

Experts debate U.S. security

Some skeptical about new groups

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U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge touted new measures earlier this month to improve security in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, but some experts say the efforts are futile.

"As all of you know, these tragic attacks required a swift and drastic change to our understanding of what it meant to secure America," Ridge said before the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs.

At the meeting, Ridge said the Terrorist Threat Integration Center, a brainchild of the Bush administration, will serve to improve the fight against terrorism by making sure the government's intelligence agencies share information.

But some officials are skeptical of the organization's efficiency.

"(The TTIC) pretends to improve the sharing of information among disparate agencies," said Robert Steele, the founder and CEO of OSS.net, a group dedicated to the global dissemination of intelligence

information.

He said the TTIC is "a cosmetic attempt to show some form of progress."

He also said President Bush's National Counterterrorism Center, which aims to consolidate most of the nation's intelligence on terrorism, does not further the agency because it does not entertain fundamental reform.

"You can polish a turd all you want; it is still going to be a turd," he said.

But I.M. Destler, a professor in the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland-College Park, said that the new measures are working and that the nation is safer overall.

"There's better security at airports and borders than we had before," he said.

In addition to the counterterrorism center, Bush also created the Homeland Security Information Network — an Internet-based system allowing different operation centers to receive and share the

same information. It can be used by governors and homeland security advisers in all states and territories of the United States.

Steele said it won't have much of an effect.

"This (network) is largely fiction," Steele said. "Until Tom Ridge has community intelligence centers, one in each of the 50 states ... Tom Ridge will not be able to communicate downward in an effective manner."

Regardless of the efforts the government makes in preventing terrorism, some experts say, it is impossible to create an organization that will end all attacks.

Cori Dauber, UNC professor of communication studies, said people turn to terrorism because it is almost impossible to stop.

"There are just too many schools, hotels, restaurants, bars, office buildings, et cetera," she said. "The Israelis can't do it, and Israel is roughly the size of New Jersey."

"Protect one possible target," she said, "(and) they attack a different one."

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HONOR KICKOFF

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energize the student body.

Lensing's excitement for the celebration was evident.

He declared that he works only within the most honorable standards and that he expects nothing less from his students.

"Never be hesitant ... or half-hearted in boldly speaking out about honor and integrity at UNC."

Lensing's speech focused on how administrators, faculty and students can support one another.

"I would like to think that semester after semester, year after year, we can mutually inspire, support and guide each other to our common ideal," he said.

Craig Schauer, chairman of the

undergraduate Honor Court, concluded the ceremony by expressing his pride in the fact that UNC's honor system is one of the only student-run judiciaries in the country.

"It is a privilege, and it is a privilege we should be proud of," Schauer said.

He then called on Undergraduate Student Attorney General Carolina Chavez to assist him with a symbolic ribbon cutting, which drew the ceremony to a close and officially kicked off the week.

The speakers and some onlookers then reaffirmed their support for UNC's honor system by signing the honor pledge. Students will be able to sign the pledge throughout this week.

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TAX CUTS

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Americans can help the economy is to invest in small businesses.

"Small businesses create 75 percent of the new jobs in the nation," Castillo said. "The stronger they are, the stronger the economy is."

Taxes such as the death tax will be reduced, and Bush's tax cut, a bullseye for Democrats who contend that it is a break for the wealthy, would be maintained permanently.

"The problem is that these so-called rich are small-business owners who file their taxes as individuals because they're small," Castillo said.

But the Bush administration also gave huge tax breaks to big companies, including those that ship local jobs overseas, said David Sherlin, press secretary for N.C. Victory 2004.

"We feel that (Bush) needs to stand to the plate and say to working families: 'You're more important to me than families making \$200,000.'"

The Democratic Party plans to help the middle class through tax cuts as well, according to the party platform.

The Democrats want to keep middle-class tax credits in place. But a lot of emphasis also is put on keeping manufacturing jobs in the United States.

