

# Abortion panels don't budge Students seek swing votes in Fla.

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The key speakers of the abortion issues debates Wednesday night wouldn't compromise on presentation details — forcing students to decide which side of the issue they wanted to hear.

The main disagreement concerned anti-abortion speaker Scott Klusendorf's plan to show a video of abortion procedures.

The issue proved to be such a source of contention that Klusendorf, director of bioethics for Christian advocacy group Stand to Reason, and the Rev. Katherine Ragsdale, an Episcopal priest from Massachusetts who serves on national boards for several abortion rights groups such as the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, spoke in two different rooms.

The speeches, both sponsored by the Carolina Women's Center, occurred about a 15-minute walk apart, with the anti-abortion event in Murphy Hall and the abortion rights speech in Carrington Hall.

Ragsdale said during her speech that such presentations that project "things that look like babies" serve to trump reason with emotion.

"I refuse to lend my presence to

sensationalist pictures," she said. Klusendorf said that he acknowledges that some activists inappropriately use abortion images, but that using truthful pictures is not intellectually dishonest or manipulative. He added that abortion is a reality, similar to a war, that cannot be fully understood without pictures.

He showed a 95-second video about abortion but warned viewers of the graphic content. Many in the audience put their hands over their mouths in horror while others turned their heads away.

In the lecture hall on the opposite side of campus, Ragsdale defended the political right of a woman to choose, saying that this right is something as fundamental and definite as the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Klusendorf also argued for the natural rights guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution — but on behalf of the unborn child. "The fetus is a human being that deserves rights under the law," he said.

To Klusendorf, this subject reverts to his central question: "What is the unborn?" He said that life begins at conception.

Ragsdale emphasized that the heart of the issue is whether women have the right to control their own

destinies. She said the argument about when a fetus becomes a person is an attempt to distract the public from the fact that a woman is a person.

"Medicine says it becomes a pregnancy at implantation, but no one can say when it becomes a person," Ragsdale said.

She also claimed that the majority of the religious community in the United States overwhelmingly supports abortion rights. Ragsdale responded to anti-abortion rights claims by noting that the Bible never says abortion is wrong.

"The Bible is not a medical textbook," Ragsdale said. "A psalm is not a scientific treatise, it is a poem."

Klusendorf said he liked to argue his case based on science and philosophy, not religion.

Members of the Carolina Students For Life said they were pleased with the turnout.

"It was an amazing success," said Stephanie Evans, president of CSFL. "I think we made some end roads in opening up dialogue about the issue. I think the pro-choicers see that we can come to the table and discuss the issue rationally."

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## Bush fans campaign in panhandle

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Eight members of UNC's Students for Bush will leave for the Florida panhandle tonight to go door-to-door and encourage citizens to vote for the president.

Those traveling emphasized the importance of Florida's electoral votes this year and said they are excited to campaign in the swing state.

"We'll be knocking on doors for the president in Republican districts," said Matt Vail, president of Students for Bush.

"The goal is to turn out the vote to counter strong turnouts in Democrat districts."

The students said they want to help ensure that the race in Florida is not as close this year as it was in the 2000 election, when the state was decided by a difference of 537 votes and became a lightning rod for controversy during numerous recounts.

The latest Rasmussen Reports presidential tracking poll, released Wednesday, shows Bush leading

in Florida with 48 percent of the vote.

But the Democratic challenger, Sen. John Kerry, trails by only 1 percentage point, well within the survey's margin of error.

"Florida is a swing state, and it is important for Republicans to vote if we want to win this election," said Curt White, a member of Students for Bush who will venture to Florida.

Vail attended the Republican National Convention in New York in September and said he was able to arrange the trip through contacts he met at a convention party.

The students will drive to Panama City, Fla., spend the weekend campaigning and return to campus Sunday afternoon.

The Bush/Cheney campaign is providing both housing and food free of charge for the group of UNC students.

"The election will swing in Florida this year, and while losses will occur, we hope to offset this by turning out a strong Republican

vote," Vail said. White said he already has campaigned for the Bush/Cheney ticket through Pit sits and phone calls at the Orange County Republican Party headquarters.

He said he looks forward to his chance to make a difference.

"If people in Florida see how far we came voluntarily, voting may weigh more heavily on them," White said.

Sophomore Matt Bowles, who also will make the trip, already has campaigned for Bush by calling registered Republicans and undecided voters.

"Florida is a crucial state, and I wanted to take the opportunity to campaign for the man I believe will make the better president," Bowles said.

He underscored the importance that college students can have during the last days of the campaign.

"Having enough impact to get out voters is the most important goal of a campaign worker," he said.

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map," he said.

Beadle, who studied at Boston University and was a performer with the Boston Pops before entering the managerial realm, also spoke about fostering cooperation between the EDA and the campus.

"I'm thrilled at the prospect of working here, and this place is just ripe with opportunity. It needs a leader and entrepreneur with an arts background. That's what I believe." Now that the final candidate has

visited campus, the EDA selection committee can turn its attention to making a decision.

