

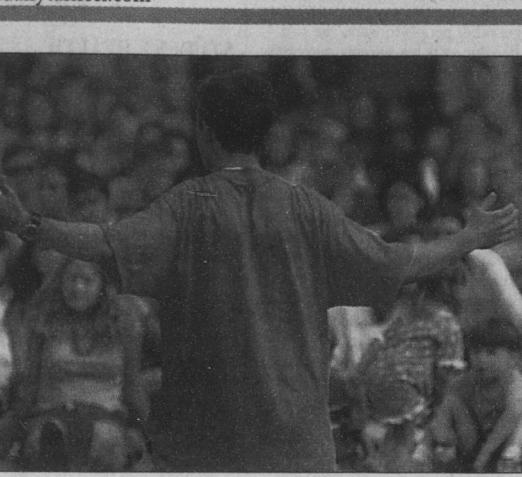
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Junior Marty Baldwin speaks to a crowd of more than 200 people assembled in front of South Building about his relationship with God.

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Most of Crowd Agrees With Marty

BY RACHEL CLARKE
Staff Writer

More than 200 students congregated on the lawn in front of South Building on Wednesday to be united by their agreement — or disagreement — with Marty.

Junior Marty Baldwin is the source of the bright orange "Do you agree with Marty?" T-shirts, which 500 students have pledged to wear throughout the week.

Baldwin's mission, he said, is to facilitate discussion among all UNC students. "Let's search for the answers, let's search for what the truth is," Baldwin told the throng of people.

On the steps of South Building, he preached to the crowd the truth of Christianity and the importance of a

relationship with God.

For the most part, his message was warmly received. "I feel exuberant," said Journalism Professor Chuck Stone. "David Horowitz divided us, and Marty united us."

Senior Ashanti Sebastian, one of the participants in the campaign, agreed that it had a bonding effect. "It's great just to unite Christians in general," she said.

But not everyone in the crowd was there because they agreed with Marty.

"I think all these people are sheep," said Patrick Herring, a sophomore wearing a shirt that read "Fuck Marty" on the front and "God Is Dead" on the back. Herring said his shirt was supposed to prompt discussion, just like the orange ones.

Whether they were for or against

Marty's views, many students came to enjoy the free Chick-fil-A nuggets.

Tony Holmes, owner of the University Mall Chick-fil-A, said he donated about 2000 nuggets because the campaign fits in with Chick-fil-A's corporate purpose — to glorify God. "I firmly believe that I have my business because God has put me there," he said. "It's just about letting them hear the gospel."

Members of several campus Christian groups began organizing this campaign last spring, said Mark Cummings, a senior who was on the coordinating committee.

He said the committee got the idea because the same thing has been done on several other campuses, including Indiana University. Cummings said the committee, which consisted of members of sev-

eral Christian campus groups, has been meeting once a week since September.

"Logistically, it took a lot of fund raising and publicity," he said. Cummings said they wrote to local churches to pay for the advertisements about it in The Daily Tar Heel, while the 500 participants each paid \$5 for the T-shirts.

Cummings said the project had three goals — to unify the Christian community, to promote the message "God loves you" and to start a dialogue about religion.

He said, "We didn't want just to tell people what we believe — we want a dialogue, we want to get people thinking spiritually, and we want to listen to them."

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Congress Against CAA Probe

Decisions on the Student Advisory Committee and organizational funding also marked the first meeting.

BY ROB LEICHNER
Staff Writer

In its first legislative meeting Tuesday night, the 83rd session of Student Congress voted down a resolution to launch an investigation into allegations of wrongdoing in the Carolina Athletic Association.

The resolution, which Congress rejected by a 9-3 vote, would have set up a special committee to investigate the organization. The 82nd Congress considered a similar measure before it adjourned last week.

"I'm introducing this resolution as a response to the concerns of the 82nd Congress," said Dave Ruddell, ethics committee chairman. "In case there was something done wrong, we should investigate."

Ruddell said he wanted to set up the committee because Congress has the responsibility to monitor campus groups that receive student fees.

"Since CAA receives student fees, we are entitled to any information from them, or we can take away their fees," he said.

The committee would have looked into such actions as ticket distribution, the selection of bracelet numbers and the firings of CAA Cabinet members.

The main opposition to the highly contested resolution came from Congress members concerned about the effect an investigation would have on the new CAA administration. CAA President Reid Chaney was sworn in last week.

"We're casting a shadow of doubt over a new administration who had nothing to do with what happened while (former CAA President) Tee Pruitt was there," said Blair Sweeney, chairman of the Rules and Judiciary Committee.

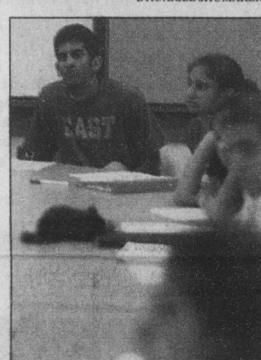
Ruddell said he did not intend to accuse Pruitt or Chaney of any wrongdoing. "I intend this to be an investigation of the Carolina Athletic Association — period," he said.

Gregory Wahl, Student Affairs Committee chairman, said it would be useless to investigate accusations after the fact. "I think it's going to be redundant to look at what happened when those who might have done it will not feel the wrath of Student Congress."

Ruddell responded by saying it is important that students who might have violated the Honor Code be brought to justice. "If someone did something bad, we can't just leave it in the past."

