

Ford Press Secretary to lecture on his years in White House

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Former White House Press Secretary Ronald H. Nessen, who has seen the presidency as both a journalist and official press spokesperson for former President Gerald R. Ford, will lecture on "My Two Years in the White House" at 8 p.m. today in Memorial Hall.

Nessen became Ford's press secretary in September 1974 following J. F. TerHorst's resignation. Nessen has called his experience during the post-Watergate period of public and press distrust of the White House "perhaps the worst possible moment in history" to have the job.

Nessen's two and a half-year stint as Ford's press secretary entailed an attempt to restore the trust of the press in the White House and to deal with the press on such issues as the Mayaguez incident and the Vladivostok Agreement with the Soviet Union on nuclear weapons.

Nessen, 43, was a news correspondent for NBC from 1962 to 1974 after working six years for United Press International. He was NBC's White House correspondent during Lyndon Johnson's presidency, and also covered Richard Nixon's presidential campaign in 1968 and Sargent Shriver's unsuccessful vice presidential campaign in 1972. He has also covered the Vietnam war and news events in Bangladesh, Biafra, Bolivia and Borneo. Nessen received the prestigious George Polk Memorial Award of the Overseas Press Club in 1967.

Nessen has criticized the media in

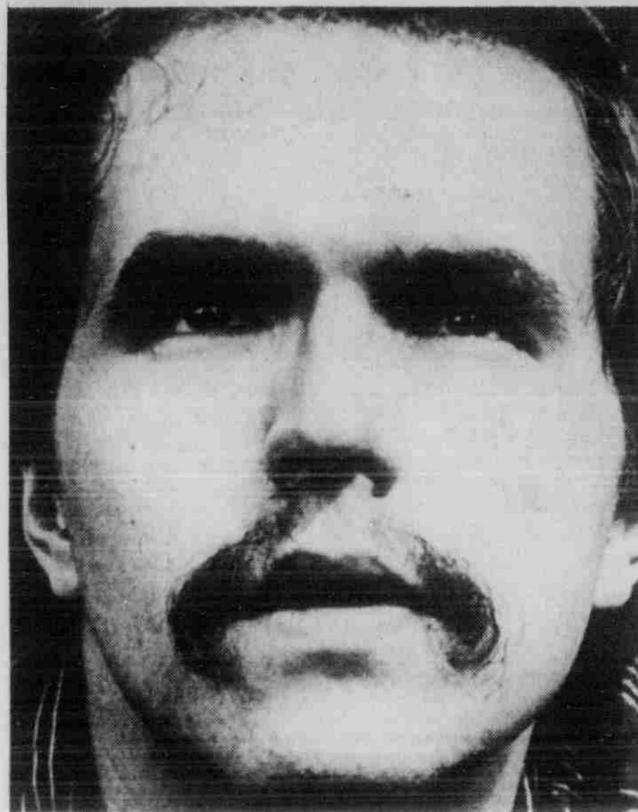
several previous lectures, especially for what he has called an "excessive concentration on trivia" and "an oversimplification of complex matters." He has said he feels the media should point out their own shortcomings as well as those of other institutions. Nessen has said he feels he understands the politics of journalism because he has been on both sides of the fence, and that improvement of the media "must come from within."

While Ford's press secretary, Nessen had several well-publicized blow-ups with the Washington press corps. He also made an appearance on NBC's satirical "Saturday Night Live" in which he seemed to make fun of the president, leading to rumors that the president was outraged over the appearance.

Nessen is writing a book on his experience as press secretary for Ford, which he has said he wants to complete because he doesn't "want to just walk away from all that experience."

In addition to his lecture schedule, Nessen has been writing on his White House experiences for several publications, including *Playboy* magazine. He has also made several television appearances.

Nessen's lecture is the first in a series presented by the Carolina Union Forum Committee. His speech will be introduced by committee chairperson Ed Nanney. There will be no charge for admission.



