have been taken by the University to alleviate the situation.

Telephone equipment which will make it possible to trace any telephone call to its point of origin had been installed. (Use of this equipment recently resulted in the apprehension of two students for bomb threats.)

Special security measures have been planned for the upcoming exam period. Buildings will be kept secure by search and surveillance during the examination period so examinations can be transferred from a threatened building to a secure building.

The university has also made it clear that anyone charged with making threatening calls may be prosecuted under N.C. criminal statutes as well as University rules.

The report concluded, "Students, staff and faculty can not and should not tolerate these disruptions which can easily delay or deny normal academic progress to many students. Each of us should take every step possible to put a stop to these illegal acts of the irresponsible few."

Dr. Jones said the need for the procedures had been occasioned by the increased threats that have prevented a number of classes from taking any tests at all this semester. He expressed the fear that the lack of tests in a class might lead to the failure to give any grade to students in that class and thus perhaps prevent a senior from graduating on time.

Such a result from bomb threats was the basis for the action taken at the direction of Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor.

## Interviews set for Tar Heel summer editor

Interviews for the post of editor of the Summer Tar Heel will be held today by the Publications Board at 2 p.m. in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge of the Student Union.

Candidates should bring resumes and their plans for the weekly summer paper.

## Phi Gamma Delta

## 'Mom Mengal' leaving

by Susan Miller  
Staff Writer

"Mom" Mengal is really going to be missed.

After 18 years as housemother at the Phi Gamma Delta house, Mrs. Martha Munger ("Mom") Mengal is finally going to leave her "boys."

If you ask a Phi Gam brother what's so great about "Mom," you're likely to receive a variety of replies.

"I think she has one of the best understandings of youth today because she has lived with them for 18 years," Steve Cornwell commented. "She knows how they think, knows what they like to do," he said.

The brothers also think of "Mom" as kind of a "connecting link," said Rick Zollinger, "because she provides a tie with all the old alumni. She also knows the faculty and gives them a reason to come over and visit the house."

A one-word description of her might be, "devoted."

Examples of her love for the Phi Gams are not hard to find.

"In 1967," one brother recalls, "We were really having a financial problem

and when we gave Mom her paychecks, she just endorsed them and gave them right back to the house."

One of "Mom's" favorite activities is hosting, and she wouldn't miss a Phi Gam Parent's Day for anything. Last spring, when it was time for the annual event, she happened to be in the hospital under intensive care after suffering a stroke.

"She sneaked out of the hospital to come back over and decorate the house and prepare her famous cheese ball (Mom's speciality)," according to one Phi Gam. "After it was over, she went back to her room and collapsed. The brothers had to carry her back to the hospital."

The brothers wanted to express their appreciation for all the hard work and love she has given the Phi Gams in her many years there, and declared March 24 "Mom Mengal Day." Invitations were extended to alumni from 1954 up until this year for the formal reception complete with combo.

"We expected responses from about 30 or 40 of the alumni, but more than 50 showed up, even some from 1954. Other than that, we received 200-300 regrets

and donations from those who could not come," Cornwell said.

Her "boys" presented her with a color television set and also gave the house a gift in her honor: a pair of silver candlesticks engraved: "In Memory of Mom."

When Mom was asked how she could stand living with 50 boys for so long, she replied, "The joy of living in a house with a bunch of boys saying funny things — I can't tell you how happy I've been, what a joy my boys have been to me."

Mom is one of only four housemothers at UNC's 28 fraternities.

The Epsilon Owl, the fraternity's newspaper, several years ago wrote a description of Mom which was a clear indication of why she has won the hearts and respect of so many Phi Gams: "... Mom Mengal has dedicated her life to the seemingly impossible task of introducing fraternity men to culture."

What will the Phi Gams do when Mom leaves? They haven't decided yet whether they will get another housemother — certainly not next semester.

It's going to be really hard to find another quite like "Mom."



Mrs. Paul Mengal enjoys a laugh with a few of her "boys" at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. One of only four housemothers at UNC fraternities, "Mom" Mengal plans to

retire shortly after 18 years with the Phi Gams. (Staff Photo by Leslie Todd)