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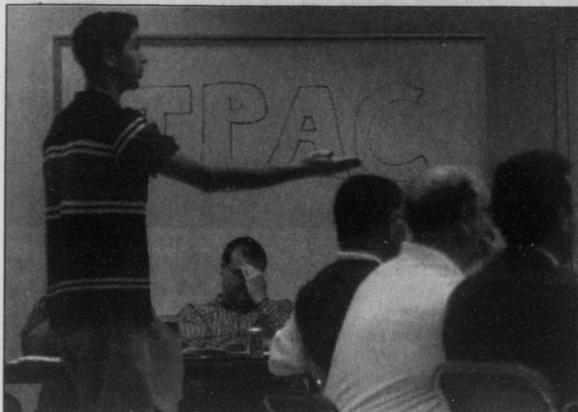


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Students Protest Parking Proposals



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Rudy Kleysteuber, student body vice president, expresses frustration at Wednesday's Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee meeting.

By JEFF SILVER
Staff Writer

A meeting Wednesday afternoon about the future of resident student parking on campus drew students who tried to voice their opinions on the issue and led one disgruntled group to demand a meeting with the provost.

About 75 students attended the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee meeting in protest of proposals to eliminate resident student parking and to begin charging for night parking.

Student government leaders promoted the meeting Wednesday by parking Student Body President Justin Young's car in the Pit at noon, giving speeches and distributing informational fliers.

TPAC began discussing phasing out resident student parking several weeks ago. Student leaders have expressed concern that students are being left out of the process. A final decision on the issue will be made by Provost Robert Shelton.

Several students who spoke at the TPAC meeting said it was unfair that faculty and staff were given greater priority for parking than students.

"I'm concerned that student parking is the first thing cut," said junior Ben Milam.

Assistant Provost and TPAC Chairwoman Linda Carl said there wasn't time to respond to students' concerns, which were aired for 15 minutes of the meeting. Young said he was disappointed that the student voice seemed to go unheeded. "I don't appreciate that students left that meeting feeling ignored and marginalized," he said.

Instead, the committee proceeded with its normal business, including a presentation on night parking by Cheryl Stout, assistant director of parking services. Dorothy Atrial, a student representative to TPAC, pressed Stout about the purpose of issuing night parking permits. Carolyn Elfland responded, saying many students, faculty and health sciences workers who have to be on campus in the evening have had trouble finding spaces.

Atrial asked Elfland for documentation that there is a shortage of night spaces, but Carl repeatedly said the meeting was for education, not discussion.

Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleysteuber
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U.S. Troops Move North, First U.S. Death Confirmed

A Taliban official stated, in an unconfirmed report, that party leader Mullah Mohammed Omar was not caught in recent airstrikes.

Staff & Wire Reports

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban's supreme leader radioed his commanders Wednesday and called on them to fight to the death against Americans in southern Afghanistan, where U.S. Marines were building up their forces at a desert base.

In Washington, D.C., U.S. officials said a small group of soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division has assembled outside the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif to serve as a quick-reaction force in the event of renewed Taliban resistance. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the deployment comprised no more than two dozen soldiers. One official said the numbers might be increased.

The 10th Mountain Division had about 1,000 of its soldiers providing security at an air base across the border in southern Uzbekistan for several weeks, the officials said.

Also in the north, anti-Taliban forces began clearing the bodies of hundreds of fighters loyal to Osama bin Laden killed during a three-day prison uprising near Mazar-e-Sharif.

U.S. officials confirmed that CIA officer Johnny M. Spann was killed in the uprising — the first American combat death.

Spann's death brought the realities of the war home to one UNC student. Aaron Catrett, a UNC sophomore from Jacksonville, said Spann was his youth group leader for several years at the Church of Christ in Jacksonville. Catrett said Spann was serving as a Marine Corps officer at the time.

Catrett said the worst thing about Spann's death was that he was leaving behind three young children, two daughters and an infant son. He said Spann was devoted to his family, calling to check on his children only a few days before his death.

Catrett said Spann might be called a hero, but he was also a father and a friend who would be missed. "9/11 was a big deal, but the war wasn't personal until now," he said. "My friend is dead. It's really surreal."

The Pentagon also said Wednesday that U.S. airstrikes damaged a compound near the Taliban's last stronghold.

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Horowitz Gives Voice to Conservative Views

David Horowitz took issue with the teach-ins, which he called anti-American, held on campus after Sept. 11.