Tonight at 8 in Carroll Hall, the Union Film Committee will present the second program of the American Avant-Garde series, featuring the films of Stan Brakhage (pictured above). Brakhage, considered the most important avant-garde film-maker of the decade, visited Chapel Hill last March during the Fine Arts Festival. His work spans several genres of independent film, from psycho-drama and trance to documentation and portraiture.

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For more information stop by or call the box office. PRC's box office is open weekdays in Graham Memorial from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and at the Playmakers Theatre from 7 to 8:30 evenings of the performance and 1 to 2:30 p.m. for matinees. The phone number is 933-1121.

Surplus volumes of 'Yack' ordered without approval

200 extra copies of the 1977 *Yackety Yack* were ordered in August without the required approval of the Media Board, according to Media Board Chairperson Patty Turner.

Turner said Student Body President Bill Moss ordered the books to cover a debt of \$2,000 owed to Hunter Publishing Co. in Winston-Salem for state tax on the 1976 *Yack*.

Turner said the lack of Media Board approval for the order is only a technicality. She said the board will probably assume responsibility for the books at its meeting Tuesday.

Turner said the technicality will not delay the scheduled November publication of the *Yack*.

Hang gliding: jumping off a mountain for the fun of it

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Besides competing, the pilots just come for the fun of it. "Jumping for fun is relaxing," says Keith Nichols of San Diego, Calif. "It's almost therapeutic...to just forget about everything else and fly through the air."

Jumping off Grandfather mountain is not a good idea for the beginner, though, one expert says. "The real teacher is experience and time in the air after you learn the basics," explains Bill Sloatman of Idaho Springs, Co.

Hang gliding involves more than spreading the wings of a glider and hopping off a nearby mountain. The USHGA has developed a four-point hang-rating system to increase the safety of the fast-growing sport. For example,

only Hang four pilots may fly from Grandfather Mountain at any time, while pilots with lower ratings can use the sand dunes at Jockey's Ridge.

Here is a list of general requirements for each hang rating:

Hang one — ability to handle glider on the ground and in straight flight off low dunes or hills.

Hang two — ability to fly off higher hills, to make a smooth 180-degree turn and to make accurate landings.

Hang three — ability to glide off a 1,000-foot mountain, to make safe, smooth 360-degree turns and to make good landings.

Hang four — ability to make own judgments about flying area and surrounding weather.

Several hours of flying are required to graduate from one class to the next.

At the Masters Championship, contestants use only gliders meeting rigid safety standards of the Hang Glider Manufacturers Association. The gliders are high-performance models which are super-sensitive. Each pilot also carries a parachute in his harness.

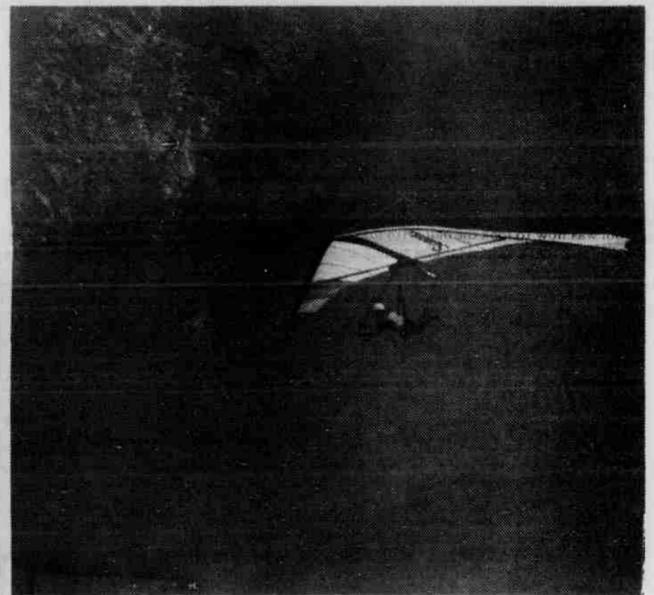
The gliders also carry three instruments while in flight: a variometer, used to determine the rate of climb or descent, an altimeter, since the pilot's depth perception is not always accurate at low heights; and a clock to keep record of time spent in the air.

