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## Communists advancing on Vietnamese capital

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SAIGON — Advancing Communist forces threatened Saigon from two directions Wednesday. Convoys of panicked refugees and soldiers fleeing the Communist blitzkrieg down the east coast reached the outskirts of the capital late Wednesday.

Government troops and most civilians pulled out of the coastal cities of Phan Rang and Phan Thiet as frightened refugees poured down Highway 1 headed south, military sources said.

Heavy fighting was reported around Xuan Loc, 38 miles east of Saigon, where the Communists cut key Highway 1.

Military sources described scenes of panic and confusion at Cam Ranh Bay, 188 miles northeast of Saigon, and expressed fear that the city was in imminent danger of falling.

President Ford has ruled out any bombing by U.S. Air Force planes to assist the

beleaguered South Vietnamese army against the onrushing Communist offensive, Press Secretary Ron Nessen said Wednesday.

Nessen said Ford has no plans to resume the bombing operations which were abandoned in January, 1973, and noted "the law forbids it."

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee Wednesday dispatched a two-person team of staff investigators to Saigon.

Intelligence sources in Saigon said the large Communist force of tanks and infantrymen that has swept down the east coast is threatening Saigon from the northeast, with only about 5,000 government soldiers between them and the capital.

On the west side of the capital, the equivalent of three divisions of South Vietnamese troops — including two brigades of crack paratroopers — stand between the Communists and Saigon, the sources said. South Vietnam's Senate unanimously

passed a resolution demanding a change in leadership of the South Vietnamese government. It blamed the government of President Nguyen Van Thieu and the United States for the staggering series of defeats that have given the Communists control of more than two-thirds of the country.

Tran Kim Phuong, South Vietnam's ambassador to the U.S., said Wednesday the United States is losing its credibility around the world because it has failed to provide additional military aid to his country.

Phuong also charged that the United States violated the 1973 Paris Peace Agreement by failing to replace lost or destroyed South Vietnamese weapons on a one-to-one basis.

Phuong attributed the Communist drive, which has overrun 16 of 44 provincial capitals so far, to a new North Vietnamese boldness inspired by knowledge that the U.S. Congress opposed funds for additional supplies.

In Paris, the Viet Cong's provisional revolutionary government made it clear its military forces will press ahead with their offensive and march on Saigon unless Thieu's regime is overthrown.

Dinh Ba Thi, the Viet Cong's chief negotiator in France, told a news conference that the Communists were ready to open immediate talks with a new Saigon administration that would replace Thieu.

Thi warned that Communist forces considered President Ford's decision to send naval vessels and marines to the coast of South Vietnam to evacuate refugees a hostile act and a "grave escalation" of U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

President Ford's decision to send naval vessels and marines into Vietnamese waters to help evacuate refugees was considered by the PRG an act of "war and provocation" that would be resisted, Thi said.



Chaos strikes refugees

An American official punches a man in the face, breaking him free from the last airplane out of Nha Trang. The man was trying to climb aboard the already overloaded aircraft. Nha

Trang was overrun by Communist troops shortly after the plane left the airport. (UPI telephoto)

## Besse wins election for council speaker

by Art Eisenstadt  
Staff Writer

Dan Besse, a sophomore political science major from Hickory, won a five-way race to be elected speaker of the Campus Governing Council (CGC) Tuesday night. Laura Dickerson was elected speaker pro tem.

The election highlighted a busy evening as CGC convened for its first meeting. The council also voted to seat two co-representatives from one district but put restrictions on their voting. CGC also adopted a new set of by-laws and elected committee chairmen and members.

Besse defeated Bill Strickland, 11-9, on the second ballot. As speaker, he will preside over CGC meetings and serve as chairman of the Agenda Committee, which schedules the dates and times that bills will be brought up for consideration.

By being elected speaker, Besse was also named student body vice president, but his only constitutional duty as vice president would be to assume the presidency if a vacancy should occur in that office.

