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call rape, rape, rape," the police did not press charges on any of the fraternity members.

But police did charge Lisa with falsifying a police report and working as an exotic dancer without a license.

Grossman further captured the audience's attention by speaking about issues that affected him. "I've been here for a year and a half, but I've seen too many of my friends be victims of hate crimes," he said.

Grossman said he found it necessary to carry a cellular phone around campus because he never felt truly safe.

"There really is not enough communication and dialogue on this campus about issues of sexual orientation."

Fay, one of the vigil's organizers, echoed Grossman's sentiments.

"If people were willing to get out of their comfort zones and learn about each other and respect each other, then our campus would be much more unified and a greater place to be."

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asking those ralliers not trained in peaceful civil disobedience methods to stay on the sidewalks.

Marchers linked themselves together to form human chains across the street in front of the Supreme Court building. Police had to physically pull the protesters apart to arrest them. Officers on the scene refused to comment.

The protest began at 9 a.m. and last-

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Todd Pugatch, a student member of the advisory committee and a member of Students for Economic Justice, began the meeting with a presentation toting the merits of the WRC. "The WRC's approach is likely to succeed where others are likely to fail," he said. "There is a two-pronged monitoring approach. One is unannounced spot-check investigations. The second prong is responses to worker and third-party complaints."

Pugatch said the FLA had displayed

inadequate monitoring techniques.

Pugatch, along with SEJ, chose April 3 as a deadline for the University to join the WRC so interim Chancellor Bill McCoy would have the opportunity to participate in the consortium's founding conference in New York City on April 7. "SEJ has offered to pay McCoy's airfare to New York on that date," Pugatch said.

Tufts followed Pugatch's presentation by explaining the structure of the FLA.

"For FLA, internal monitoring is the key, not external monitoring," said Tufts, also a member of the FLA's Monitoring Standards Committee.

Internal monitoring by the site man-

agers, the licensee or by other agents is the primary feedback system for the FLA. Some external monitoring is also done by independent agents.

UNC pays the FLA 1 percent of its annual gross royalties from UNC-licensed products for membership fees—about \$30,000. WRC membership would be the same amount.

Tufts said the FLA was not dominated by industry influence. "At the table of FLA, there are two very different groups—companies and human rights groups."

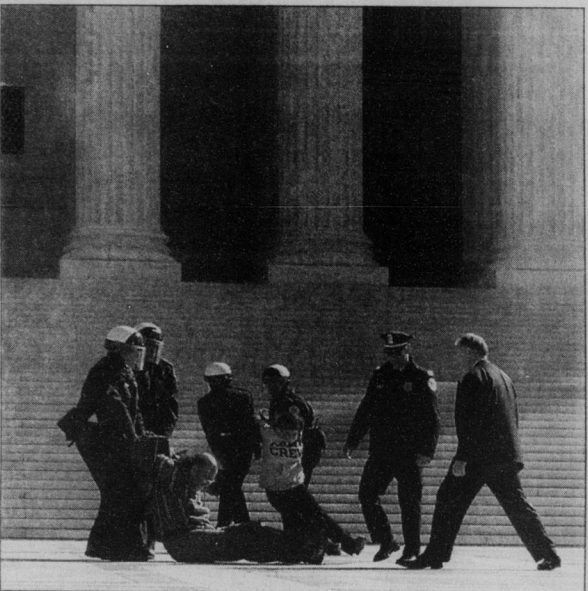
But Tufts conceded that the FLA contained some structural problems. "(Too much) confidentiality is one. It is also crit-

ical that there be objectivity; we don't know if it's there yet."

Tufts said he was concerned about UNC joining the WRC because the group did not yet have a governance structure. But Pugatch saw ambiguity as an advantage. "The WRC is a chance for the University to get in on the ground floor of an organization."

The committee presented the option of joining both groups, but Pugatch and Tufts both said they saw the joint membership as a clash of ideals.

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Police officers drag away protesters who jumped over police barricades onto the steps of the Supreme Court building.

ed until nearly noon. After the rally, many protesters reorganized a smaller protest in front of the U.S. Capitol Police Headquarters, where those arrested were being held.

The protests around the globe were the latest in a string of rallies for Abu-Jamal's life. Last year, a group of UNC students joined a group of more than 30,000 protesters in Philadelphia to rally for his reprieve.

UNC sophomore Jennifer Clayton, who organized the bus trip to Washington for people throughout eastern North Carolina, said she considered the protest a success. "No one (from the bus) got into any confrontations with the police," Clayton said. "All our protesters were very well-behaved."

Students from UNC-CH and other N.C. universities represented about half of the 37 people on the bus.

One of many speakers, a representative from Amnesty International, asked the crowd, "If Mumia's your average cop-killer, like the (Philadelphia police) say, why did they have to tamper with the evidence?"

Shira Nussdorf, a protester from New York, said she was not opposed to the death penalty in theory, but thought Abu-Jamal deserved a new trial. She said, "If all these people are questioning the legality of the procedures, you have to ask 'why?'"

Greg Pettis, a UNC graduate student and political science teaching assistant, attended the protest alongside UNC students. "The U.S. does poorly (where activism is concerned) compared to other countries and to democratic theory," he said. Pettis added that he supported acts of nonviolent disobedience.

A large group of students from the

Howard University School of Law were among the most vocal protesters. Howard student Nareissa Smith said, "We want to make sure injustice doesn't occur in this case."

Although no UNC-CH students were arrested, about 180 other protesters were. The crowd cheered in moral support of the ralliers as they were arrested.

Chris Driscoll, chairman of the Labor Party in Washington, D.C., said he was thrilled younger people were involved.

"It's very reminiscent of the early days of the anti-Vietnam war movement," he said. "But the consciousness of young people seems to be broader."

Others attended the rally to voice their opposition to the protest. Robert Bozzo, 16, carried a sign in support of Daniel Faulkner, the police officer who Abu-Jamal was convicted of murdering. "I feel Mumia did it, and these peo-

ple are clinging to whatever they can," Bozzo said. "They're very anti-governmental... I don't understand it."

Meanwhile, Daniel Martino from Washington, D.C., carried a sign reading, "God favors capital punishment," repeatedly chanting, "Genesis 9:6—'Whosoever sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed.'"

But Martino said he supported the protesters' right to rally.

"It's a right of free speech," he said. "But they should use intelligent speech."

UNC sophomore Jon Johnson said he hoped the protest would draw attention to the larger problems in the justice system. He said, "The problems in Mumia's case are happening in John Q. Public's trial."

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An unidentified woman already handcuffed by the police waits to be loaded onto a bus full of protesters. The woman and the group she was with blocked traffic in front of the Supreme Court building by forming human chains.

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