

**JONES**

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and right sides of the lecture hall with a number of signs. Several dozen students in the audience stood up and moved to the aisles to join the protesters immediately after the protesters entered.

Jones did not acknowledge the protesters but continued with his speech, discussing such issues as the importance of freedom of speech in classrooms and religious centers.

Junior Chase Foster, a public policy major who organized the protest, said the activists targeted Jones' speech because they thought his motives to defend the student stemmed from interests of political gain.

"We basically wanted to express ourselves respectfully," he said. "A lot of people came on time. A lot of people came as same-sex couples."

Foster said the couples were a mix of homosexual and heterosexual students supporting the couples.

At one point, Jones said he believed that the repeal of anti-sodomy laws was the beginning of the end of morality in the United States. The protesters cheered mockingly, to which Jones replied, "I respect your rights; now respect my right."

Several campus police officers were present in the hall. When Jones left, they escorted him through a crowd of protesters.

During Jones' hour-long speech, he discussed a number of other topics including his role in Congress, his political ideology and several bills he has proposed and opposed.

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WALTER JONES, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

He discussed his support for a recent bill that banned partial-birth abortions as well as a religious freedom bill he is proposing with Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga.

Jones said the bill would restore freedom of speech to churches, synagogues and mosques throughout the country. "I believe the spiritual leaders must be empowered with their First Amendment rights if there is going to be any morality in this country," he said.

Tripp Costas, president of the College Republicans, acknowledged the liberal members of the audience and welcomed them to future College Republicans events.

"For those of you that came in late, please come on time to the meeting next time and see the beginning and enjoy the free pizza," Costas said after Jones' speech.

After the event, Jones said he was pleased with the participation of people with beliefs from both sides of the political spectrum.

"I was pleased with the turnout, and I was pleased with those with opposing views. They were very civil," he said. "That's what democracy is about."

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**ELECTION**

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and West say they hope all the controversy won't have a lasting impact on the next student body president's term.

"I hope that all the attention focused on the election will be converted to positive energy towards student government," West said. "Whomever's elected should harness all that energy that's surrounded student government in the past several weeks."

Calabria said that while he thinks most students will forget about the controversy, he is worried that the heated nature of the campaign's last few weeks might discourage supporters of one candidate from applying to be involved with the other candidate's administration.

"It would be really sad if people are turned off because this was a bitter election," he said.

Reaching out immediately to as many students and student organizations as possible is a priority both candidates say will be critical in keeping students' faith in the position.

Such action also is needed because the candidates will have a

much shorter window to appoint officers and Cabinet members, with inauguration scheduled for early April.

The candidates already have missed training sessions offered at a retreat this weekend for the president- and vice president-elects of all ACC schools. Current Student Body President Matt Tepper had to go in their stead.

Yet both candidates stressed the importance of building an applicant pool that encompasses all facets of the student body, even on the shortened timeline.

"It's absolutely necessary to have a diverse Cabinet," Calabria said.

While attention and interest generated by the prolonged election might end with tonight's results, the spotlight now shining on the position of student body president is something the candidates hope doesn't completely fade.

"That's a way to take this attention and put it into something positive," West said. "People are looking to student government a lot more than they have in the past."

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**ZONING**

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the town and the University. "We were at a moment of crisis that required some new process."

And many officials and residents agree that OI-4 doesn't cut it for the town anymore.

The town and the University could be faced with the task of hashing out a new process, which would include earlier notice from the University when it plans to make changes to the Master Plan.

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MARK KLEINSCHMIDT, COUNCIL can't be the model every time a change in development plans comes along.

To avoid another frenzy, Kleinschmidt said, the University needs to inform the town of changes it wants to make before they come up for official review. "We just need to have a conversation about applications well before we review them."

In the end, Kleinschmidt said, the key to effective town-gown relations will be collaboration.

"That's where success, ultimate success, is going to come."

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**SEARCH**

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committee submitted to the chancellor's office last September.

Jack Evans, chairman of that committee, said Sunday that all four of the committee's recommendations were qualified for the position and that he had confidence that the chancellor would choose the right person for the job.

"They were four candidates who we felt were worthy of final stage interviews," Evans said.

The vice chancellor for information technology is responsible for overseeing all central computing, networking and telecommunications on campus.

The last person to hold the vice chancellor post permanently was Marian Moore, who left UNC in July 2002 to accept a position at Boston College. Interim Vice Chancellor Steve Jarrell has served in the position since he was appointed immediately after Moore's departure.

Moerer appointed a search committee in February 2003 to begin the search for a permanent replacement, seven months after Moore stepped down.

Shelton said Friday that the search already had taken longer than searches for similar administrative positions at the University.

He added, however, that officials expected the search to last several months because the competition between different academic institutions and private companies limits the number of qualified individuals.

Last week, Jarrell also said the importance of the position requires a potentially long and exhaustive search.

"Senior administrative positions are very important and very critical. It is more important to get the right person than to do it quickly."

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**HEARING**

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McDonough suggested that the town join forces with Carrboro and the county to initiate a transit discussion. He also wanted the town to consider including itself in a transit arrangement with Durham and Raleigh.

Other than transportation, committee member Joe Capowski also expressed distaste for how the Office/Institutional-4 zoning process would affect the town.

OI-4 zoning's expedited 90-day review process was implemented two years ago to allow UNC to expand in accordance with its Master Plan. But, Capowski said, the ongoing development of student family housing along Mason Farm Road is evidence of the inefficiency of the OI-4 zoning process.

"People who live in the Mason Farm neighborhood must be in tears," Capowski said after viewing pictures of wood wreckage blocking the entrance to Mason Farm Road resident Diana Steele's school.

Aaron Nelson, executive director of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, said the citizens committee's report didn't highlight all of the positive aspects of Carolina North.

"Carolina North has the potential to become a landmark development," he said. "But the report is less clear on what citizens want to see happen with Carolina North."

After the public was finished with its comments, Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy said he was told by University officials that they did not intend to comment Monday.

But, he said, Chancellor James Moerer is "personally aware of these recommendations."

Foy said Moerer told him the draft plan is being revised and the University plans to present it to its Board of Trustees within the next couple of weeks to the next four months.

The council asked the town staff to bring a report on the recommendations to its March 22 meeting. From there, the council will put the finishing touches on suggestions to send to the University.

Council member Cam Hill said the town needs to take action now before the University has full consent on the development process.

"Before we get too far into the whole minutiae, we need to look at what this is going to do to our town and what we want to do about it."

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