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"What am I going to write about?" The typical response is, "Write about what you know."  
But he urged students not to interpret that advice too narrowly. Instead, he encouraged them to follow the example of writers like Stephen Crane, who wrote "The Red Badge of Courage" after conducting extensive interviews

with veterans.  
"Young writers can go outside of their own lives, find out amazing things and turn them into compelling fiction," Wolfe said.  
He attributed his own success to "the conviction that I was right - my approach was the right one. That's a good conviction to have, whether you are right or wrong."  
Since the 1960s, Tom Wolfe has led a movement known as the new journalism, a literary portrayal of highly factual

subject matter with works like "The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test" and "The Right Stuff."  
His novels, 1987's "Bonfire" and 1998's "A Man in Full," both of which share a large scope and intense realism with the novels of Thomas Wolfe, were enthusiastically received by the public and critics. His newest work, an anthology of fiction and nonfiction titled "Hooking Up," will be available later this month.  
With the reputation earned by these

and other works, Tom Wolfe encountered admirers on a simple walk across Polk Place.  
"I find it immensely flattering," he said, pausing to sign an admissions application for a high school senior on a campus tour. "It's such a compliment for someone to ask you for an autograph. I really can't understand people who bridle at the idea."  
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Chatham County Commissioner Gary Phillips echoed Foy's concerns. He said CP&L should be accountable to the public and not worry about profits. He also condemned its lobbying tactics.  
"It's difficult in North Carolina to go up against money and power, and CP&L represents that at the absolute highest level," Phillips said.  
The coalition and N.C. WARN propped up on an easel in front of the headquarters a declaration that entreated CP&L CEO William Cavanaugh to sign a formal agreement between CP&L and citizens on safety hearings.  
Bolton, Warren and others gave speeches, emphasizing that citizens

deserved to hear the facts of the matter.  
Bolton said if CP&L is divulging the truth, then it should not have a problem facing public scrutiny.  
But Hughes said N.C. WARN and the coalition have had numerous chances to voice their concerns. "There have been a number of public hearings and a number of public meetings," Hughes said. "CP&L has held no fewer than 90 meetings of local governments."  
Hughes said CP&L also has held open houses and public forums. He cited an example of CP&L's willingness to hold open debate.  
"There were several people critical of our plan, but they came and had their questions answered."  
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adviser when the private plane they were flying in crashed about 30 miles south of St. Louis. Carnahan, 66, was locked in a hard-fought U.S. Senate race against Republican incumbent Sen. John Ashcroft, who has now suspended his campaign because of the tragedy.  
In their final summations, the two

stripped their appeals to their essentials.  
"I have kept my word," said Gore, who has served as Bill Clinton's vice president for two terms. He mentioned his service in Vietnam and a strong marriage of 30 years, and he said the past eight years have brought economic prosperity and reduced crime. "I'll make you one promise here. You ain't seen nothing yet, and I will keep that promise."  
Republican Bush got the last word. "I think after three debates the good peo-

ple of this country understand there is a difference," he said. "The difference between a big federal government and someone who is coming from outside Washington who will trust individuals."  
Gore has slipped slightly in the polls since the first campaign debate Oct. 3 in Boston, and from the opening moments, the vice president bore in on Bush as a defender of the privileged. He said the Texas governor was allied with insurance companies rather than patients, for example, and that his tax cut was tilted

heavily toward the wealthy.  
"If you want someone who will support ... the big drug companies, this is your man," Gore said of Bush, standing only a few feet from his campaign rival. "If you want someone who will fight for you ... then I want to fight for you."  
Most polls show Bush ahead of the vice president by a scant point or two, and the debate at the field house at Washington University represented the last, best chance to gain the support of a large critical bloc of undecided voters.

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at a Student Congress meeting.  
While the ballots were being tallied Tuesday night, Congress approved the Freshman Focus Council, a group of 10 freshmen who will work to make the voice of first-year students heard. The members of the council were chosen from an applicant pool of 61.

The group plans to work on revising C-TOPS, pushing the bond, establishing Freshman Central on the UNC Web site and organizing a freshman social event.  
Gregory Wahl, Student Affairs Committee chairman, said he was impressed with the council.  
"This is by far the most representative group of appointees I've seen."  
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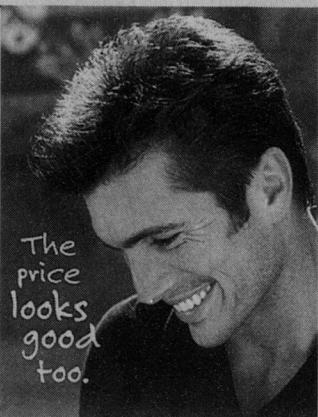
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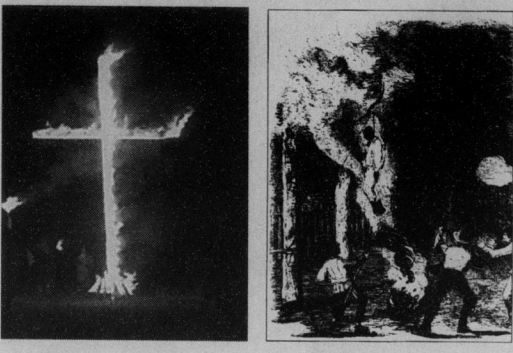
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