The Pendulum Emphasis

By Loukia Louka Editor

Geraldine Ferraro looked tired.

been on the campaign trail vice surrounded the speaker's almost constantly since her platform. nomination in July, made her only appearance in North Carolina last Monday. Under overcast skies, a harassed Ferraro on the cam-crowd of several thousand paign trail? Maybe. Anti-heard onthusiastically along abortion apponents carried

cheered enthusiastically along abortion apponents carried with a Dixieland band that was large signs in protest to Ferrar-

A rush of excitement spread of Ferraro. "She's here!" cried Ferraro: the Alamance the crowd, as they waved flags Women's Political Caucus, candidates for re-election and posters to welcome the Catholics, and the National were present: Gov. Jim Hunt, Queens congresswoman.

Spectators had to lean for-ward and concentrate hard to penetrate the wall of Secret Service agents. A large group of men in three-piece suits formed a safe circle around Ferraro. Though wide-eyed and flashing her tireless smile to the cheering crowd, her face showed some strain; a sort of travel-weary fatigue.

As Ferraro made her way to the speaker's platform, the audience was rewarded with a better view and began to grow restless for her address. "Gerry, tell it like it is," shouted one spectator. That sent the crowd into shouts and emotional outbursts as the moment they had waited for arrived.

Wearing a turtleneck dress and a brown blazer, she made her way across the stage to shake hands with local organizers of the rally, which was held in the Govermental Plaza of downtown Greensboro

This appearance in Greensboro was accompanied by an afternoon jaunt to Raleigh. where Ferraro made several appearances. Though the visit

well executed. Stragetically positioned to watch the crowd were Greensboro police with binoculars on top of various The Democratic vice- buildings surrounding the pla-presidential nominee who has za. Members of the Secret Ser-

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playing "Happy Days are Here o's pro-abortion stance, though Again," as Ferraro's motor- as a Catholic, she says she cade approached the Gov-would personally oppose an abortion.

Acting as counterattackers to A rush of excitation speed the Right of Life organization tator caught a distant glimpse were groups that supported of Ferraro. "She's here!" cried Ferraro: the Alamance the crowd, as they waved flags Women's Political Caucus,

to Greensboro was brief, it was Organization for Women (NOW), the moving force behind today's women's liberation, were on hand to give Ferraro their support. Despite all the special in-

terest groups, there was no heckling. Behind the stage was draped a giant American flag, blowing gently in the cool October breeze.

The press turned out in massive proportions as television camera crews, photographers and reporters crowded the makeshift podium built to accomodate their expected appearance at the rally. Net-work cameras scanned the crowd and microphones ho-vered everywhere to listen to the candidate for the vicepresidency.

day Helms has long opposed While she endorsed the elec tion of Jim Hunt as a "moderal leader who is in touch with th people of North Carolina." sh proclaimed Helms as a "righ wing ideologist" who wa "totally out of touch line an eventually out of a job. On the national level. Fe

raro addressed the issues deficit spending by the Reaga administration and what sh called his "anti-education anti-environment and anti anti-environment and and elderly" policies. "When comes to cutting the budget the poor and the elderly and first. Social Security is a con-tract and the elderly have right to live in dignity." right to live in dignity.

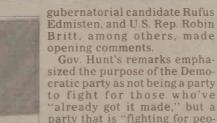
Her voice ringing clea through the plaza, Ferrar went to relate an anecdote a out Vice-President Georg Bush, who recently asked a audience what wins elections He in turn pulled out his wa let, and said it was "who pu into it and who takes out of it

Ferraro grinned, "Of cours we care about money, but thi is an election, not an auction and the U.S. goverment is no up for sale to the higher bidder.

"There's nothing in the wa let that says to search for pear or stop the arms race. Lea ership is not just telling peoply what they want to hear, but they want to hear, but they want to hear, but they want they wan what they need to know.

After thanking the crow she faded in the swarm security as the shook hand along a path of listener Ferraro went on to cite the. Eagerly, the most faithful of the a closer look, or maybe contac

Smiling and thanking th crowd, she walked along a lu of people who endlessly calle



to fight for those who've "already got it made," but a party that is "fighting for people who are trying to make it. There's room in the Democratic party for everybody. There's room for farmers and taxpayers, not just the wealthy and special interest groups.'

Ferraro took the podium without hesitation. She looked composed, but her quick deliv-ery proclaimed her a serious team player. She began by dis-regarding pollsters who say the **Dmocrats are floundering**

She predicted that this January, voters would send President Ronald Reagan back to the ranch and that Sen. Jesse

Helms would be unemployed. "I've been to every part of the country." she said, "and I sense excitement in the air. It's time to make changes." Her New York accent coupled with animated expressions and gestures and straightforward approach stirred the crowd.

state senatorial race as one lot pushed forward, hoping f where "the entire country is watching.

With Hunt on stage with her. she fiercely attacked Helms by accusing him of trying to to her. Her face seemed war "smear the good name" of civil and happy with the expression rights leader Martin Luther she came in on-smiling, gli King Jr., whose national holi- to be there, but tired.





