

Vigil Shines Light On King's Vision

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Nearly 100 students, campus ministry leaders and members of the community gathered Tuesday to remember the spiritual legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. in a "Journey Towards Unity."

The candlelight vigil, sponsored by the Campus Ministers' Association Student Council and the Martin Luther King Corporation, remembered King for his dedication in working towards unity among people of different faiths.

"It is a way for diverse people around the campus to be connected, which is what he would have wanted," said Caroline Alexander, a freshman from Chapel Hill.

Groups assembled at four campus sites to begin the evening with a candlelight march and spiritual songs, chanting the tunes of "Amazing Grace" and "We Shall Overcome."

The groups then met in the Great Hall for the program, which included reflections by the Rev. J.R. Manley of First Baptist Church in Chapel Hill.

Manley encouraged the overall theme of unity among faiths to work for the common good.

"The principles that bind us together are greater than the prejudices that separate us," he said.

He said the key to advancing unity in the United States was finding common principles to embrace. "Once you find a principle that you can agree on, there has to be honesty and sincerity," he said.

The night also included a presentation by OPEYO modern dance group. Seven members of the group acted out a situation filled with conflict that was eventually resolved after the individuals became intertwined as a group.

Ralf Schmid, a graduate student in biochemistry, said the vigil was inspiring, but that he was disappointed with the overall turnout. He said the night called for diversity, but there was little representation from several groups.

"Some key people and organizations did not show representation tonight," Schmid said.

Schmid said Student Body President Reyna Walters and the UNC Gospel Choir were scheduled to be part of the program, but called Monday night and said they could not attend.

Junior Renee Pouliot, chairperson of the Campus Ministers' Association student council, said she thought the vigil sent a positive message. "It shows that we are working together to set an example for the rest of the University community."

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Escalating Violence Spurs NATO Action

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - NATO generals held six hours of "not completely successful" negotiations Tuesday with hard-line Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic over the escalating violence in Kosovo, a Western source close to the talks said.

A U.N. war crimes investigator, meanwhile, was denied entry into Yugoslavia for a second day and an American diplomat expelled after accusing Serbs of massacring 45 ethnic Albanians was given 24 more hours to remain in the country.

Only three months after Yugoslavia

narrowly escaped NATO attacks, the Western alliance's top generals returned to Belgrade and held talks with Milosevic over the deteriorating situation in Kosovo.

The Western source said the generals were not able to convince Milosevic to live up to all conditions laid down by the alliance to bring peace but said: "we made progress in certain areas."

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright warned Tuesday the possibility of airstrikes was "on the table." In Washington, officials said the United States demanded that Milosevic identify who gave the order for the massacre in southern Kosovo.

Policy Aims to Aid Families

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A policy that would give a tax credit to families with one only breadwinner, mentioned by President Clinton in his State of the Union address Tuesday, has elicited mixed reviews from politicians.

In his speech, Clinton said his budget proposal for the fiscal year 2000 would include a tax credit of up to \$500 for each child of one year or younger, in families where one parent stayed home and took care of the children.

The proposal, expected to help approximately 1.5 million families in the country, is part of a larger child care package that will spend \$18 billion over five years.

President of the John Locke Foundation John Hood, a conservative

think tank in Raleigh, said Clinton's focus away from subsidizing day care was a step in the right direction, since most children were cared for at home.

"It is a wise policy politically as well as practically because most pre-school children will never set foot in a day care center," Hood said.

Hood said the proposal was also an attempt by Clinton to call the bluff of conservatives.

"What Clinton is doing here is nodding his head to conservatives," Hood said.

"They have long complained that the current system helps families who use day care at the expense of those who don't. I think that is politically wise in the current environment."

But Edie Rasell, an economist at the Economic Policy Institute in

Washington D.C., said the President's proposal was too small in scope to help families and was primarily aimed at increasing Clinton's political clout.

"Well, everything is political," Rasell said.

"What Clinton has been doing the past two years is proposing things that have a lot of popularity but are pretty small in impact. This seems to fit into that category."

