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Conflicting abortion actions incite, excite activists

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Abortion foes and advocates both have had reason for outrage and smiles this week.

The Food and Drug Administration announced Wednesday it planned to approve the abortion pill RU-486, and the House voted Thursday to overturn a presidential veto of a bill banning late-term abortions.

The House voted 285-137 to overturn President Bill Clinton's April veto of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act. This vote marks the first time Congress has declared a specific abortion procedure illegal since the Supreme Court ruled abortions legal in the landmark 1973 case, Roe vs. Wade.

Barbara Holt, director of N.C. Right

to Life, said the vote's outcome pleased her.

"It shows our elected officials, even the ones who support Roe vs. Wade, realize there are some abortion procedures that should never be allowed," she said. "We see it as a victory for women and children."

Holt said partial-birth abortions endangered the health of women who receive them.

The Rev. Flip Benham, director of

Operation Rescue, said in an interview Thursday that the political decision reflected a shift in the attitude of the general public towards abortion.

"Abortions are at the lowest level since 1976," Benham said. "Now the House voted more than the two-thirds needed to overturn Clinton's veto. The heart of the nation is changing."

On the other side, pro-choice advocates said they felt the veto was a dangerous infringement on the rights of women

to control their own health.

Beth Ising, executive director of the N.C. chapter of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, said Tuesday's vote reflected the measures Congress would take to intrude in women's lives and to use the political process to satisfy special interests.

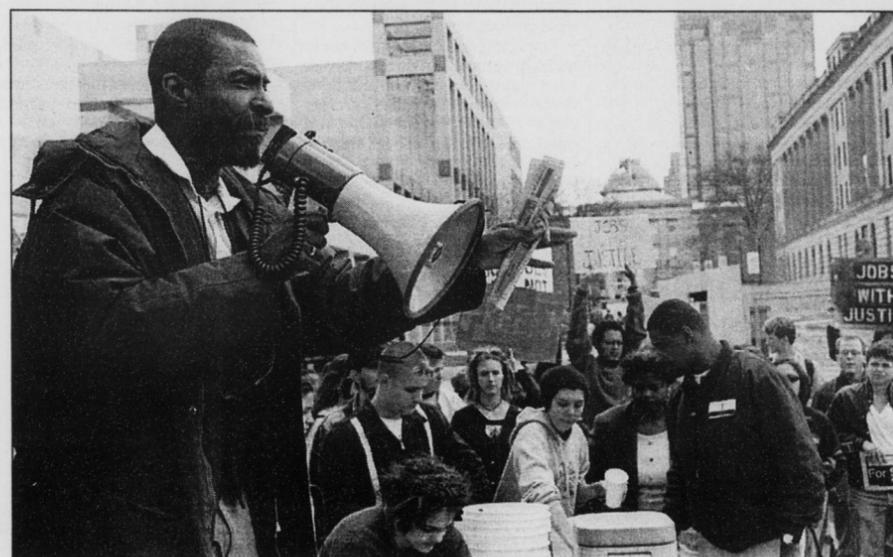
"It is unacceptable for Congress to practice medicine," Ising said. "That's a decision to be made between a woman and her doctor."

Janet Colm, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Durham County, was concerned with the health risks of outlawing partial-birth abortions when used to protect the mother's life or health.

"It's a real threat to the lives, health and future fertility of women who need this procedure," she said. "I think it's interesting so much of this focus is on the veto; at the same time, we're making

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Not all UNC-system housekeepers battling privatization, conditions



At a rally in Raleigh last spring, housekeepers from several area colleges and universities protested against privatization and for better wages and working conditions.

BY ERIC FLACK
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While housekeepers and administrators at UNC-Chapel Hill have wrangled over wages, working conditions and privatization for years, they have enjoyed a less turbulent coexistence at other UNC-system universities.

East Carolina University outsourced their housekeeping management six years ago.

Linda, an ECU housekeeper who asked that her last name not be used, said although there would always be those who complain about management, the majority of the staff have been content with the privatization.

"Everyone always finds something to gripe about, even when management was under the state government," she said.

"As far as I'm concerned, everything is OK." John Durham, director of public affairs at ECU, said he was happy to see the transition from public to private management go smoothly.

