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Professor Resigns Over Comments

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Martha Lamb, a contracted professor at the School of Social Work who was accused of making racist comments in her master's class, resigned from her position Friday afternoon.

In a town meeting last week, more than 250 students, alumni and faculty members gathered to discuss comments Lamb allegedly made during a Jan. 13 class, "Social Work and Practice With Couples."

Students in the class said Lamb told stories of supervisors who said couples therapy doesn't work

for black couples and that NAACP stands for "Niggers Ain't Acting Like Colored People." Students said that the comments were made out of context and that no explanation was given for them.

When students confronted Lamb, she reportedly told them that she hadn't meant to offend anyone and that she wanted to share her heritage with them.

"It's a disheartening and disquieting event at the school," Jack Richman, dean of the school, said Sunday. "But I think we're taking the appropriate steps to deal with the situation."

In the meeting, participants called for Lamb to make a public apology, which she did via a tele-

phone interview with ABC News 11 on Tuesday. Lamb declined to comment Sunday night on her resignation or her public apology.

After last week's meeting, Richman said officials in the school formulated a plan to move students in Lamb's class to another section of the course at the same time.

Richman said that those plans were finalized Thursday and that the University will reopen the drop/add period for those students. Lamb's class now will be taught by Anne Jones, a professor at the school.

"It's important for students to get a teacher that they can learn from," Richman said.

Jerry Covington, a graduate student in the School of Social Work who was enrolled in Lamb's class, said while there were alternatives to a resignation, he was not sure about what other options were available to Lamb.

"I'm saddened that it had to come to an extreme event like a resignation," he said. "But at the same time, I'm at a loss as to how the class could possibly go on under her instruction."

In response to allegations that this wasn't an isolated incident of racism at the school, Richman also has decided to form a committee to investigate the

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Republican Legislators Upset Over Power Deal

Democrat to chair Rules Committee

By ELYSE ASHBURN AND JOE RAUCH
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Details of the historic agreement House Co-speakers Democrat Jim Black and Republican Richard Morgan struck Wednesday are beginning to surface, and many outraged Republican legislators say their party's influence has been severely undermined.

Though full details of the Black-Morgan agreement have not been released, the House rippled Thursday with news that the power-sharing arrangement makes Democrat Bill Culpepper of Chowan County the sole Rules Committee chairman.

Republicans were incensed. "Pardon my language - it screws the Republican party," Rep. Billy Creech, R-Johnston, said in an interview

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WAR PROTESTS THEN AND NOW



DTH FILE PHOTO

These signs were discarded by people who gathered at the Capitol Building on Jan. 19, 1991, in Washington, D.C., to protest President George Bush and the Persian Gulf War.



DTH FILE PHOTO

An estimated 200,000 protesters marched on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 18 to protest President Bush and a potential U.S. war with Iraq.

War With Iraq Prompts Revival of Protests

By PATRICK WINN
Staff Writer

As Chapel Hill protesters mailed tiny plastic canisters symbolizing oil barrels to the White House, President George Bush readied the United States for war.



DTH FILE PHOTO

Protesters gather at Crabtree Valley Mall in 2002 to show opposition to a U.S. war with Iraq.

Though mirroring Chapel Hill in past months, this describes January of 1991, when most of today's UNC students were learning how to multiply.

More than a dozen demonstrations sprung up locally in the months precipitating the Persian Gulf War. But many locals who rallied against that conflict said recent protests against the potential war in Iraq have been

better-executed.

"This time, the strength and organization is a lot better, which is very encouraging," said nonprofit worker Jim Warren, a chief organizer of a 1991 anti-war march that drew more than 1,000 people. "The climate was very similar, but opposition was not as strong," he said.

In January 1991, six busloads of Orange County protesters arrived in Washington, D.C., to join about 70,000 others in a peace march. Likewise, UNC students took buses to Washington in January to participate in the largest anti-war demonstration since Vietnam, netting about 200,000 marchers.