"I think the first thing is to stop the tax incentive for companies that shop jobs overseas," Sherlin said.

"The Bush administration has said time and time again that they believe outsourcing is good, and we couldn't disagree more."

"When you have people who have worked manufacturing jobs for 30 or 40 years ... for a lot of people, that's all they know."

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Inequality was at the root of the discussions that raised the idea of merging the two school systems, initially proposed by Commissioner Moses Carey in January 2003.

Critics say that a merger could solve certain economic issues but that a host of problems could arise, such as redrawing district lines and busing students.

Carey said that although he is in support of collaboration, he still

believes merger is the only solution. But, he said, "I recognize that you have to make progress in small steps."

Commissioner Steve Halkiotis said that merger or no merger, collaboration needs to move forward.

"It's like kissing an elephant," Halkiotis said. "It's going to take some time, but it's got to start somewhere. Let's quit talking about it, and let's do it, so that I can see it in my limited lifespan."

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"It's great when you can merge your advocacy and your vocation together," Bunch said.

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to invest their time in patients.

"This practice allows us to spend more time with our patients and less on paperwork," said Weaver. "I love what I do, and I feel like it's a gift to me that I am able to work here."

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dent, asked Price to discuss current Congressional activities.

"It is easy to forget what is going on in Congress because nothing is going on."

He said Republican partisan politics have slowed down any progress Congress was making on an inferior Medicare bill and the failure to pass transportation and energy bills.

But Price has not given up hope for such legislation.

"I think we can (do it)," he said. "It is an uphill fight but by no means impossible."

Republican campaigners are

skilled in what they do, Price said, and they are running a tight ship, a well-financed campaign, and know how to do TV ads.

Dustin Ingalls, a sophomore political science major, said that he talks to people in the Pit about the Democratic candidates but that it is hard to persuade them because of the Republican spin.

But Price said he thinks the big issues work in favor of the Democrats, and the main job of the campaigning is learning how to break through the media.

As encouragement, he said, 18- to 29-year-olds are leaning heavily toward Sen. John Kerry.

Price said the only way to make students who are apathetic toward

politics get out and vote is to make it easy and convenient.

"You need to reach out to peers next door or down the hall who think about issues and have serious discussions," he said.

Peter Tinti, a junior political science major, said he tries to get his peers to consider candidates critically. "People I have met on my hall vote for Bush only because their parents vote for Bush," he said.

But Price encouraged everyone to keep trying.

"People need to be convinced that voting matters, that this choice will affect their lives."

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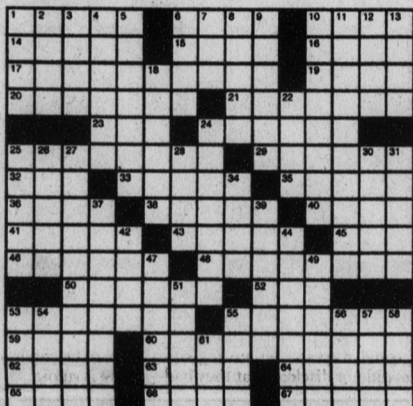
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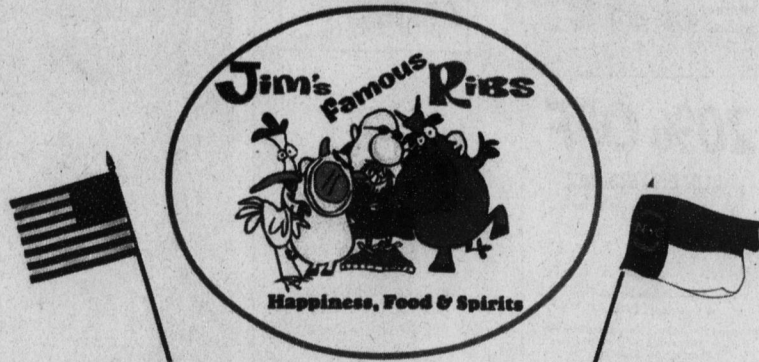
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