

Jewish leader gives speech at Duke

By **DONNA LEINWAND**
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It is the obligation of peoples who have suffered to help those who are suffering, Nobel peace prize winner Elie Wiesel told a full house Tuesday night in Page Auditorium at Duke University.

"It is impossible to witness an injustice and not to protest, because if one does not protest, one is an accomplice," Wiesel said, drawing on his own experience as a Jewish survivor of a Nazi concentration camp during World War II.

"When I saw the boat people from Vietnam, I felt close to them," he said.

He said the experience of Vietnamese refugees is similar to an incident during World War II, when a ship full of German Jews was turned away from the United States and sent back

to Germany.

"If they are boat people, refugees, then we must open doors for them," he said.

Wiesel, who has written 30 books, sprinkled his speech with stories and incidents from his life.

A trip to the Cambodian border to deliver food, Wiesel said, showed him how one group of people who have suffered can reach out to another group.

Wiesel said the anniversary of his father's death fell during the time he was at the Cambodian border. Because Jewish law requires 10 Jews to be present in order for relatives to say a prayer for the dead, Wiesel went in search of fellow Jews.

"I finally found 10 Jews and I said the prayer," Wiesel said. "One man

was saying the prayer for the dead (usually said by immediate relatives only) right alongside of me. I asked him if he was in mourning. He said, 'No.' So I asked for whom he was saying the prayer for the dead. He pointed to the Cambodians. One can reach out."

Although Wiesel said he is devoted to the priorities of the Jewish people because of the experiences he has had, but the priorities are not exclusive.

"Once the first priorities have been met, one must look for other priorities," he said. "We must help those who need help."

When he writes, Wiesel said he tries to focus the lessons of the past on the present.

"Today writing is a commitment to memory and that memory is a commitment to humankind," he said.

"The memory (of the Holocaust) invades our lives. Forty years after the event we are abandoned by it, hopeless and helpless. We haven't even begun to tell the story.

"There are still wars, hunger, hatred. Hasn't humanity learned anything? Woe to the people whose future would be a reflection of the past."

Weisel said he sees hope in the future.

"Our people (Jews) have tried to teach," he said. "We are trying to show the suffering. We are proving there is a response to suffering. We have seen the darkest of all times. It is possible to envision a time when there could be some joy and then time itself will dance. I hope that time is near."

Reagan, Soviet official work to abolish nuclear missiles

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — President Reagan and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze took new steps to avert accidental war and expressed mutual hopes Tuesday for a nuclear arms agreement to crown a superpower summit.

However, Shevardnadze said a letter he carried from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev did not propose a specific date for a summit with Reagan.

Shevardnadze and Reagan conferred in the Oval Office following a morning meeting at the State Department between Secretary of State George Shultz and the Soviet minister. "We're just beginning," Reagan said when asked if any progress had been made.

Shevardnadze's visit is viewed as a critical step toward wrapping up an agreement to abolish intermediate-range nuclear missiles from the Soviet and American arsenals. The expected accord would be signed by Reagan and Gorbachev at a summit which U.S. officials expect in late November.

Reagan said he looked forward "to the day when General Secretary Gorbachev and I can sign even more historic agreements in our common search for peace."

UN chief leaves Persian Gulf

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The United Nations' chief ended his Persian Gulf mission Tuesday, saying he discussed "the outline of a plan" to implement a Security Council resolution calling for a cease-fire in the 7-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

But Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar gave no indication before he flew out of Baghdad for New York of how successful his quest had been.

Perez de Cuellar spent two days talking with top Iranian government leaders in Teheran, then flew to the Iraqi capital Sunday night for talks with President Saddam Hussein, Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and other senior Iraqis.

He is to report Wednesday to the Security Council on his mission.

Hackers obtain NASA data

FRANKFURT, West Germany — Hackers broke into NASA's worldwide computer network

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throughout the summer and gathered secret data on space shuttle projects and rocket failures, West German media said Tuesday.

News reports said young West Germans gained regular access to at least 20 computers of the U.S. space agency and had the ability to paralyze the entire network.

The ARD television network said a flaw in the network's security system allowed the hackers to enter the network from May to September.

The NASA system connects more than 1,600 computers worldwide that share information on space research, nuclear physics and molecular biology, ARD said. The network includes U.S. atomic research facilities in Los Alamos, N.M.

The reports did not say how many hackers were involved or where they lived.

In Washington, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said it was preparing a statement.

Three White Patriots indicted

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Three members of a white supremacist group, including its former leader, were indicted Tuesday on charges of possession of illegal firearms and conspiracy to kill blacks and Jews.

A federal grand jury charged Glenn Miller, 46, the former leader of the White Patriot Party, with one count of illegal possession of hand grenades, said Mike Jones, an assistant U.S. attorney.

The other eight counts of the nine-count federal indictment named the two men arrested with him, Robert E. Jackson, 26, and Douglas L. Sheets, 30.

Miller pleaded guilty Monday in federal court in Raleigh to a charge of mailing a threatening communication. He said in an agreement with the government that he also would plead guilty to the weapons charge against him in Missouri.

He also agreed to testify against other members of his defunct organization.

District attorney urges students to vote

By **MATT BIVENS**
Staff Writer

Students should register to vote and should vote for whom they agree with, instead of who they think will win, Orange County District Attorney Carl Fox told about 40 students at a meeting of the Young Democrats Tuesday night in the Union.

"Personally, I think you should be thrown in jail if you don't vote," Fox said. "Don't raise your hands, you know in your consciences who you are. How many of you didn't vote and were eligible to vote? If you didn't vote, you should be embarrassed."

