

Berrigan cohort to speak

Sister Elizabeth McAlister, a member of the "Harrisburg Seven," will be guest at an informal coffee at 3 p.m. Sunday, at the Wesley Foundation.

Members of the University community and Chapel Hill are encouraged to attend. Sister McAlister was indicted two years ago with the Rev. Phillip Berrigan in the alleged conspiracy to kidnap Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger and to blow up the heating systems of federal buildings in Washington.

She was later convicted with Berrigan for violation of federal statutes on "exchange of written communications" while Berrigan was a prisoner at Lewisburg Penitentiary.

Their two-year sentence is now under appeal.



Book trees?

Thursday's rain didn't seem to do any good for anyone. Perhaps the seeds of learning that some unfortunate student planted in this puddle will sprout into book trees soon—but we doubt it. (Staff photo by Tad Stewart)

ERA hearing jams the galleries

United Press International

RALEIGH—Hundreds of women of all ages packed the State Legislative Building Thursday for round two in the battle over ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

The advocates outnumbered the opponents by about three-to-one as they filled both a 500-seat auditorium and galleries of the House and Senate chambers for the second, and possibly

last, public hearing.

The opponents paraded seven women to the microphone, including Phyllis Schlafly, a conservative republican from Alton, Ill., who initiated the national movement against the amendment.

The advocates sent 10 persons to the microphone.

Schlafly set the tone for most of the opponents when she argued that the rights women wish to attain are guaranteed already under civil rights and

equal employment laws.

But some of the rights women now enjoy by virtue of their sex would be lost if the ERA is ratified, said Schlafly.

Some of the areas where women would suffer most, she said, would be in susceptibility to the draft, lower Social Security benefits, family support responsibilities and loss of privacy in such places as public restrooms and dormitories.

In addition, she said, "The ERA will

transfer every issue involving women to a domestic issue to be resolved by the federal courts."

An advocate of the ERA, Meyressa Schoonmaker of Winston-Salem argued later, "I get the feeling that they (the opponents) think the Equal Rights Amendment will replace the Constitution."

Contrary to the opponents' position, said Schoonmaker, an attorney, the ERA "will not nullify all laws that distinguish on a basis of sex. But it will force a review of these laws by the state legislatures."

She said the value of the ERA will be to erase the "special rights" laws that have evolved over the years ostensible for the benefit of women—laws that actually discriminate against both women and men.

Bills have been introduced in both houses of the General Assembly to ratify the amendment. In addition, a bill has been introduced in the House to put the question to a straw vote by having a non-binding referendum.

Advocates of the ERA see the referendum bill as a stall tactic to prevent the state from becoming one of the necessary 36 needed for ratification.

So far, 24 states have ratified the amendment and eight have voted against ratification of the measure which is a one-sentence declaration that there is no discrimination on the basis of sex.

Program for minorities

Want to go to law school?

Any minority student in North Carolina interested in studying law is invited to an informational program sponsored by the UNC Student Bar Association (SBA) Saturday at the UNC Law School.

The practical aspects of gaining admittance to law school will be discussed, including the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), helpful undergraduate curricula, and special scholarship programs.

It is an informational program, according to Robin Britt, chairman of SBA's recruitment committee, and not directed specifically toward recruitment

for the UNC Law School.

Representatives from the admissions boards of the law schools at UNC, Duke, North Carolina Central University and Wake Forest will talk with interested students.

Another goal of the conference will be to encourage the organization of Pre-Law clubs on the campuses of the participating schools.

The clubs should increase minority students' awareness of opportunities in law, Britt said.

Registration time is 9 a.m. However, UNC students should register by 8:30 a.m. to prevent the possible pile-up.

Between 150 and 200 students are expected to attend. Invitations have been sent to 20 North Carolina schools with sizeable black enrollments.

UNC faculty members will hold small group discussions on the academic side of law school.

The day-long conference will be highlighted by a panel discussion at 3 p.m. The speakers include UNC Student Body President Richard Epps; attorney Julius L. Chambers of Charlotte, Frank Ballance Jr. of Warrenton, outgoing president of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers; Mrs. C.T. Knight, attorney from Durham; and Charles E. Daye of the UNC Law faculty.

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Dollar takes market beating

The ailing U.S. dollar came under severe attack in the world's money markets Thursday, forcing West Germany to buy a record \$1.7 billion to avert the collapse of the official exchange rate.

Japan also intervened with emergency purchases of \$110 million to keep the dollar's exchange rate at the agreed level of 301.10 yen. The Dutch Central Bank bought dollars, but the U.S. currency received no government support and fell lower in Brussels, Paris and Zurich. The dollar price of gold bullion inched steadily higher almost everywhere - 14 cents in Frankfurt, 10 cents in London, 16 cents in Paris.

POW release deadline nears

The four warring parties in South Vietnam are hoping to meet a Monday deadline for release of the first prisoners of war, but there still is no agreement on the date or places of exchange, informed sources in Saigon said Thursday.

Sources close to the Joint Military Commission, composed of representatives of North and South Vietnam, the United States and the Viet Cong, said the JMC still has taken no action on setting up the prisoner exchange.

"Everyone is aware that this has to be done with 15 days after the cease-fire," the source said. Sunday is the 15th day.

Plane crashes into building

Asbestos-clad rescue workers pulled bodies from a big apartment house flattened in Alameda, Calif., when a crippled Navy jet fighter plunged through it.

Using two huge cranes and a bulldozer, the grimy crews recovered seven bodies, including those of three children, and officials estimated as many as 20 to 25 more remained in the rubble, including that of the pilot.

The Tahoe Apartments, which had 37 residents, collapsed in flames less than two minutes after a blazing A7 Corsair II jet crashed into its roof and plowed through four floors to the basement garage Wednesday night.

Gasoline shortages predicted

The heating oil shortage that has crippled much of New England and the Middle West this winter could be followed by tight supplies of gasoline in the summer months, oil executives warned Thursday.

Vice presidents of two major oil producers told a government hearing in Washington that the industry had put so much of its refining effort into meeting the cold weather demand for heating oil that production of gasoline had fallen behind schedule.

"It's going to be tough," said Terrence B. Redmond, vice president of Amoco Oil Co. "We will winter the summer season with 2-3 million barrels of gasoline less than usual."

Ulster gun battles kill five

British army troops fought a two-hour gun battle with gunmen in a village across the border in the Irish Republic Thursday while other troops fought back rioters throughout Belfast. One gunman reportedly was shot.

The battle took place amid predictions of more violence in Ulster which was on the brink of all-out civil war. On Wednesday, five persons were killed and more than a score were injured.

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