The pilots at the competition set up their gliders or sit on the rocks waiting

for their particular four-man heat. The gliders are rolled up in long, narrow nylon bags approximately 15 feet long. The flyers spread the wings apart, secure the cross bar and connect a control bar under the keel. After pulling several thin

steel cables together, the glider is ready to fly.

Since the early 1970s, an advanced class of gliders has been made that is both safer and more maneuverable than ones in the past.



Gene Blythe flies the Mountain Pylon course at the Masters of Hang Gliding this past weekend at Grandfather Mountain. Photo by Hugh Morton.

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"THE HARVEST IS PLENTIOUS BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW!" When Jesus said that "the woods were full" of Levites, Priests, Scribes, Doctors, Teachers, Divines, etc. But most of these divines had become DRY VINES, and many of the doctors were DOCTORS OF DARKNESS. Read what HE told them about their condition in the 23rd of Matthew — they were so outraged that they managed to get Him crucified! The 23rd chapter of Jeremiah is somewhat like the 23rd of Matthew, where about 600 years before God had warned the spiritual leaders of their corrupt condition. Also, about 700 years before He had warned them by His servant Isaiah, chapter 58:10, 11: "HIS WATCHMEN ARE BLIND: THEY ARE ALL IGNORANT, THEY ARE ALL DUMB DOGS, THEY CANNOT BARK; SLEEPING, LYING DOWN, LOVING TO SLUMBER. YEA, THEY ARE GREEDY DOGS WHICH CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH, AND THEY ARE SHEPHERDS THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND: THEY ALL LOOK THEIR OWN WAY, EVERY ONE FOR HIS GAIN, FROM HIS QUARTER." — Note in this passage D. D. means "dumb dogs that cannot bark!"

We have heard of those who can so imitate the "caw" of the crow that they deceive the crows, cause them to believe a lie and think maybe their Bishop, Cardinal or Pope is calling them to a great Convocation for Revival! So they flock to the place of the call and are slaughtered wholesale by the guns of probably "sons of guns" if they are doing it just for sport.

However, to try to philosophize on such a tragedy, maybe the citizens of some crow city have become overmuch wicked in destroying the corn crops, and for that reason God permitted them to "believe a lie and be damned!" Did you know the Bible says God will send such a judgment upon men who reject His Word of Truth and "have pleasure in unrighteousness?" — 2nd Thessalonians 2:11, 12. "Not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Heavenly Father," said Jesus. Surely this applied to the crow, and no doubt God causes the good crows to escape, or to be absent and fall to attend the tragic convocation, or revival!

God asks us this question: "Who makes thee to differ from another, and what hast thou that thou did not receive?" If we are true Christians hating evil, apostasy, and hypocrisy, we should remember that it is the mercy of God that has delivered us and made us to differ from the ungodly, and that his blessing has been received from God "BY HIS GRACE THROUGH FAITH." This should not make us proud, rather humble, and stir us up to work, testify, and pray that the Dry Vines might receive Life and bear much fruit; that the Doctors of Darkness might become Doctors of "The Light of the World"; Blind Watchmen might have sight restored, cease to be ignorant, dogs not dumb but capable of barking and warning of the "thief climbing up some other way and not entering by the Door, Christ Jesus; and quit sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber!"

True Protestantism believes in the "Priesthood of the Believer." If you consider yourself a "Priestly Believer," in view of the wickedness, evil, shame, crime, etc., on every hand, can you face the fact of these conditions without shame and sorrow when God says:

"BUT IF THEY HAD STOOD IN MY COUNSEL, AND HAD CAUSED MY PEOPLE TO HEAR MY WORDS, THEN THEY SHOULD HAVE TURNED THEM FROM THEIR EVIL WAY, AND FROM THE EVIL OF THEIR DOINGS!" Jer. 23:22.

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