By ELYSE ASHBURN
Staff Writer

Prominent conservative David Horowitz addressed a packed Memorial Hall on Wednesday, criticizing a series of anti-war teach-ins held at UNC after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The series of teach-ins earlier this year caused several conservatives, including Horowitz, to blast UNC and other universities for displaying anti-American sentiments.

"At a time like this, to have three teach-ins, or even one, is despicable and disgraceful," Horowitz said. "I was invited to be a one-man teach-in on the other side."

Horowitz's appearance jump started his nationwide Think Twice Tour, in which he is discussing anti-war sentiments at UNC and 14 other universities.

But Horowitz said he understands what the teach-ins were trying to accomplish because he was once an active anti-war protester.

Horowitz began his career as a political activist opposing the Vietnam War and leading left-wing groups. He said that over time he became disillusioned with liberalism and became a conservative.

Based on his own anti-war actions, Horowitz said, he feels the people protesting the war in Afghanistan are expressing hatred for the United States.

Despite being greeted by a lengthy round of applause, Horowitz said he felt there was a war against him at UNC because of his conservative views.

He stressed that all universities, including UNC, should embrace differing opinions and encourage free speech. "It is inappropriate for an academic institution to have a campaign to silence an individual because of their views," he said.

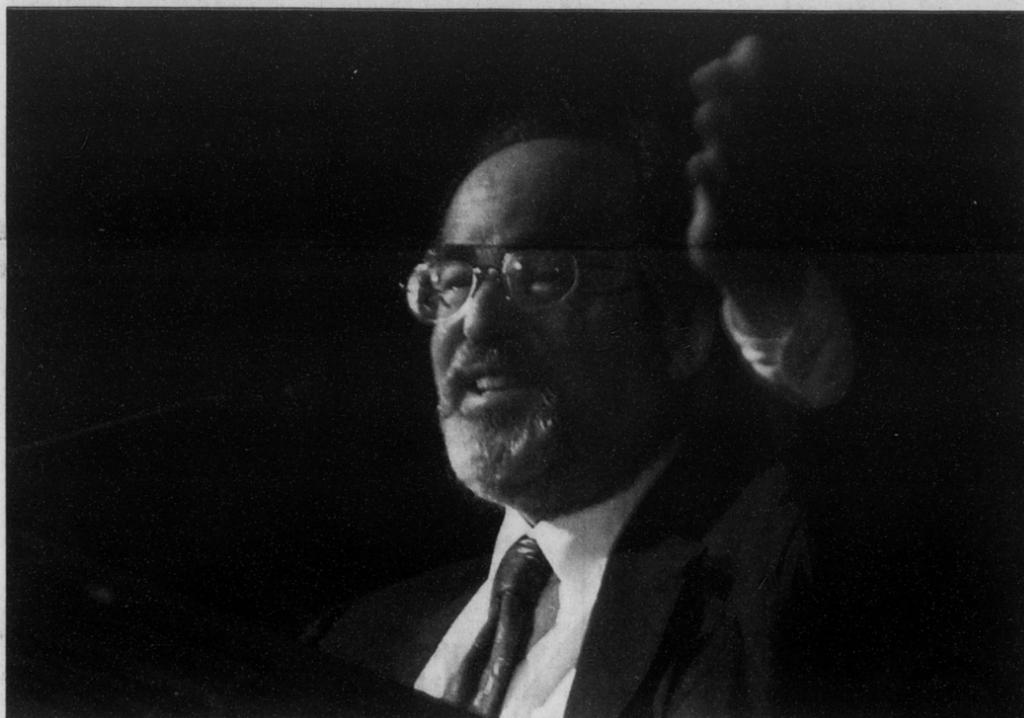
He also criticized Chancellor James Moeser for allowing the teach-ins to take place without presenting the opposing view until now. "I can't find words to express my contempt for the chancellor and this University for supporting these views," he said.

Horowitz added that he does not think UNC's position on the war should be one-sided.

He said the attacks helped unify Americans, adding that UNC administrators and faculty should show support for the U.S. actions. "When the whole country is banding together, you have an administration and faculty that is out of touch with the heart of America," he said.

Horowitz said it is important that people remember the United States is the victim in the war. He said the teach-ins demonstrated sympathy for terrorist causes, cautioning the University community to remember the true victims of

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DTH/KARA ARNDT

Conservative activist David Horowitz, speaking in Memorial Hall on Wednesday night, openly expresses his disgust for UNC's "leftist" faculty and liberal environment, pointing to recent teach-ins as examples of anti-American sentiment on campus.

