April 12, 2000 • the Seahawk Briefly... Religious gathering on campus sparks debate

Job fair tomorrow

Career Services will be sponsoring their annual job fair tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 150 employers are scheduled to attend recruiting for opportunities in:

Law Enforcement, Management, Security, Tech Services, Corrections, Restaurant Management, Telecommunications, etc. For more information, go by Career Services Rooms 104 and 106 of the University Union.

Lecturer on "Prelude to the Holocaust" tonight

Dr. Christopher Browning, professor of history at UNC-CH, will lecture on "Ethnic Cleansing Prelude to Genocide" at 7:30 tonight in Room 105 of Cameron Hall. Browing will discuss the evolution of Nazi Jewish policy in Eastern Europe between 1931-41.

Browning is the author of five books and received the National Jewish Book Award in the Holocaust category for his Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland.

The lecture, which is being sponsored by the department of history, is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Michael Seidman at 962-3319

Sorority to hold benefit golf tournament

The UNCW chapter of Delta Zeta will hold its third annual gold event on Saturday at Magnolia Greens Plantation. Registration for the event is \$75 and includes and invitation to dinner and a silent action on Friday, continental breakfast before the tournament, and lunch afterward.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Domestic Shelter and Services Inc., as well as Hearing Sounds of Success: Wilmington Regional Resource Center and its new hearing bank program.

For more information, contact Beth Brantley at 796-0907



by HEIDI BING News Editor

The "Do You Agree With Mike?" campaign sparked both criticism and praise last Wednesday when a large crowd of students gathered at the amphitheater to voice both support for and opposition to a public gathering of Christian students. The event provoked cheers of praise for speaker Mike Mattis, peaceful protest, vocal outbursts of opposition, and stunts intended to draw attention away from the speaker.

"What has happened on campus this week has been highly controversial." Mattis said during the lecture. "That's great and I encourage all of you guys to think for yourselves."

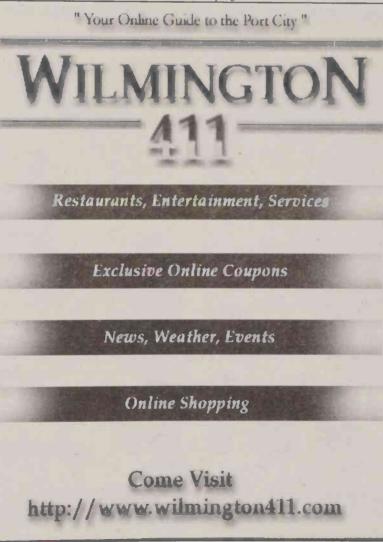
Yellow posters were put up across campus last week, featuring the phrase "Do You Agree With Mike?" and encouraging students to go to a meeting at the amphitheater. Since the campaign coincided with the Student Government Elections, many students said that they thought Mike was a candidate for the SGA. Interest was further sparked by various students on campus who wore yellow shirts reading "I Agree with Mike

The campaign began to draw criticism once some students realized that campaign.



Several students opposed to Mike Mattis' Christian message engaged in heated debate with proponents after Mattis addressed several hundred students last Wednesday at the ampitheatre on the Campus Commons

the event would be a gathering of Christian advocates during which Mattis, a UNCW freshman, would share a personal testimony about his religious experience. On one "Do You Agree With Mike?" flier in Kenan Hall, an individual wrote, "It's not cool to try to trick people into your religion" and another student, signing her name as Crystal, took the initiative to post fliers addressed to Mike which questioned the validity of the



Truth and experience are subjective those hearing you in order to be led, or blindly agreeing, to their "individual relationship with god, are being led-not growing for themselves," Crystal's fliers read. "The T-shirts, armies of Mike cultists, are gimmicky, almost commercializing your personal experience.

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Senior Jason Adams said he too was disturbed by population of students wearing yellow t-shirts. Adams felt analogous body of students reminded him of a cult and he was shocked when one student referred to Mattis as her "leader."

"She said something to the effect that we just wanted everyone to know that we agreed with our leader Mike' and it was so creepy," Adams said. "I can understand if it was something like 'do you agree with Jesus' because I believe in God, and I can understand being religious but they were just taking it to the next level.

Mattis addressed these concerns during his speech on Wednesday, stating that his purpose of holding the event was to spread information about God, rather than promote Mattis as an individual

"In the midst of eternity I am nothing, but there is a God in heaven who something and who loves you," Mattis told audience members.

The even was organized by a collaboration of Christian groups on campus. According to freshman Forrest Goodson, it was "an event among friends and was spread mainly by word of mouth." Mattis said he was chosen to speak "through the grace of God."

Mattis said that the intent of his speech was to acquaint the audience with four "spiritual truths." These points were: "God loves you and created you to know him personally," "we are all sinful and separated from God." "through Jesus we can know and experience God's love," and "we must individually receive Jesus as our savior and Lord." Mattis shared his own personal

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