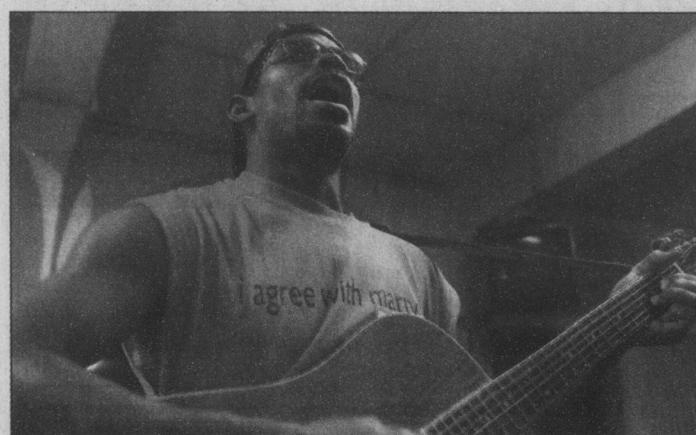
Speaker Pro Tem Sarah Marks, who said she spoke about the allegations with Pruitt, said an investigation would be futile because evidence would be difficult to find at this point.

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The Role of Religion

A five-part series examining the influence of religion today.
Monday: College Campuses
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Junior Gary Mitchell leads the musical worship at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes on Monday night in the Kenan Field House.

Religion 101

BY KARA EIDE
Staff Writer

Bright orange has come to mean more at UNC than just construction. The "Do you agree with Marty?" campaign that has swept across campus has called everyone's attention to the question of religious faith.

While not all students "agree with Marty," religion is a big part of the daily college experience for many. Four students of differing religions shared their experiences.

Finding Identity

Early in the morning, junior Saba Maroof rises for the first of five prayers that will take place throughout the day. These prayers are called Salat, a crucial component of Islam. And for Maroof, they serve as a time to reconnect with God.

"It's something to bring you back to reality," Maroof said. "It re-establishes what the important things are in life."

Prayer has become a treasured time for Maroof, and she will even stake out a corner of the Student Union if she's on campus when it's time for prayer.

But she was not always this comfortable. Maroof remembers being embarrassed when her family would engage in prayer in public.

"As a kid, I really resented the fact that I was different," she said. "I just wanted to be like everyone else, including my skin color."

Maroof's outlook has changed drastically since then. She said she now finds her identity in being able to practice her religion freely.

"I'm feeling really lucky to even be in this country because, as a minority, you're forced to question everything that you do because it's not the norm," she said. "This takes away the more realistic actions of implementing faith."

One prominent way that Maroof indicates her faith is by the scarf, called a Hijab, that she always wears on her head. She said the purpose of the scarf, as well as the loose clothing — long sleeves and pants — is to emphasize a woman's intellect and character over her aesthetic beauty.

"My freedom is in who I allow to see my body," Maroof said.

The scarf is also important to her because it

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Bush Pushes Tax Cut at ECU

BY LUCAS FENSKY
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GREENVILLE — President Bush touted his \$1.6 trillion tax-cut plan on his first official visit to North Carolina since taking office in January, explaining how it would benefit the state and help turn around the nation's slowing economy.

Thousands turned out at East Carolina University's Minges Coliseum to greet the president, waving miniature American flags, chanting "Dubya" and holding up three fingers — forming a "W" sign.

Before Bush began his speech, he thanked Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Rep. Walter Jones, R-N.C., for inviting

him to North Carolina.

Bush recently began touring the nation, trying to build support for his tax-cut plan. Both Helms and Jones supported Bush's tax-cut plan when it reached Capitol Hill.

The plan was passed by the House, but Senate Democrats were able to reduce it by about \$450 billion to \$1.15 trillion, channeling the extra money to Social Security and education.

The tax-cut plan will remain stuck in a bicameral conference committee until both houses reach a compromise.

"Either way we cut it, tax relief is on the way," Bush said, vowing to meet his campaign promise to slash taxes.

As he had many times on the cam-

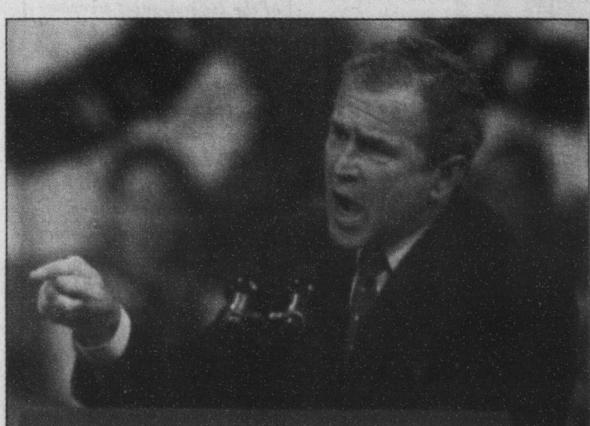
paign trail last fall, Bush told the emotionally charged crowd that the federal budget belonged to them, not politicians. "We're not spending the government's money," Bush said. "We're spending the people's money."

Bush said his tax-cut and budget proposals were linked together and that it was possible to slash taxes while continuing to provide a high level of government programs.

He also attacked critics who claim his budget eliminates vital projects by saying that his proposal increases the discretionary fund about 4 percent.

"Many of you work hard and get

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President George W. Bush speaks about his tax-cut plans to the packed stadium of supporters Wednesday evening at East Carolina University.

Who says I'm not under the special protection of God?

Adolf Hitler