He said he saw no reason why action taken by the UNC-CH housekeepers should affect or incite the housekeepers at ECU, but said he would monitor the outcome of the pending lawsuit alleging discrimination.

"While there are some similarities between the institutions, in no way can a one-to-one correlation between them be made," Durham said. "But we are always interested in developments concerning our sister institutions."

In recent years, an increasing number of UNC-system insti-

tutions have privatized housekeeping services. Twelve of the 16 UNC-system schools privatized in one form or another.

However, UNC-CH is not the only university where privatization has drawn protest. Cafeteria workers protested the privatization of the dining halls at Elizabeth City State University two years ago. The workers lost their fight, and Marriott Corp. took over the food services responsibilities.

C.D. Spangler, president of the UNC system, said that when the N.C. General Assembly asked the universities to determine the areas in which outsourcing would be advantageous, it was meant to allow each school to control its own future.

"Each campus was asked to look at the possible areas which could be considered for privatization in the near future," Spangler said. "Then each university was to develop guidelines and determine if there were any areas on campus which fall under those guidelines for privatization."

"But the process was meant to be done in a way where each campus could be captain of its own ship."

But some schools still shy away from privatization. Brad Reid, director of housing at Appalachian State University, said security issues had prevented administrators from even studying the possibility of housekeeper privatization at ASU.

"There is a lack of competition in Boone to gain any advantage from privatization, but that is minor compared to our safety concerns," Reid said.

"How comfortable are the Chapel Hill students about the possibility of an outside company coming in, often times having hired anyone off the street, even people with prison records, and having these people come into your halls?" he

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BPWA members find common thread in Housekeepers' fight

BY KATE HARRISON
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Although fighting in different territories, the Black Public Works Association and the UNC Housekeepers Association found a common cause: striving for higher wages and against alleged discrimination.

Steve England, member of the BPWA Steering Committee, said the group has worked closely with the Housekeepers since the BPWA's founding in June 1995.

"We've done several joint ventures with the Housekeepers, including rallies and speak-outs," England said. "We're very supportive and very aware of one another."

Although the two are separate organizations, they have basically been working from the same office and fighting for the same cause, which is the right to live with good living wages, he said.

"To do that, we first and foremost have to prove that we're fighting for a principle," he said. "We're fighting to prove certain injustices are going on."

"We're living in a time that is not very distant from slavery, and many black workers are still in historically slave jobs like housekeeping. We want decent living wages for those employees and to bring out the fact that there is a pattern of discrimination."

England said the Housekeepers' law-

suit has been instrumental in making people more aware of the unfair racial practices taking place at the University and in the town.

The Housekeepers' lawsuit, which cites a need for improved working conditions and higher wages, goes to trial Monday.

The group rejected the settlement offered by the University on Tuesday but was still working on possible negotiations.

"The University and town state that there has not been a pattern of discrimination," he said. "We know that's not true — there's no question there's a pattern."

"The Housekeepers have brought out the discrimination in terms anyone can understand. There's no question that they have a legitimate case — it's only a question of whether people are willing to acknowledge it."

The BPWA has been working on its own lawsuit against the Town of Chapel Hill, citing discriminatory hiring practices, salary adjustments and a shortage of promotions and management positions by the Chapel Hill Public Works Department.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission was scheduled to look into the hiring practices but was delayed by

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Live from Carroll Hall...

