UNCC Students Protest Klan Verdict

By David E. Griffith

Approximately 100 students at-
tended a rally to protest the Novem-
ber 17 verdict in the Greensboro
Klan-Nazi trial Tuesday in front of
the Bell tower.

The rally, sponsored by Student
Body Government and the Black Stu-
dent Union lasted from 1 to 2 p.m.
and featured a series of speakers.
Chairman of the Student Legisla-
tion Barry Brown moderated the rally,
an- nouncing each speaker.

Earlier Tuesday the student leg-
slature passed a resolution calling
for further investigation of the
Greensboro case. Linda Russell, 
Nursing Representative and author
of a resolution read to the crowd of
students and area media represen-
tatives.

Mike Kemp, President of the Black
Student Union, was the first speaker.
"On November 17 justice was dealt
a death blow. On that fateful day a
precedent was set. On that day all
right wing terrorist groups were giv-
en exactly the same right to a license
in order to kill anyone, and I repeat
anyone, who holds a view different
than their own."

Kemp said the Greensboro verdict
was one in a long series of events in-
dicating that our society will not
tolerate a challenge to its authority.

"The winds of racism and repression
are being whipped through our our
society. Our President elect is calling
for state’s rights and our Senate and
House of Representatives are being
prepared for the reappearance of an
humanitarian act passed within the
last 20 years, from busing legisla-
tion, to federal food stamp programs,
to the reappeal of civil rights legisla-
tion.

"On our own campus the spectre
of racism and sexism is rearing its ugly
head and tensions here between dif-
ferent cultural groups have been es-
calating. We as students must ex-
press our outrage and discontent with
the current trends," Kemp said.

"We have two choices," Kemp said.
"either we will unite with other
freedom loving individuals who also
recognize the writing on the wall and
stand ready and willing to protect our
own freedom, or we can say nothing,
do nothing, and be swept away by a
tidal wave of prejudice and repression
that is overtaking our country. The
die is cast, the duty is ours. We must
not shirk it."

Student Body President Ron Olsen
said he did not support the views of
the Communist Workers Party, but
he was shocked and horrified" to
find that all six defendants had been
acquitted on all charges.

Olsen spoke about the U.S. judicial
system saying "for every ounce ot
justice, I can give you a pound of in-
justice." He expanded on this point
speaking of North Carolina's record
in such matters saying, "What does
that say about our society. We must
show the rest of the country that
North Carolina is not full of Nazis,
Communists and Ku Klux Klanners.

"In the last decade our society has
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Disagree?

Let us know how you feel about
the Greensboro verdict and the student pro-
test. Write: Letters To the Students, The
Carolina Journal, Cone Center, Campus.
All letters must bear the signature and
telephone number of the author.

Student Reaction to
Justice Rally Varied

By Teresa Skipper

About 100 attended the rally at 1 p.m.
Tuesday November 25, protesting the acquittal
of six men charged with killing five communists
in Greensboro a year ago.

The majority of the students at the rally
were disturbed about the verdict and at time-
became very vocal in support of the speakers.

Linda Russell read a resolution she presented
student legislature and passed Tuesday. The
resolution called for an investigation by federal
government "in the pur-
pose of criminal civil
rights charges."
The resolution was to be pre-
sented to everybody
from Jimmy Carter to
Ron Olsen. A petition
also calling for an inves-
tigation was passed
among the students.

Sarah Traywick, 21, English major said,
"Our legal system needs
a serious review. Espe-
cially when an all white
jury acquits Nazis and
the KKK upon such
scanty evidence."

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Legislature Asks Feds To Investigate

By Cary Jimenez

A resolution which called for fur-
ter investigation by the Federal
Government into the deaths of five
Communist Worker's Party members
killed in an anti-Klan rally in
Greensboro last November, was pass-
ed by the North Carolina Student
Legislature Sunday, November 23.

Legislators felt that the six Ku
Klux Klan members should not have
not been acquitted because there was im-
portant evidence, such as "eye-
ewitness accounts, videotape evidence
and ballistic reports" to link them to
the victims' deaths. There has also been
much discrepancy as to which
side fired first.

Legislators contended that not only
is "shooting someone a violent
action, but that the communist's
civil rights were abridged and their
right of speech was violated." The
opposition was not so much in
regard to the investigation, but
rather to the language used in the pro-
posal. After an amendment was pass-
ed, the resolution then read, "five peo-
ple . . . were killed," rather than,
"were gunned down," which sounded
more brutal.

The Legislature also called for a
resolution to abolish Article VI, sec-
ction 8 of the constitution of the state
of North Carolina which states, "any
official who denies the exist-
ence of God may not hold that of-
lice for which he was elected."

The Legislators felt it is wrong
to reject a man of the grounds of ath-
eism if he is competent and capable of
holding office. One member stated,
"there is no proof that belief in God
increased job effectiveness."

Although those opposed stated
that no one has ever been discrimi-
nated against because of his religious
beliefs, the Legislature passed the
resolution.

Another resolution, which was
postponed until January, concerned
the high gasoline and fuel tax which
farmers and commercial fishermen
have been paying. They are paying a
tax which was intended to go for
highway road construction. They
were calling for the return of a small
amount of money or relief to the
average farmer and fisherman.

In other action, Debbie Bryant, in-
tership program coordinator, in-
formed the members that the Youth
Involvement Office has available 125
graduate and undergraduate intern-
ships for the summer. Also, the In-
titute of Government Internship
Programs, directed by Dr. Hayman,
will be offering 25 internship slots for
undergraduates only.

These are competitive programs in
which the applicants and their appli-
cations will be carefully screened by
counselors.

"We encourage you to apply be-
cause it gives you an inside look at
how an agency is run, as well as give
you the opportunity to see if you
want to be involved with the govern-
ment," Bryant said.

The deadline for both programs is
February 13