



Chancellor Paul Hardin kicks off Race Relations Week in Lenoir Hall Tuesday night

Dialogue focuses on race relations

By JEFF ECKARD
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Student leaders, faculty members and administrators came together to address race relations during UNC's first race relations symposium Tuesday night in Lenoir Hall.

The symposium, which was sponsored by the Campus Y, the Student Union and the Black Cultural Center, discussed race relations at UNC and kicked off Race Relations Week, which will be held April 11-14.

Chancellor Paul Hardin began the evening by pledging the administration's support of student efforts to address racial problems on campus. Speaking to the crowd of about 75 people about his personal recollection of racial struggles in Alabama in the early 1960s, Hardin said race relations had slipped backward in recent years.

"We have not finished the agenda yet," he said.

Qwen Brown, BSM member, said better race relations would require understanding and communication.

Students must learn to understand the differences between races and communicate effectively despite those differences, she said.

Race relations week is a tangible way to address and possibly overcome differences between races, said Chris Mumford, founder of RACIAL, a group concerned with bridging racial differences.

Through the week's events, which will promote educational and social interaction, students will learn to better understand one another, Mumford said.

Student apathy in the 1980s has perpetuated the status quo — encouraging blacks to befriend blacks and whites to be with whites, Mumford said. Students must work together to push for change, he said.

Mumford proposed the permanent formation of a council composed of administrators, faculty and students that would deal with racism on campus. The council would eliminate the problem of racism only being addressed in certain years and make

it a continuing concern, Mumford said.

Harold Wallace, vice chancellor of University Affairs, said students working for racial harmony should not expect to find an absence of racism in the University community. But there should be the expectation that once racism is noted, it will be addressed in innovative and courageous ways in an effort to remove it from the community, he said.

"You're going to have to have a lot of patience; you're going to have to have courage and be hardheaded enough to stay at the task before you," he said.

The significance of Race Relations Week is that the campus as a whole will put aside time to recognize that racism exists and to deal with it, Mumford said. Students can come to understand their own prejudices and those of others, he said.

Race Relations Week will feature workshops focusing on segregation at

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Esposito, Elliott win in third congress election

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For Donnie Esposito and Tom Elliott, the third time was finally the charm.

Esposito (Dist. 10) and Elliott (Dist. 6) were elected to Student Congress Tuesday during the third election for the seats in as many weeks, according to unofficial election results.

"Thank heavens it's over," Elliott said Tuesday.

The first election for District 10, on Feb. 21, was forced into a runoff when neither Esposito nor his opponent Deanna Ramey received 50 percent of the votes. The Feb. 21 District 6 election was invalidated because one of the pollsites opened more than two hours late.

The second elections for the dis-

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tricts, held on Feb. 28, were invalidated because more votes were cast than the number of students who signed in as living in the districts.

Elliott defeated write-in candidate Ram Ramachandran, his original opponent who dropped out of the race on Friday, 26-9.

Esposito defeated Ramey 107-43.

Roberson said the re-elections were necessary because of voting discrepancies in the Feb. 28 elections.

"The people who voted at the all-campus pollsites voted for candidates in districts that they shouldn't have," Roberson said.

"I don't understand why someone would vote in a district they are not

supposed to," he said. "Some people just don't know better."

As a way to prevent the same problem again, the Elections Board supplied the pollsites with lists of residence halls that are in District 10, Roberson said.

Although the ballot for District 6 had only one name, a re-election was necessary, Roberson said.

"We can't justify saying one person can have the seat just because the other dropped out," he said. "There is always the chance for write-in votes."

Esposito said he was pleased that 150 students voted in the District 10 election.

"The number of votes was surprisingly high," Esposito said.

The candidates said Tuesday that they continued campaigning for the

re-election.

Ramey said she had campaigned since the re-election was announced Thursday.

"I made fliers to hang in the dorms," she said. "I also went door-to-door. This was the same thing I did for the last election."

Esposito said he also went door-to-door.

