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Students Fight Hate With Candles, Songs

By ARMAN ANVARI
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Candles and songs illuminated the Pit on Tuesday evening as more than 150 students huddled together in a candlelight vigil to combat hate.

"These days, people don't treat each other with respect," said senior Zach Fay, chairman of the executive branch's Human Relations Committee.

"We don't take into consideration the inherent dignity that every human has. We stereotype on the basis of religion, race, sexual orientation, gender – and that's all wrong."

The vigil was not focused on one single target of hate crimes. Speakers addressed issues of gender, sexuality, race and religion.

Singing began and ended the evening. The Black Student Movement's Gospel Choir started the vigil by serenading the crowd with songs including "Amazing Grace."

Throughout the evening, passers-by – mostly students on their way in and out of Lenoir Dining Hall – stopped to view the proceedings.

After the Gospel Choir sang, the vigil's attendees split into small groups, each of which embarked on facilitated

discussions on how to combat hate.

"We tried to imagine what the world would be like hate-free," said freshman facilitator Asha Rangaraj. "Then we discussed hate crimes in the world today and how we possibly could stop them."

After the groups merged back into one, Smita Varia of the Dean of Students' Office spoke on gender issues and graduate student Glenn Grossman, co-chairman of Carolina Alternative Meetings of Professional and Graduate Students, discussed sexual orientation.

Varia began by telling the disturbing story of a woman named Lisa who had allegedly been raped while working as



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Students held candles in the Pit on Tuesday night as part of a vigil to combat hate. The vigil was sponsored by student government.

an exotic dancer at a fraternity house at the University of Florida-Gainesville.

Although Lisa was admitted to a hospital in a neck brace and a fraternity

member taped the alleged rape with commentary such as "this is what you

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UNC Police Investigate Robbery

A UNC postdoctoral degree student was attacked by four men Monday night, according to police reports.

By LAUREN BEAL
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University Police are continuing to investigate an armed assault and robbery that landed one UNC student in the hospital Monday night.

A UNC postdoctoral degree student told police four black men wearing baggy black clothing attacked him at about 9:30 p.m. Monday night, on Pittsboro Street near McGavran-Greenberg Hall.

One man held a gun on the victim while another hit him on the head with a stick five or six times, according to police reports.

Monday's incident marks the first reported assault to hit campus since two female students were the victims of attempted sexual assault in August.

University Police Maj. Jeff McCracken said robbery seemed to be the sole motive in the attack.

The victim reported a Walkman and translator stolen along with his passport and an ID.

McCracken said the victim, who suffered broken bones and severe lacerations, was treated at UNC Hospitals and released.

Two UNC employees aided the victim before police arrived on the scene, reports stated.

"Apparently after the assault occurred, the victim went back into the building to get help," McCracken said.

McCracken said that to his knowledge, there had never been previous safety problems in the area where the assault occurred.

"It's not an area that we have gotten any lighting complaints about," McCracken said.

Police are asking students to remain cautious and not to walk alone at night.

Officers encourage anyone with information about the assault to call either the police or Carrboro-Chapel Hill Crime Stoppers at 942-7515.

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UNC Labor Options Stir Debate

The Licensing Labor Code Advisory Committee talked of the possibility of UNC joining a monitoring group.

By KAREY WUTKOWSKI
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The UNC labor struggle continued Tuesday morning as an advisory committee discussed which labor monitoring group was most compatible with UNC's ideals.

The Licensing Labor Code Advisory Committee

debated the merits of UNC membership in the Worker Rights Consortium, a monitoring group recently created by students, workers and labor advocates.

UNC is currently affiliated with the Fair Labor Association, a nonprofit labor monitoring group composed of apparel and footwear companies, labor rights groups and universities.

Students for Economic Justice members replaced their clothing with signs last Friday to highlight the FLA's inadequate monitoring methods and encourage UNC to join WRC. "We need to open up discussion further about belonging to an individual organization, both or neither," said Pete Andrews, committee co-chairman and Faculty Council chairman.

"The meeting was the first of three to discuss membership possibilities with the FLA and WRC. The next meetings are scheduled for Thursday and Monday.

Committee Co-chairman Rut Tufts said the group would aim to reach a decision at Thursday's meeting and have a recommendation by Monday.

