

# Womack gives nod to divest

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Farris Womack, vice chancellor of business and finance, told members of the UNC Anti-Apartheid Support Group Friday that he would speak out in support of divestment when the University Endowment Board meets Nov. 22.

Womack's comments came during a "teach-in" conducted by the group in South Building. As of July 31, 1986, UNC investments in companies operating in South Africa totalled about \$10.4 million, according to the office of business and finance.

Responding to questions from group members, Womack said he feels the risky business climate of South Africa has made the time right for UNC to withdraw its funds from companies there.

"The U.S. Congress has taken a strong position (against apartheid) and has made it a national policy," Womack said. "It makes sense to me that the University should be in step with that."

He said endowment board members have not voted to divest because they have been unsure how contributors to the University would want their money used. They have also taken the position that pulling money out of South Africa would remove their influence in encouraging the government to end its policy of apartheid.

After his discussion with the students, Womack remained in the room to listen as the group members resumed the teach-in they had begun earlier on the problems of political



Members of the UNC Anti-Apartheid Support Group holding a 'teach-in' South Building on Friday

prisoners in South Africa and Namibia.

Group members said they were pleased with Womack's position, but questioned the endowment board's sensitivity to student sentiment.

Robert Reid-Pharr, group chairperson, said the group had invited board members to the teach-in but received little response. The lack of response is indicative of the board's disregard of student feeling on the matter, he said.

"The majority of the faculty supports divestment, 70 percent of the students support divestment and Womack supports divestment," Reid-Pharr said. "So why doesn't the endowment board vote to divest?"

The discussion with Womack was

the climax of a day of activities that began with a rally in front of Lenoir Hall shortly after noon.

Nine group members wearing blindfolds to symbolize South Africa's political prisoners stood in front of the steps while Reid-Pharr read a press statement explaining that the purpose of the teach-in was to inform the endowment board of atrocities in South Africa.

The "prisoners" were then led to South Building, followed by about 35 other group members who carried signs bearing names of political prisoners.

The group arrived at Womack's office on the third floor to find the doors temporarily locked. They began the teach-in in the hall until

about half an hour later, when the doors were unlocked and the students were informed that Womack would arrive later in the afternoon.

Chancellor Christopher Fordham, also an endowment board member, talked to the group members as they waited for Womack. Fordham said he had repeatedly spoken out before the board in favor of divestment.

"I disagree with (the board's) position, but I don't disagree that they have the authority to make that decision," Fordham said. "I just think there is a legitimate difference of opinion among the board members as to what means should be used (to combat apartheid)."

# Rescuers continue search for earthquake survivors

From Associated Press reports

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Rescuers aided by tracking dogs dug into collapsed buildings for the second day Sunday, looking for more survivors of an earthquake that killed hundreds of people and injured thousands in the capitol.

"It is impossible to say how many more are trapped," said Dr. Antonio Silva Carranza, a member of a volunteer Guatemala rescue squad.

Rescuers pulled at least 24 survivors from two wrecked buildings Saturday and worked through the night under the glare of the lights in hopes of finding others. Aftershocks from Friday's quake continued to rock the city.

## Senator questions support

WASHINGTON — As long as the administration openly encourages gun running in Central America, more Americans will become involved, killed and put on trial, and the distinction will be blurred on who's official and who's not, the vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee said Sunday.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said most members of Congress feel the U.S. government has overstepped the bounds by giving a

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"wink and a shrug" to private groups supporting Contra rebels seeking to overthrow the government of Nicaragua.

"I don't think we've had adequate answers whether the administration was involved with more than verbal encouragement of these people," Leahy said in a telephone interview from his home in Vermont.

## Parties predict gains

WASHINGTON — Democrats and Republicans predict they will gain on each other next month in critical election territory: the 44 House seats open because incumbents have died, retired, sought promotions or lost primaries.

"I fully expect the Republicans to come out with gains," said Rep. Guy Vander Jagt, chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Mark Johnson, a spokesman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, contends just the opposite. "More of their open seats are vulnerable," he said. "We think we can score a net gain of a couple."

# Jews celebrate Yom Kippur

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Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, began Sunday night at sundown and ends tonight at sundown. The day is considered one of

the holiest of the Jewish calendar.

"It is a day spent in fasting, reflection and prayer asking for forgiveness from God and your fellow man," said Rabbi Frank Fischer of the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation, the Jewish student center. "It is the conclusion of 10 days of awe, a 10-day period of soul-searching and reflection beginning on Rosh Hashana."

Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, begins on the first day of the Hebrew month of Tishri. It usually falls in the end of September or the beginning of October. Yom Kippur is observed on the 10th day of Tishri.

Yom Kippur began Sunday evening with the chanting of Kol Nidre, an ancient and famous prayer of forgiveness and absolution for religious vows that could not be kept.

Today, most synagogues will hold services throughout the day. The Torah, the sacred Old Testament scroll, is read twice and a memorial prayer for the dead is said. The holiday ends with the blowing of the Shofar, a ram's horn.



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Student tickets are now available for the Blue-White basketball games, which will be played after the Maryland and Virginia football games on November 1st and November 15th. Both these games will be played in the air-conditioned Smith Center and the halftimes will be only five minutes (so you can get out in time for the rest of your Saturday evening plans.)

## HOW TO GET YOUR TICKETS:

Present your student I.D. and athletic pass at the Smith Center Box Office between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Students may also purchase guest tickets at \$5.00 in addition to their complimentary student tickets.

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