

Demonstrators Protest Racism at University

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APRIL 3 — More than 80 participants of the On the Wake of Emancipation Campaign lined up in the Pit on Monday to protest the mistreatment of minority students, faculty and staff at UNC.

Participants, who were dressed head-to-toe in black clothing, congregated in the Pit just before noon and prepared their procession toward Saunders Hall and their final destination, South Building, as onlookers observed the crowd of demonstrators with curious eyes.

Monday's protest coincided with The Daily Tar Heel's decision to run a col-

umn by David Horowitz, creator of the controversial advertisement titled "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery Is a Bad Idea — and Racist Too."

Horowitz sent the advertisement to newspapers across the country late last month. Protests erupted at several campuses nationwide that chose to run the ad, including Duke University.

When Duke's campus newspaper, The Chronicle, ran the advertisement March 19, more than 100 students packed a campus lounge seeking to air complaints to The Chronicle's staff and campus administrators.

Horowitz's column in the DTH, which expressed ideas similar to those in the

advertisement, prompted protest about institutional racism at UNC, including underpaid housekeepers and a lack of funding for the Office of Minority Affairs.

OWEC spokeswoman Monique Hall said the protest was not restricted to freedom of speech or Horowitz point of view. "The Horowitz article was more of a final straw," Hall said. "It pulled the nerve of the numerous issues we've had on this campus that attack students of color."

OWEC members said the DTH should not have run the editorial. "There are many manifestations of racism on this campus," said sophomore Fred Hashagen, an OWEC spokesman. "The DTH's decision to run the (Horowitz) editorial is just one of them."

But DTH Editor Matt Dees said the presentation of the Horowitz editorial, rather than printing the ad itself, is not racist but rather a freedom of expression.

"We shouldn't just sweep somebody under the rug because some people think he is racist," Dees said. "Calling us racist for running someone's views is ludicrous."

Singing and clapping, protesters marched to Saunders Hall and lined up in front of the building named after the former grand-wizard of North Carolina's chapter of the Ku Klux Klan. The protesters entered South Building and dropped off their demands for change, at the entrance of Chancellor James Moeser's office. Then they waited.

Then Provost Robert Shelton came

out and addressed the crowd. He said he was pleased with the approach of the OWEC protesters and said he would look at the list of demands and plan a time to meet with the protesters.

Members of the OWEC said they used the protest both to promote awareness around campus and to show the administration that they are serious about pushing for important changes to such matters as the treatment of minority students.

But Hashagen was wary of the protest's immediate success in terms of administrative action. "Only time will tell whether or not anything will be done."

DTH Editor Matt Dees did not edit this story because he was quoted in it.

Bush Sworn In as 43rd President

While facing poor weather and swarms of protesters, Bush asked Americans to build a nation of service.

By LUCAS FENSKE
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WASHINGTON, JAN. 22 — George W. Bush became the country's 43rd president Saturday, re-emphasizing his campaign promises and calling for Americans to devote themselves to public service.

The ceremony, counterpointed at times by the distant screams of protesters and police sirens, marked the return of the Bush family to the Oval Office after former President Bill Clinton defeated George Bush in 1992.

The two Bushes are the second father and son to serve as president, after John and John Quincy Adams. "I ask you to seek a common good beyond your comfort, to defend needed reforms against easy attacks, to serve your nation — beginning with your neighbor," Bush said, echoing John F. Kennedy's request for citizens to serve their country 40 years before. "I ask you to be citizens — citizens, not spectators; citizens, not subjects; responsible citizens, building communities of service and a nation of character."

Bush emphasized history several times during the ceremony — describing the United States as a continuous story in his address. But he did not let the past distract him from the needs of the present — including racial and social inequality.

"While many of our citizens prosper, others doubt the promise, even the justice, of our own country," said Bush, who calls his political message "compassionate conservatism."

"And this is my solemn pledge — I will work to build a single nation of justice and opportunity."

Bush's message of racial unity carried over to his selection of an ethnically diverse Cabinet — including Colin Powell, the first black secretary of state.

Hundreds of thousands of spectators, some dressed in cowboy boots and hats from Bush's home state of Texas and others waving miniature American flags, braved the cold weather and sporadic rain to watch the inaugural ceremony.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist swore Bush in about noon, while Bush's twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, looked on and his wife, Laura, held the same Bible used by George Washington during his inaugural ceremony in 1789 and Bush's father in 1989. A 21-gun salute followed, disturbing the city's large population of pigeons from their perches.

Bush, speaking on the steps of the Capitol building, broadly outlined his agenda — re-emphasizing promises made on the campaign trail for education, military and Social Security reforms.

"And we will reduce taxes to recover the momentum of our economy and reward the effort and enterprise of working Americans," Bush added.

During the past weeks, Bush has voiced concerns about problems posed by a slowing economy and advocated his \$1.6 trillion plan for tax cuts as the answer. Bush also departed from his campaign rhetoric and thanked the departing Clinton, who received applause from the crowd, for his service to the country.

Bush often emphasized cooperation in his speech. "Our duty is fulfilled in service to one another. Never tiring, never yielding, never finishing, we renew that purpose today, to make our country more just and generous, to affirm the dignity of our lives and every life."

PLAN

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With the approval of the Development Plan, the University will not need the council's approval for projects included in the plan. Instead UNC will need to submit a site development plan to the town manager for his signature.

Town residents expressed concern that this process will prevent their voices from being heard.

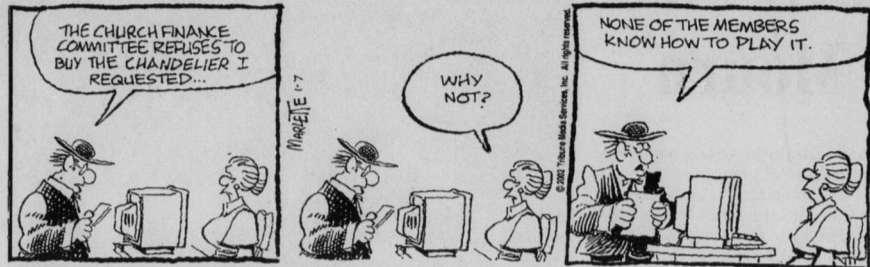
"Blanket approval of the Development Plan will effectively remove residents' input," said Roy Fauber of 311 E. Patterson Place. But to encourage continued resident input, the council unanimously approved a resolution that requests UNC to conduct design workshops with town residents.

During the meeting, council members hinted that if they didn't approve the Development Plan, state legislators might get involved.

"There's sentiments in both the House and the Senate in Raleigh that the town of Chapel Hill has been too hard on the University," said council member Bill Strom.

"And there's sentiments that the Board of Trustees will take this to Raleigh if we don't approve (the Development Plan)."

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THE Daily Crossword

By Gregory E. Paul

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