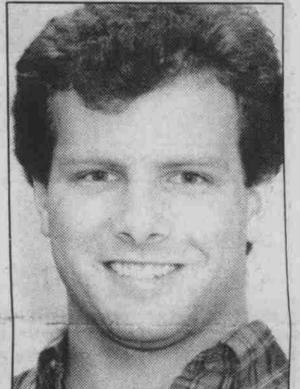
"I went door-to-door in all the dorms," he said. "I also had more people helping me, because I couldn't be everywhere at once."

"I also promised that this would be the last time they would have to vote. That was the only way to get people out to vote."

Elliott said, "I made a small flier that I posted and put in a few mailboxes in the public health buildings."



Tom Elliott



Donnie Esposito

Soviet reforms likely to have lasting effects

Editor's Note: U.S. Citizens are often said to be ignorant in their knowledge of world affairs. While a group of Soviet students are at UNC to learn more about our culture and political system, the following is the first of a three-part series explaining some aspects of the changes in the Soviet Union's culture and political system.

By HELLE NIELSEN
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Whether Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev remains in power, the changes he has set in motion in the Soviet Union will not be rolled back easily, observers of the Soviet Union say.

"It will be . . . difficult to put the ghost back in the bottle," said Joel Schwartz, a UNC professor of political science who specializes in the Soviet political system and society.

"Gorbachev might be retired," Schwartz said. "But if he can stay in power a little bit longer, there is no turning the rudder of the ship. It will be Gorbachevism without Gorbachev."

Since Gorbachev came to power in 1985, the terms "perestroika" and "glasnost" have become household words all over the world as the Soviet Union has initiated reform programs affecting virtually all areas of Soviet society.

Perestroika refers to the restructuring of the economy, the political system and other areas of Soviet society. Glasnost implies candor in public political discussion.

Reforms include changes in the electoral process, an opening up of the economy to allow for some private enterprise, and broader

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civil liberties.

"The Soviet Communist Party realized the urgency of the situation and introduced the changes," said Boris Malakhov, first secretary of the Soviet Union's press section in Washington.

An ailing Soviet economy mandates reforms, but the emergence of new political leadership with Gorbachev was instrumental to bringing about the change, Schwartz said.

A declining growth rate, a shortage of consumer goods and growing public health and alcoholism problems reflect a society in deterioration, he said.

Gorbachev's reforms serve the same purpose as Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal reforms, Schwartz said. "In order to save the system, they have to change it."

Soviet leaders hope to improve the country's economy and raise the standard of living, Malakhov said. But economic reform cannot succeed without rapid political change to encourage more participation.

"We want all people of the country to participate in economic reforms," he said. "That is possible only if political reforms give people the real power."

The new political tunes are quickly changing Soviet political life, Soviet observers say. Overt political activism, including demonstrations, is on the rise. This week dock workers in the Eastern Soviet Union refused to handle a submarine carrying radioactive materials.

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Fellows trade teaching for school

Editor's Note: This is the last in a three-part series on the future of education in North Carolina.

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A \$20,000 scholarship for a four-year commitment to teach in the N.C. public schools — that's the trade-off the N.C. Teaching Fellows Scholarship offers the state's high school seniors.

The 60 Teaching Fellows on UNC's campus say it's one of the best deals they've ever been offered.

During the past 10 years, the number and quality of students entering teacher education programs has declined. As a result, the 1987 General Assembly approved a plan to fund a \$5,000-a-year scholarship to students who agree to teach in the state for four years.

Modeled after the Morehead Scholarship program, applicants for the program are nominated at the high school level by their counselors, teachers and principals. During their

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senior year, they participate in a series of local and regional interviews with school personnel and business people.

With 13 campuses in the UNC system participating in the program, each school may admit up to 60 Teaching Fellows. According to Barbara Day, who selects the UNC Teaching Fellows and directs the UNC Teaching Fellows program, 150 of the 245 applicants last year designated UNC as their first choice.