On one of those buses was freshman Anna Carson-Dewitt, a member of the Campaign to End the Cycle of Violence and co-orchestrator of a January peace encampment in Polk Place. Though only 6 years old when she heard about the first U.S. strike on Iraq, Carson-Dewitt said it was a formative experience.

"I was afraid, knowing people were killing each other," she said. "Children have an intrinsic sense of how bad that is."

Now politically active, Carson-Dewitt put in a week at the encampment to act as a sounding board for concerned students. Discussions often lasted until 2 a.m.

In January of 1991, her predecessors raised tents in the Pit to create a "Peace Village" that stayed active for 36 days. Activists were made to feel unwelcome by College

Republicans. Rather than brownies, members of the group prepared water balloons with the letters SCUD, donned Arabic headdresses and barraged the encampment.

"We're not going to water balloon anybody," said Michael McKnight, UNC College Republicans chairman, of the current membership.

"It's America-bashing," said McKnight of recent protests. "We feel it's time to unite behind the president and the military as they perform difficult tasks."

Though Chapel Hill was host to numerous rallies during the winter of 1991, not all of them denounced strikes against Iraq. Signs marked with "UNC Students for Peace" bobbed above crowds some days - other days they read "Go Get 'Em George!"

"The current situation is far more ambiguous," said Professor Tim McKeown, who was teaching political science on campus in 1991. Student opinion was more visibly divided over the Persian Gulf War, he said.

"People who have an easy time understanding why we would attack Iraq for invading Kuwait might have a difficult time understanding why we would attack Iraq for violating a U.N. resolution," McKeown said.

Longtime local activist Francis Coyle, 76, described the organization of Persian Gulf

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DTH FILE PHOTO

Area residents protest on Franklin Street military action against Iraq in 1991.

Up for Discussion

At a meeting tonight, the Chapel Hill Town Council will discuss the following proposed items as it finalizes its requests to the N.C. General Assembly. The legislative agenda will be presented to the Orange County legislative delegation later this month.

- Tax on tickets to University athletic events
- Vehicle license requirement for University students
- Protection of town revenues
- Beer and wine tax
- Real estate transfer tax
- Mandatory program for recycling of bottles and cans
- Investment tax credit for developers who build affordable housing
- Increased state staffing for sedimentation and erosion control enforcement

SOURCE: AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING DTH/STAFF

Town to Ask State for Taxes, Funding

By JORDAN WOODARD
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The Chapel Hill Town Council will discuss numerous issues on its legislative agenda that could directly impact students if taken up by the state legislature.

The council will consider legislation it would like to see enacted by the N.C. General Assembly, including a tax on UNC football and basketball tickets and a registration fee for students who have vehicles in Orange County.

The idea of a tax on tickets for UNC athletic events has floated around the town for several years but has

never been considered seriously by the state legislature.

The vehicle license requirement for students also is not a new concept, said Bill Stockard, assistant to the town manager.

The proposal calls for on- and off-campus students to pay a \$25 registration fee if they live in Orange County but their vehicle is not registered with the county.

The foremost request in the town's legislative agenda is further protection of the town revenues controlled by the state, such as a handful of local taxes.

Last year, local revenues were in jeopardy when Gov. Mike Easley decided to withhold some of those taxes as a way to cope with the state's budget crisis.

North Carolina again faces a deficit - potentially as much as \$2 billion - and local municipalities will once again have to fight to keep their tax money.

Each year the town presents legislative requests in March to local N.C. representatives and senators for new programs or taxes.

Last May the town developed the requests, which also include an increase in the beer and wine tax and a mandatory recycling program for bottles and cans.

This year's requests mirror past issues raised by the council in its legislative agenda.

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DTH FILE PHOTO

Reps. Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, (left) and Mickey Michaux, D-Durham, lead groups that will be at odds with House leadership.

Free speech carries with it some freedom to listen.

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