BY JASON MORRELL
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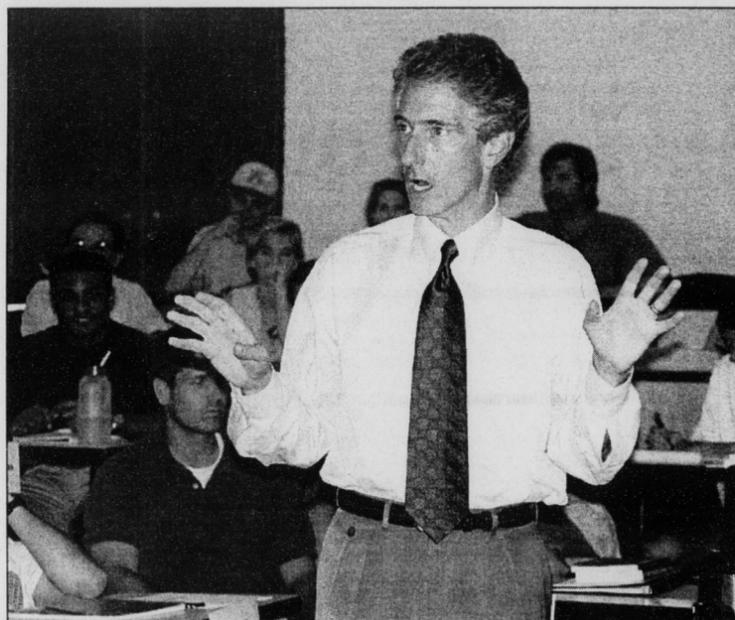
From the fall of communism in Moscow to the origins of the CNN network, Mark Walton seems to have experienced it all.

And now the former CNN correspondent is putting his life experiences to work at UNC by sharing his proficiency in the area of communication with students at the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

The business school contracted with Walton's leadership and communication consulting firm, The Walton Group, to produce an unparalleled master's of business administration communications curriculum.

Walton said the new strategic leadership communications program was the first of its kind nationwide. The program will assist the students in developing the

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Former CNN correspondent Mark Walton leads the first class of a new program, highlighting the importance of effective communication, at the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

DA drops Petty's hit-and-run charge

BY ASHLEY MATLOCK
STAFF WRITER

NASCAR legend and Secretary of State candidate Richard Petty was cleared Thursday of two reckless driving charges, including leaving the scene of an accident, but pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of following another vehicle too closely.

District Attorney Mark L. Speas explained that an incident cannot be considered a hit-and-run unless one of the vehicles is damaged, so Petty should never have been charged with reckless driving in the Sept. 11 incident.

"The case was not a plea bargain," he said. "Neither car was damaged." Speas said he could only successfully prosecute the charge of following too

closely.

The accident occurred when Petty was driving behind a car going 55 mph in a 65 mph zone on a Cabarrus County section of Interstate 85, Speas said.

Petty stated in the police report that the driver in front of him, James Forest Rasette of Oak Ridge, kept braking and slowing down. Petty stated he then bumped the rear of the car and proceeded north.

N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper M. W. Mantel encountered Rasette, then pursued and stopped Petty in Randolph County, according to the report. Police later charged Petty with hit-and-run and reckless driving.

Though the reckless driving charges

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Police to issue citations for Kenan alcohol consumption

BY JENNIFER PENDER
STAFF WRITER

After reports of some restroom users attempting to flush small, empty liquor bottles down the toilets, the University Police informed student government and Carolina Athletic Association representatives Tuesday that alcohol consumption at Kenan Stadium would no longer result in warnings.

"There was a report after the Clemson game about liquor bottles in the toilets," University Police Chief Don Gold said. "We need to be vigilant to ensure that restrooms aren't used for what they aren't

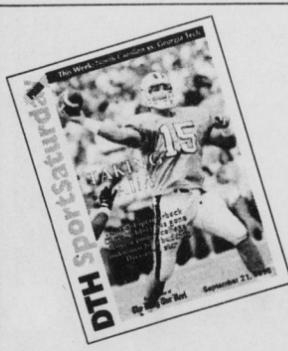
meant for."

University Police will begin issuing N.C. uniform citations at the game, and the primary charges will be underage drinking and public consumption, Maj. Greg Graves said.

The stadium's old restrooms were not utilized, but the new ones showed evidence of misuse, Student Body Secretary Lacey Hawthorne said.

Aside from alcohol consumption, the bottles clog toilets, Hawthorne said. She said she hoped the citations and increased patrols would alleviate the problem.

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Check out SportSaturday

North Carolina brings the No. 2 defense in the country to Saturday's contest with Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets boast the ACC's top rushing offense — and an 0-7-1 record in Kenan Stadium. Grab a copy of SportSaturday for all the news on the game, as well as complete coverage of UNC sports.

Clothes aren't dirty unless someone sees you in them.

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