"Many gave up their Teaching Fellows scholarship so they could come to Carolina," she said. "Everyone talks about the teaching shortage and not enough students going into teaching — (but) not on this campus."

The average SAT score among the first class of UNC's Teaching Fellows who arrived on campus last fall is more than 1200, and their high school grade point average is 3.73.

Their in-state counterparts averaged 1089 on the SAT.

"I just select the brightest and the best," Day said.

Mark Kleinschmidt, a freshman social studies and economics education major from Goldsboro, said the offer of \$20,000 for college had attracted him to the program. "That was a big appeal. Other teaching scholarships don't offer as much."

"It was for me," he added. "I always knew I wanted to teach . . . We have a very good shot at getting a job."

The four-year teaching commitment doesn't bother Kleinschmidt. He wants to get a master's degree that will allow him to pursue a career in school administration. Because the Teaching Fellows program allows students seven years to fulfill their promise to teach in the public schools, Kleinschmidt said he planned to begin graduate school as soon as he received his bachelor's degree.

Four years at UNC also caught the attention of Chris Rice, a freshman secondary English education

major from Arapahoe.

"The money is superb," he said. "Since I was thinking of teaching, that was an added incentive to do it."

"It's only four years," he said of his commitment to the scholarship. Any student who decides not to teach after graduation must repay the scholarship.

"I don't feel trapped," he added. "By the time four years are over, you'll have some great experience."

Day said she was concerned not only about attracting students to the teaching profession but also about keeping them in the classroom. "My concern is when they go out in the public schools and teach, that they like it. If we get four good years, our money will have been well spent."

"We can't get them to remain in the teaching profession, but we can get them to remain in the N.C. schools for four years," she said.

Dana Daughtry, a freshman psychology and early education major

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Council grants noise exceptions

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The Chapel Hill Town Council voted Monday to amend the town's noise ordinance temporarily to accommodate several upcoming University events.

A temporary amendment to the town's noise control ordinance will permit the noise level during the Pi Kappa Phi Burnout, Springfest and the Carolina Beach Blast to reach 75 decibels instead of the normal level of 60 decibels.

It is difficult to describe the difference between the two noise levels, Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes said, but "when you hear it you can tell a big difference."

The most important aspect about the noise level is that it was approved as a reasonable level by Chapel Hill police, students and neighborhood residents, Howes said.

"There is a very good level of cooperation between the University and the town, and this is an excellent example of that," he said.

"All of the students were well prepared and had done their homework before the meeting."

If any of the events get "too out of hand" there might be trouble, but the town is anticipating no disturbances from the events, he said.

The sponsors of the three events sent letters to the council supporting the requested proposals and asking for the cooperation of the town council.

Council member Julie Andresen said Pi Kappa Phi's noise request was placed on the consent agenda and was passed for reasons other than the fact that the event is a charity fund-raiser.

"The charity makes it nice, but the main reason is that it is planned carefully and doesn't interfere with the health, safety and welfare of the community," Andresen said.

Pi Kappa Phi sponsors Burnout, which is scheduled for March 31, as a fund-raiser for the N.C. Burn Center. The Carolina Beach Blast, scheduled for April 9, is sponsored by Ehringhaus Residence College and

is a fund-raiser for Ronald McDonald House.

The council also approved a request from Henderson Residence College (HRC) requesting the closing of Raleigh Street during Springfest on April 8.

The section of Raleigh Street between South Road and Lenoir Drive will be closed from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for Springfest.

Kurt Seufert, HRC governor, said a Chapel Hill police officer threatened that the town council would refuse HRC's noise and street closing requests after a Feb. 18 snowball fight on Connor Beach led to a car accident in front of Joyner Residence Hall.

Seufert met with Chapel Hill Police Chief Arnold Gold a week after the incident and discussed the effects it might have on the Springfest request.

"Chief Gold assured me that the snowball incident would not have any effect on our requests to the town council," Seufert said.

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