"I appreciate the confidence the council has in me," Besse said upon accepting the speaker's gavel from former Speaker Johnny Kaleel. "I feel I can work with all the of the council and the student body president."

The first seating, brought by John Sawyer on behalf of former representative Carl Fox, challenged the eligibility of co-representatives from James, George Bacso and Brad Lamb.

No motion was made to prevent Bacso and Lamb from being seated, but amendments to the CGC by-laws introduced by Ben Steelman and Doug Smith required both to be present at any meeting in order to vote. The amendments also require the two to abstain if they should disagree on an issue.


Another motion by Sawyer to seat Marty Elks as the representative from Graduate District IV failed, 6-12. No ballots had been cast from the district (comprised of the School of Medicine and Education) in the Feb. 26 election, and five names received one vote each in the runoff.

One of the names was fictitious, and another did not come from District IV. Sawyer said the other two candidates besides

Elks had told him they were not interested in serving.

Because Elks had never been officially certified as the winner, the case was referred to the Rules and Judiciary Committee for further study.

The following committee chairmen were elected: Strickland, Finance Committee; Steelman, Rules and Judiciary Committee; and Dave Rittenhouse, Administration Committee.



**survival  
symposium**

Joy Zollner, fund raising chairperson for Relief for Africans in Need in the Sahel (RAINS), will speak at 1 p.m. today in the Student Union. Check the Symposium desk for room number. The Women's Panel, "Women and Children First," will be held at 3 p.m. in Hamilton Hall. Featured on the panel will be Ti-Grace Atkinson, feminist theoretician and philosopher; Dr. Susan Bram, social psychologist; and Madeline Janover, feminist writer. Cleveland Amory, columnist for Saturday Review, will speak at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall. The Warner Brothers documentary "Hearts and Minds" will be shown at 10 p.m. in Carroll Hall.

## Funds sought for prison system

by Ralph J. Irace  
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Second of a two part series

In an attempt to alleviate the critical prison housing shortage and accommodate the projected 1983 inmate population, the N.C. Department of Corrections has proposed a long-range program to plan and construct new penal facilities.

According to the department's construction plans, the new prison units will not only contain adequate living areas but also accommodations for treatment purposes.

Top priority is being given to single-cell medium security accommodations. These cells

will replace the existing dormitory style living quarters. With the construction of new single-cell units, many of the older, medium security facilities can be converted either to advancement centers or regular security units.

Many of the field units date from the 1930's and are in need of physical renovation. Inmate overcrowding has further worsened the conditions of these camps.

The construction rate of the new units planned by prison officials will proceed more slowly than the projected inmate population increases might require.

Planning officials said that by moving slowly the corrections department will not overbuild and suddenly be confronted with a stabilized or declining inmate population.

## All property owners must file

### Student property taxable

by Dirk Wilmoth  
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Because of a new interpretation of the North Carolina personal tax law, all University students who own property in Orange County will have to file personal property tax listings this year.

Until this year, students living in apartments and dormitories were not assessed for personal property taxes since the tax office did not have a list of them.

This year, however, Bill Laws, Orange County tax supervisor, has acquired lists of all persons living in Orange County,

including students living in apartments and dormitories, and he is checking to see who has listed their personal property with his office thus far.

Laws said Wednesday he is sending letters to all such persons who have not listed personal property which they owned as of Jan. 1, 1975.

He said all residents, whether permanent or temporary, must list their property. Under North Carolina law, even if a person is a legal resident of another county or state, he must list his personal property used in Orange County.

"The law pertains to all personal property," Laws said. Personal property includes musical instruments, stereos, automobiles, clothes and any other items of value.

The first \$300 worth of personal property is exempt for an individual.

Laws said many students are not aware that they have to file because they are residents of other counties or states or because they have not heard of personal property taxes.

The Orange County tax office is sending letters out to all county residents who have not listed their property yet. Since the deadline for filing has already passed, Laws said there will be a 10 per cent penalty on the total bill for not listing.

An alternative method is being considered to base the individual's taxes on six times his monthly rent instead of itemizing household furnishings.