Students are especially guilty of not

voting in elections at all levels of government, he said.

"Students don't vote," Fox said, "and that's a shame, because that says things don't mean much."

All around the country, college groups like the Young Democrats are meeting, Fox said, and if one or two people in each of those rooms doesn't vote, the outcome of the presidential election could be changed.

If all of the students of Chapel Hill registered to vote, they could single-handedly elect the mayor and every alderman in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, he said. If students at all college campuses registered to vote, the

drinking age would never have been raised to 21, he said.

It's not enough for students to simply register and vote, if they don't vote courageously for candidates they support, Fox said.

The courage to vote shouldn't be selfish courage, where voters examine the issues based on what the candidate can do for them only, he said.

"I have seen T-shirts that say it's not whether you win or lose, it's whether I win or lose. If I believed that, I'd be a Republican," Fox said.

Issues should dominate election choices, he said.

"So what if the candidate I support

only has 10 percent or 3 percent or 25 percent of the vote," Fox said. "Even if he doesn't win, at least I stood for something."

"I heard one candidate at the (Education '88) forum say, 'I think Americans want, I think Americans want.' Who does he think he's talking to, Communists? We know what we want; what are you going to do about it?"

Because people who do vote often base their support on a candidates' television presence or popularity, the candidates' constituency later suffers, Fox said.

"It won't be a joke to sell the BMW and have to live in a tent for a while," he said. "It's not so funny when they're cutting student aid while you're at the movies."

Carl Fox is a graduate of the UNC School of Law, and was assistant district attorney from 1978 to 1984, before being elected district attorney in 1984.

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— the date of the ratification of the Appropriations Act — was decided by the state legislature.

"We were hoping for sooner, given that (this issue) has been around for awhile," he said.

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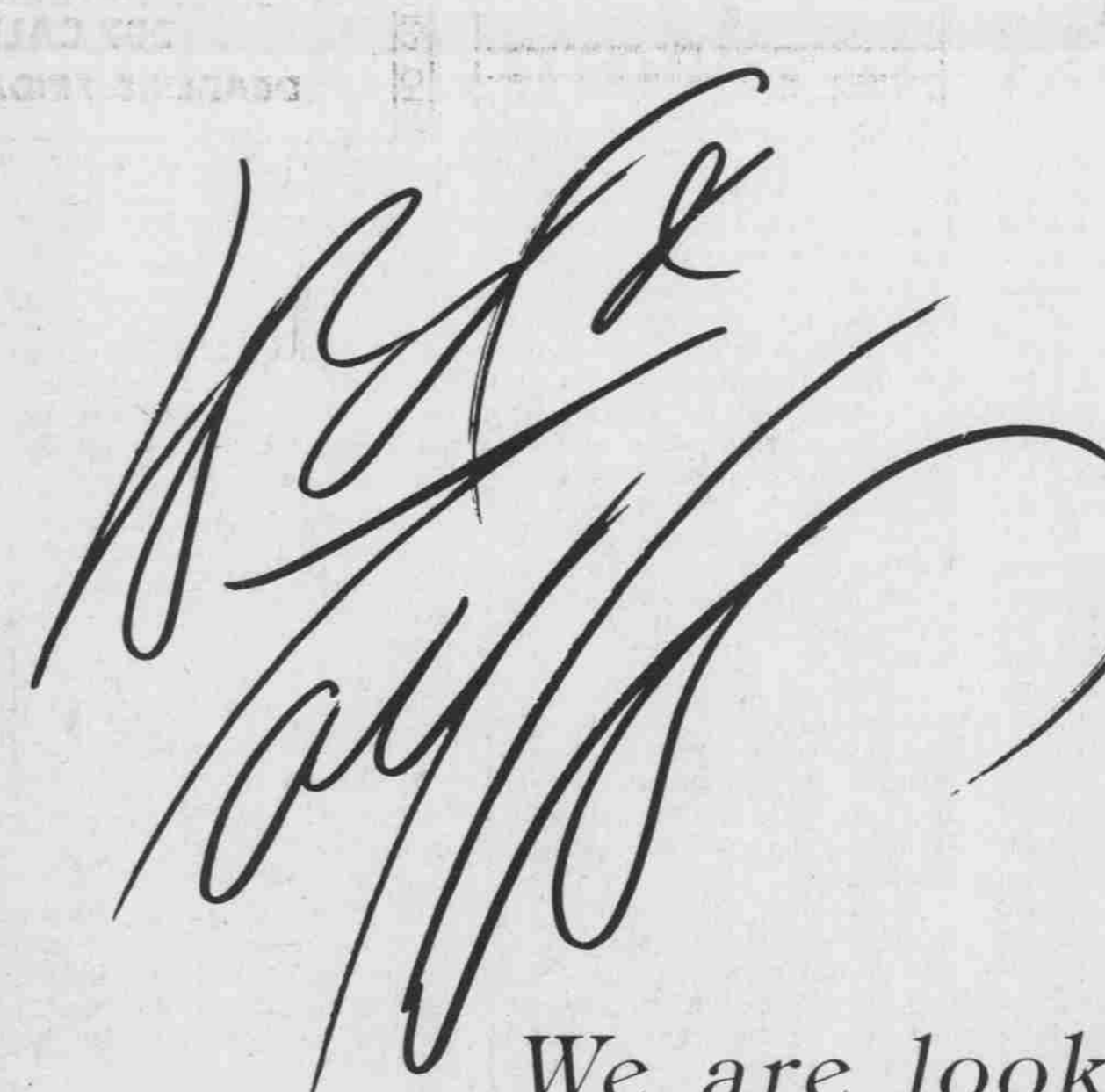
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