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N.C. Faculties Express Solidarity

UNC controversy prompts support from other schools

By RACHEL E. LEONARD
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Institutions of higher learning across the state are rushing to support UNC-Chapel Hill's stance on academic freedom in light of the controversy surrounding this year's summer reading selection.

The faculty senates at N.C. State University and Meredith College passed resolutions this week affirming commitments to academic freedom.

The faculty of East Carolina University voted Monday to send a similar resolution to its Faculty Senate. The UNC-Greensboro Faculty Senate will consider an academic freedom resolution at its

September meeting.

Duke University President Nan Keohane also expressed her support for academic freedom after the UNC-CH Faculty Council unanimously approved its own academic freedom resolution Aug. 12.

The N.C. State resolution states that "the academic freedom of a sister institution has been threatened." The resolution also reaffirms the school's commitment to "academic freedom and the open exchange of ideas, including the examination of different cultures and their values."

The resolutions come in the wake of a lawsuit filed by the Family Policy Network and a proposal by the N.C. House to deny funding to UNC-CH's summer

reading program unless the program includes representation of "all other known religions."

This year's book, "Approaching the Qur'an: The Early Revelations" by Michael Sells, is a compilation of 35 short passages from the Islamic holy book.

In a widely criticized decision, the UNC-system Board of Governors failed earlier this month to pass a resolution supporting academic freedom. A committee of the board will meet today to reconsider the resolution.

Rebecca Oatsvall, chairwoman of the faculty affairs committee at Meredith College, said the school passed its resolution because it wanted to support UNC-CH as quickly as possible. "It felt like as though they weren't being supported in the way we'd like to see them supported," she said. The Meredith College resolution states that "the

goal of higher education is to produce thoughtful and informed citizens, citizens able to evaluate and to challenge the claims of others. One way students acquire these skills is through studying systems of thought different from their own and participating in a frank exchange of ideas about them."

Philip Carter, chairman of the N.C. State Faculty Senate, said that though the N.C. General Assembly has a role in deciding how state funds are spent, it is the faculty who best know how to teach. "Certainly the state legislature shouldn't micromanage at that level," Carter said. "They're not equipped to do that."

ECU Faculty Senate President Bob Morrison said the majority of ECU faculty support the academic freedom resolution, which the Faculty Senate

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BOG Set to Vote Again

Academic freedom support failed once

By JENNIFER SAMUELS
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Almost two weeks after the UNC-system Board of Governors failed to approve a resolution supporting academic freedom, board members will revisit the action in committee today.

The original resolution — proposed in response to the controversy surrounding the UNC-Chapel Hill summer reading — failed to pass at the board's Aug. 9 meeting by a single vote.

According to BOG rules, any resolution that did not first come out of a committee must be approved by a two-thirds majority. The final vote was 18-10.

The resolution will be considered today by the board's Educational Planning, Policies and Programs Committee.

If the committee approves the resolution, it will most likely be considered by the full board at its Sept. 13 meeting.

H.D. Reeves, chairman of the Educational Planning and Policies Committee, said he thinks some BOG members who voted against the resolution were concerned about how the board's actions would be perceived by House members as they appropriate funds to the UNC system.

The N.C. House Appropriations Committee amended its version of the state budget Aug. 7 to deny funding to UNC-CH's summer reading program if all known religions were not also taught. The provision is not included in the Senate version of the budget.

No legislators could be reached for comment at press time.

"I think several people who voted against the resolution also stated they had nothing whatsoever against academic freedom," Reeves said. "They were concerned with tying it in directly with an action of the General Assembly while they were discussing our budget."

But UNC-CH Provost Robert Shelton said that although outside factors cannot be ignored, the BOG has a responsibility to lead the UNC system.

"I think the Board of Governors has a very special role, and these are very specially chosen people," he said. "There are politics involved — no one should be surprised — (but) they have to carry the mantle of the university."

Shelton emphasized the difficult balance inherent in the BOG's responsibility to represent the UNC system on various issues, both statewide and nationally. He added it was discouraging that the board's initial vote did not support academic freedom.

"We look to them for leadership on (fiscal and policy) issues," he said.

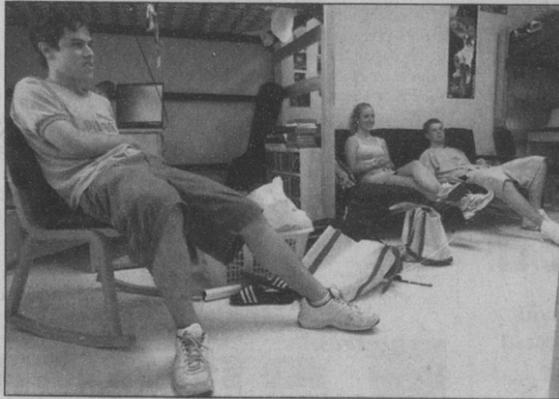
"We look to them to represent us well in Raleigh when it comes to budget issues, nationwide when it comes to policies and the standards the university holds."

The resolution, if passed, will cement the BOG's stand on academic freedom, said board Chairman Brad Wilson.

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SOUTH CAMPUS LIFE

- Name: Matt Saldaña
- Residence Hall: Morrison South
- Year: Freshman
- Hometown: Boston
- Major: Journalism



- Name: Will Byrum
- Residence Hall: Morrison
- Year: Freshman
- Hometown: Nags Head
- Major: Undecided

A Tale of Two Dorms

By ADDIE SLUDER
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The floors shine. The paint is fresh. And the red and white "Welcome to Morrison South" banner still has pleats from being freshly unfolded.