But Rasell said the policy would most likely receive bipartisan backing.

"I think people that support programs that assist low-income families will be pleased with this," she said. "That will be a lot of Democrats and some Republicans as well."

Thomas Bates, press secretary for Rep. David Price, D-N.C., said the congressman supported the spirit of the

plan, although unfamiliar with its specifics.

"The principal of helping provide tax relief for families so that they can provide the best child care possible is a positive step," Bates said.

"The principal is something Congressman Price would certainly support."

Hood said the proposal conflicted with the President's pledge to refrain from new government spending until Social Security was ensured.

But Rasell said Clinton had already kept his promise to Social Security by investing 75 percent of the budget surplus in the program. "In that sense he has fulfilled his pledge."

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worked by this," he said.

"Although (Provost Richard Richardson) is probably going to have to go to a lot more functions than he usually does," he added jokingly.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Services Dean Bersciani said Hooker's diagnosis would not overburden the employees at the University.

"He is a very motivated individual, and it is not very likely he would push his work onto other people's plates."

Bersciani said Hooker would receive the help he needed from his associates.

"He is going to receive so much support from the University that I can imagine we all can be able to help him work through this," he said.

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Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration Jim Ramsey said he and the other administrators would do whatever was necessary to help Hooker.

"We just want to say to the chancellor that we are thinking about him, and we will continue to do our best and make sure the University functions," he said.

Ramsey said he and others would keep their schedules flexible.

"Each of us will continue to do our job the best we can while picking up any extra meetings or duties in order to help the chancellor."

As to when he can return to his usual activities in large crowds, Hooker said he planned to be back to his old self soon. "I will be up to my crowd surfing by the Duke game."

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man of the law school dean search committee, said Seligman had accepted the post at Washington University.

Seligman said while he had come to esteem the law school's administrators, faculty, alumni, staff and students, his family was more important. "I cannot imagine any chancellor working harder to persuade me to accept this position or offering a great show of support to a potential dean," he said.

Cole wrote in his letter to the law school that despite Seligman's rejection,

the search committee would immediately start examining new candidates.

"The search committee will meet as soon as possible," Cole said. "You know that we have other excellent candidates for the deanship."

Seligman graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of California at Los Angeles, where he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

UNC's Student Bar Association President Steven Gebeaux said Tuesday that Seligman was the University's No. 1 choice for the post.

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Hyde's invocation of America's war dead in remarks last week. His father fought at Omaha Beach on D-Day, Ruff said in a chamber suddenly grown deathly still.

"He didn't fight - no one fought - for one side of this case or the other," Ruff said, his voice quavering. "He fought as all those did for our country, our Constitution."

Ruff ridiculed the House's demand for witnesses in the case, although Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle conceded on Monday that at least some witnesses are likely to be subpoenaed. No formal decisions have been made, and the possibility of a sharp partisan battle exists in the Senate as the two sides address the issue in the future.

Separately, Republican sources said GOP leaders were continuing to withhold judgment on whether to invite Clinton to testify. They noted that Ruff had referred to Clinton's own unspoken thoughts at key points on which Republicans accuse him of perjury.

One Democrat, California Sen. Barbara Boxer, referred to the political undertones of a trial the public appears to want wrapped up quickly. A party-line vote on calling witnesses means "Republicans will go into the year 2000 as the party of impeachment," she said.

The Senate Trial

■ Counselors opened President Clinton's defense case Tuesday

■ The defense added Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., to its table.

■ White House counsel Charles Ruff rebutted every allegation leveled at the president by the House and declared him innocent of all charges.

■ Clinton's defense lawyer criticized Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr for his handling of witnesses and ridiculed the House for its actions.

■ Republican sources say GOP party leaders have continued to put off the decision to call witnesses.

■ Clinton's defense will continue today and Thursday, after which the senators will have 16 hours to ask questions of the lawyers through presiding Chief Justice William Rehnquist.


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But House Republicans said there was no reason for the Senate to back off, and several aides suggested that by alluding to disagreements about the facts of the case Ruff may have actually increased the likelihood that witnesses will be called.

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