Protesters Stage Walk Out During Speech

By JOHN FRANK
Staff Writer

About 150 students from various student groups walked out of political conservative David Horowitz's speech in Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening amid verbal attacks from Horowitz and other audience members.

Ten minutes into Horowitz's comments about the anti-war movement, the protesters, led by Black Student Movement President Kristi Booker, rose from their seats in the first nine rows and silently exited the building.

As the walkout occurred, Horowitz called the protesters "a sad commentary on the Black Student Movement and the (Sonja H. Stone) Black Cultural Center."

The group of students that walked out included members of the BSM, the UNC Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the On the Wake of Emancipation Campaign, Young Democrats and other progressive student groups. Representatives from various area campuses including Duke and N.C. Agricultural & Technical State universities also were part of the demonstration.

Booker said demonstrators planned beforehand to stage the protest 10 minutes

into the event. "We walked out to show that we do not support racist teachings."

When Booker learned of Horowitz's comments during the demonstration, she became visibly upset. "It was just really hurtful. ... It makes me feel like I am not a part of (UNC)," Booker said, wiping tears from her face.

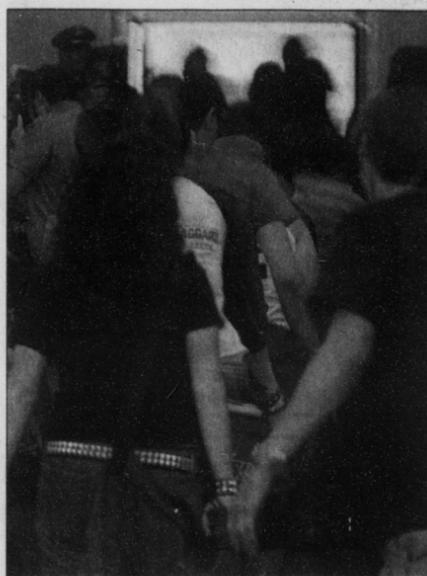
Some audience members reacted to Horowitz's comments about the walkout by shouting negative comments at the protesters. About 35 people in the audience also rose from their seats to fill the empty rows at the front of the auditorium.

The protesters said they were concerned about their safety during the walkout. "I felt a lot of hate and hostility," said senior Kristin Young. "In my 3 1/2 years at UNC, I have never felt so threatened by a group of people."

After all the protesters left the hall, they stopped on the outside steps, where Booker thanked the crowd for their support. "This is a strong showing of solidarity," she said. "We might not disagree with Horowitz about the same things, but we are all showing our right to disagree."

Horowitz said before the event that any groups that demonstrated against his speaking would be anti-liberal and

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DTH/KARA ARNDT

Walking out in silent protest, students demonstrate opposition to activist David Horowitz's views.

N.C. Senate Passes Redistricting Plan Along Party Lines

The new plan calls for six Democratic, six Republican districts and one additional district containing no clear party majority.

By EMMA BURGIN
Staff Writer

RALEIGH — The N.C. Senate approved the N.C. House's redistricting plan 34-13 in a party-line vote Tuesday.

Congressional redistricting is the last major item on the Senate and the House calendars, increasing the odds that the N.C. General Assembly soon will adjourn the longest session in its history.

Sen. Brad Miller, D-Wake, one of the chairmen of the Senate Redistricting Committee, said the Senate legislation mirrors the House plan — unlike other plans discussed in the past two weeks. "We tried to keep the existing districts, but adding one more to the 12 that are already established was tough," he said.

Miller said it was difficult for Democratic senators to buckle down and approve a redistricting proposal. "We spent two weeks trying to figure out alternatives that would gain House approval," he said. "The House has a dissident wing of the Democratic party and a handful of Republicans that will break away. For them, trying to piece together a proposal was like crap-shooting."

Miller said the plan is a compromise among the Republican and Democratic parties in both the House and the Senate. "The plan came as a bipartisan compromise," he said. "Of course, compromise means no one really likes it. Almost no one ended up with exactly what they wanted."

The plan creates six Democratic districts and six Republican districts. The final district, the 8th District, is considered a tossup. The state now has seven Republican and five Democratic representatives in the U.S. House.

But several N.C. senators disliked the plan, focusing on how it split counties into several congressional districts.

Sen. Fountain Odom, D-Mecklenburg, complained about the lines in Mecklenburg County, which the plan splits between three congressional districts. "In a perfect world ... all counties would stay the same," he said. "But principles have to be followed."

But the amendments were defeated, keeping the Senate and House plans the same. Another plan would have required a con-

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He who knows only his own side of the case, knows little of that.

John Stuart Mill