Students compare old, new South Campus halls

For the next nine months, Matt Saldaña will call this building home. "People come in and say this looks like a hospital," Saldaña said. "But I think they're just jealous of the air conditioning."

And freshman Will Byrum, who lives in the high-rise residence hall next door, says that's not too far from the truth. "No A/C sucks."

Byrum lives on the eighth floor of the well-worn Morrison Residence Hall, built in the 1960s. From his suite balcony, he

can see Saldaña's new home in his front yard.

The four new South Campus residence halls, which are housing their first group of students this year, were designed to foster a sense of community like that of North Campus.

The new buildings also are designed to bring a North Campus look to South Campus, incorporating elements such as low brick walls and inside hallways rather than the old buildings' X-shapes with long outside balconies.

Inside, each of the new residence halls is adorned with dark wood paneling, contrasting with the stark white walls, and houses three or four classrooms as part of the "living and learning" mission of the Department of Housing and Residential Education.

In the new halls, a bathroom connects every two rooms. But this arrangement has a price — residents in the new halls are responsible for cleaning their own bathroom.

The new buildings also lack the grime that builds up over years of college students' abuse.

But the sparkling clean kitchens lack stoves and microwaves, forcing students to hike to the high-rises to cook their ramen noodles.

As far as a sense of community is concerned, Saldaña said he does not think the new building provides more of a social atmosphere. "I don't think it's any more of a community than any of the other dorms," he said. "I think the key here is that Morrison South is set up much differently than Morrison, but the community is the same."

Because Saldaña lives in Morrison South, he has access to all the amenities of Morrison. His keys open Morrison's doors, and he participates in Morrison's activities. "I think a good portion of the reason I like (Morrison South) is because it's right next to Morrison."

But Byrum said the suite-style structure in the original Morrison has made interaction hard. "I hardly even know anyone in my hall, let alone the dorm next door," he said.

Rather than bonding with suitemates and

hallmates, therefore, Byrum said he has spent most of his time at fraternity parties or eating on Franklin Street with his friends from home.

For Saldaña, who was stuck in an elevator for an hour during a trip to Morrison, the facilities in Morrison South have proved to be more appealing than bonding with other residents. "I think the air conditioning really seals it," he said. "Other people love to come down here."

Surrounded by electric fans, Byrum would be inclined to agree. But he said conditions in Morrison are not unbearable. "I think we have a lot of storage, and the fact that we can move the beds makes it really flexible."

Byrum even decided to stay in Morrison despite being offered a space in a North Campus hall because he likes being with other freshmen. "I don't mind this," he said. "It's sort of a rite of passage."

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Kenan Stadium Seating Reworked

By NIKKI WERKING
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Department of Athletics officials said Tuesday that student seating sections in Kenan Stadium will be moved to better locations and that 1,000 extra bleacher seats will be added for three football games during the 2002 season.

The student section will be moved to the lower level of the stadium. It now occupies more than 12,000 seats in sections 113-124, said Clint Gwaltney, assistant athletic director for ticketing.

Carolina Athletic Association President Kris Willett said the seats were moved to give all UNC fans a better view of the video board that will be located in the east end zone. Officials have said they anticipate that the board will be installed next year. "We wanted to give our fans the best view possible," she said. "We moved the visitors into worse seats in the upper decks."

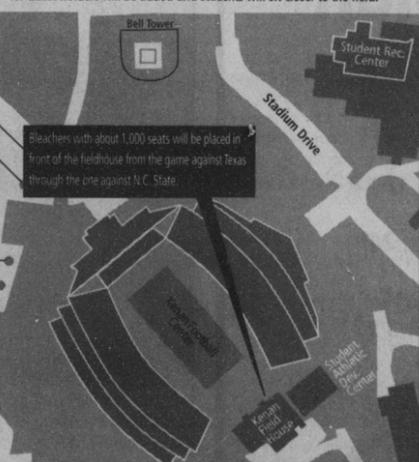
The student block seating sections, which were located in the upper levels of Kenan Stadium, were moved into the corner in sections 118 and 119, Willett said. "The seats there are better," she said, "so we're hoping we'll have more groups show interest in the block seats."

The additional bleachers, which will be set up between the east end zone and Kenan Field House, were added due to high demand for tickets to the games

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Close to the Action

Due to the high demand for tickets for high-profile games, additional seats for ticket holders will be added and students will sit closer to the field.



SOURCE: STEVE KIRSCHNER, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS DTH/STAFF

Local System Steps Up Water Restrictions

Northern Orange County moves to Stage 6

By LAURA HINSON
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The Orange-Alamance Water System will impose Stage 6 water restrictions for the first time ever as a result of the falling water level in Lake Orange.

The Orange-Alamance Water System serves parts of Hillsborough, Efland and Mebane.

The restrictions will move to Stage 6 in the next 10 days unless there is significant rainfall, said Orange-Alamance Water System Engineer Paul Thames.

Orange-Alamance Water System Manager Sandra Faye Metcalf said the system purchased water from the town of Mebane and is working with another group to get more water, but she would not name that entity.

The Stage 6 restrictions will include the demand for individual water

rationing. Officials are still debating how the rationing will be enforced and what exactly Stage 6 restrictions will entail.

One way to encourage water rationing is to set a base rate for the water consumption of households, said Thames. For example, if a household typically uses 10,000 gallons of water a month and Orange-Alamance Water System decides it wants to cut consumption by 50 percent, then it will set a base rate for 5,000 gallons a month for the household.

Any additional water use will be charged at a much higher rate.

A more extensive definition of Stage 6 restrictions will depend on officials to determine the specifics of the stage.

"I can't describe it because ... we've

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Important principles may and must be inflexible.

Abraham Lincoln