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2 More Schools Stage Rallies for Workers' Rights
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Adulthood 101

Learning Real World Skills Proves Students' Next Test

By KIM DRONZEK
Staff Writer

After the diploma is in hand, most graduates feel they are ready to take on the world – then they find out they lack the basic skills their degree didn't provide.

Sarah Delgross, a master's student in accounting, was luckier than most jumping into the adult world because she knew already how to handle her money.

"I was a business major so I knew all about 401K plans, investing and banking," Delgross said. "In college, the emphasis is all on academics, and I wish that I would have learned more on life strategy and interactions than grades."

But for those without a business degree, finance and managing money can be difficult and confusing.

Katy Wilder, a junior psychology major from Burlington, said she wanted to know more about investing for the future before she graduated.

"I wish that I knew more about stocks, savings and investing," Wilder said. "Money is going to be tighter after graduation, so I need to know how to invest it wisely."

"The checkbook needs to be balanced, the loans paid off and the idea of investing for the future considered."

Once out of college, graduates often face paying taxes, buying a house or a car and buying life insurance.

Hunt Fitzgerald, a junior communications major from Roxboro, said he knew a little about what to expect from life after graduation.

"I took a semester off and worked, so I have a pretty good idea about the real world, but I wish I knew more about how to get by money-wise without depending on your parents," he said.

These concerns are slated to be addressed during Student Body President-Elect Brad Matthews' administration through a number of "life skills" seminars.

This projected series of seminars, which Matthews proposed in his campaign platform, will feature professionals speaking to students about topics such as life insurance, 401K plans and purchasing a home.

"These seminars will address the basic things that are often overlooked in the classroom but are important in life," Matthews said.

Cara Faulkner, a graduate student in the School of Education's Master's of Arts in Teaching program, said it was the little things that could catch you off guard in the real world.

"Waking up early in the morning each day for work, cooking, dealing with your car and budgeting for things like groceries are the little things that you don't think about until you are completely on your own," she said.

For Faulkner and other recent graduates, the transition into adulthood did not end in college, and in fact, life became a little harder once the safety net of classes and parents' support disappeared.

Faulkner said, "The key is learning how not to be taken advantage of because you are young in the real world."

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Protesters in Washington, D.C., link arms to block traffic in front of the Supreme Court building. The Monday protest pushed for a new trial for Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Students Join D.C. Battle For New Abu-Jamal Trial

By RACHEL LEONARD
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Protesters chanting "no justice, no peace, no racist police" in front of the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday were fighting for more than a new trial for Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Demonstrators, including about a dozen UNC students, also called for an end to the death penalty and the release of all U.S. political prisoners.

More than 180 protesters were arrested Monday for blocking traffic and jumping over police barricades to climb the steps of the Supreme Court building. And in San Francisco, more than 160 people were arrested in a similar protest.

Protesters in cities in Europe and South America also rallied Monday for Abu-Jamal's release.

Abu-Jamal, a political activist and journalist, was

sentenced to death in 1981 for the murder of a Philadelphia police officer. The case has been assigned to a new judge, who will decide within the next few months whether to allow new evidence to be presented by the defense.

Many of the Washington protesters said Abu-Jamal's trial was unfair. Alleging racism and police corruption, they claimed that police suppressed evidence and threatened witnesses.

While some ralliers supported Abu-Jamal's conviction and the death penalty, insisting that justice was served in his case, the main focus of the protest was a new trial for Abu-Jamal.

Chapel Hill resident John Wexler said, "First and foremost, I'm here to free Mumia Abu-Jamal."

Protesters aimed to keep the rally nonviolent,

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A Call for Action

Student government began recruiting Tuesday for volunteers for the upcoming campuswide service day. Project UNC is slated to take place April 15 and incorporate as many student organizations as possible. See Page 3.

Out in the Cold

The Virginia Senate denied the governor's request to freeze tuition at the state's public universities. Senators said it was unwise to eliminate tuition as a funding option. See Page 4.

On Lockout

Some residents of the Pine Knolls community and volunteers at the Pine Knolls Community Center have found locked doors lately when they tried to utilize the facility, which provides family support programs. See Page 8.

Bring It On

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Today's Weather

Sunny;
Low 70s.
Thursday: Sunny;
High 60s.

A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.

John Barrymore