If the individual does not file a personal property listing after the first letter from the tax office, Laws said a second letter will be sent to him setting a final date for listing.

If the individual still does not list his property, either a subpoena will be served or an assessment of the property will be made.

Laws urged residents to go ahead and list their property since the taxes are not high. The 1974 tax rate was 85½ cents for each \$100 worth of property.

Tax bills will be mailed in October, and if not paid, a person's property may be seized by the sheriff and sold at auction.

Students can list their personal property from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the tax office of the Orange County Courthouse in Hillsborough, or may call 929-5700 for information on listing by mail.

## Views of extremists condemned by Hart

by Tom Wright  
Staff Writer

"Simple, extreme views will not provide the answers," Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., said Wednesday in Great Hall. Hart criticized extremist solutions to world resource problems.

He described the extremists as "neo-Malthusians and economic Pollyannas." Neo-Malthusians advocate sweeping, immediate changes if mankind is to escape self-destruction, he said. Hart said those who predict approaching catastrophe do not take into account the ability of the system to change and rarely acknowledge that new technologies are being developed.

"The economic Pollyannas take the other extreme. Citing models of supply and demand, substitution and technological change, these optimists have infinite faith in the ability of the system to adjust infinitely to dwindling supplies of energy and raw materials," he said.

"In the long run, society will adjust and alternative sources will develop. However, this process will take decades. In the meantime dislocations around the world will continue." Citing the oil situation as an example of such a dislocation, Hart said, "High oil prices resulted in high fertilizer prices. High fertilizer prices mean higher priced food and higher food prices mean that millions of people will starve."

Hart said he believes in attacking problems from many directions. "We must start pursuing policies which open up many technological solutions to present and potential problems. And I might say, political solutions as well."

"Social change and technological innovation take time. In today's world mankind does not have that luxury. The system doesn't respond," he said. "The consequences are serious, if not drastic . . ."

"The day is past when we can gamble on any single solution."



Sam Ervin

## Ervin tells Watergate tales in politics and law classes

by Bruce Henderson  
Staff Writer

Retired Sen. Sam Ervin, on campus this week as a visiting professor, spent Wednesday morning reminiscing about long-dead law professors, quoting St. Luke and de Toqueville, telling Watergate tales and talking with students.

The white-haired Ervin spoke to law and political science students in the second day of his four-day tenure. A large part of his two hour-long lectures, punctuated with the ever-present anecdotes, was devoted to discussing Watergate.

Ervin focused on the growing power of the President, the impoundment of Congressional funds and Nixon's abuse of executive privilege.

Watergate, Ervin told a constitutional law class, showed "what has been known for years: government power has been drifting

to the White House." Congress has contributed to this shift, he said, by allowing the executive to initiate legislation.

"After the Watergate investigation we found he (Nixon) had the most inordinate power of any man who had ever occupied the White House," he said.

Ervin said Nixon furthered his power by impounding funds appropriated by Congress. Most of those funds, he added, had been approved by Nixon himself.

Nixon abused his executive privilege by not allowing White House aides to testify before the Senate Watergate committee, Ervin said. He said a governing body is needed to judge cases where executive aides are subpoenaed by Congress.

At his Political Science 80 lecture, Ervin complained of the government's delay in investigating the Watergate affair.

"I've never been quite happy with the way

the prosecutors carried out the investigation," he said. "As early as August 1972 they showed a trail that led to the White House. This showed (Donald) Segretti had been hired by the President's appointment secretary Dwight Chapin, and (Herb) Kalmbach paid Segretti."

"It takes a very naive person to believe there was no guilt in the White House," he said.

Law students asked Ervin about his position on the Equal Rights Amendment, which is now being reviewed by the states. Ervin said the ERA is unnecessary and would "ambush" women in the long run. "I think women need some protection," he said.

"After seeing those militant feminist lobbyists in the Congress, though," he quipped, "I think women should be drafted, if they could be as mean against the enemy as they are against legislators."