After Beadle's visit, Executive Associate Provost Steve Allred, also a member of committee, said the group will meet Friday to debate.

"All (candidates) bring certain specific strengths and have different backgrounds," Allred said.

"It will be difficult to choose, because all are well-qualified in their own way."

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with UNC's actions to encourage critical thinking, responsible analysis and informed dialogue among members of a diverse community.

Members wanted to know how UNC can assure that its climate is welcoming, inclusive and supportive for all faculty, staff and students.

Once the committee agreed on the five broad research questions, attention shifted to the core values that will direct its campaign.

After a half-hour of debate, the committee decided each core value derives from and pertains to UNC's role as an educational institution.

One core value maintained that UNC has an obligation to serve the community while promoting equality, justice and diversity.

Members of the task force also said UNC should seek to enhance diversity in student admissions and in employment of faculty and staff.

Task force members said UNC must foster cross-cultural interactions and learning in an environment where all feel welcomed.

"We are an educational institution dedicated to education," Daye said. "Diversity enhances what we are dedicated to."

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the process will include meeting with various departments and policymakers to hammer out changes and to set priorities for resource allocation and administrative responses.

"The need here is to really try to get some function in place so this isn't going to creep along the way it has and get worse," Wegner said. "I think we're going to be able to come up with a fair amount of good work; it's just a matter of coordinating."

She said that there is more to be done at various council meetings and that another report will be presented next spring.

"My hope is to hear some of the good ideas that are around cam-

pus," Wegner said. "We need to have a better monitoring system to track what goes on with faculty to see what they're thinking."

Kalleberg said he hopes to see the efforts result in a lasting effect on the issue of faculty retention.

"I really think the issue here is so important, and the people behind it are so committed, that this will have a lasting effect and will lead to some changes in how we do things."

Wegner said she is eager to hear input from all areas of campus and encourages individuals to reply.

"The whole notion is to make it possible for everyone to weigh in if they have suggestions," she said.

"We've only just begun."

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25 percent this year alone.

"In the buyout environment we will see continued consolidation of farms," Brown said. "We will see a number of small farms transitioning to other businesses. A lot of the smaller farmers in particular are older farmers who were kind of waiting and hoping for this buyout, which will help them with their retirement."

While the state's small tobacco farms largely will disappear over the next several years, Britt Cobb, the state's agricultural commissioner, said the money will be a godsend to farmers and quota holders.

"It's going to give farmers an option to continue growing tobacco or get out," he said.

Areas of the state with economies based on small farms are going to get a much-needed infusion of money, Cobb added.

"I think what you're going to see in three years, good farmers are going to have plenty of options for their tobacco," he said. "There may be a small farm that has a quota of 30,000 pounds. In the past, that's all he could grow. Now, they'll be able to grow as much as they

want."

Brown said the amount of money farmers will get under the buyout legislation, \$9.6 billion in total, is generous. Tobacco growers and quota holders are slated to receive the money over the next decade.

Farmers, now free of the quota system, will be able to grow as much tobacco as they want, wherever they want.

But they'll have to sell it at world market prices. This means U.S. farmers will be competing with growers from other nations, such as Brazil, who typically can sell for less.

"You could take a philosophical viewpoint and say the small farms ... are going to receive this income coming from the buyout which gives them the opportunity to exit from tobacco production and enter into something else," said Guido van der Hoeven, an extension specialist at N.C. State. "What we don't know for certain is what's going to happen to domestic production."

To ensure a market for their crop, farmers who choose to continue growing tobacco will have

to enter into contracts with large tobacco companies, such as Philip Morris or RJ Reynolds.

Bill Phelps, spokesman for Philip Morris, said his company buys about half the flue-cured tobacco grown in the state. Eighty percent of the state's tobacco crop now is under contract.

But Philip Morris hasn't drawn up a contract in North Carolina in the past few years, and Phelps couldn't speculate on future contracting.

"Quite honestly, some of the small producers were going to be out of business regardless," van der Hoezen said. "I think there's going to be, definitely, some uncertainty as to where are (farmers) going to fit."

Van der Hoezen said one option might be for some farmers to transition into specialty crops, such as cut flowers or medicinal herbs. "But the question is, 'How many cut-flower operations are going to be economically viable in North Carolina?'"

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## THE Daily Crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 Staff sign
- 5 Burns around
- 10 Supplies personnel to
- 14 Right-hand man
- 15 Flynn of old movies
- 16 Way out
- 17 Bridle strap
- 18 Mother-of-pearl
- 19 Count (on)
- 20 Displays one's finest
- 23 "Annabel Lee" poet
- 24 Pass along
- 28 Attention-getting phrase
- 32 Produce
- 35 Old programming language
- 36 NaCl
- 37 Harper Valley grp.
- 38 Practices patience
- 42 Dos Passos trilogy
- 43 Corduroy ridge
- 44 Visitor
- 45 Dial positions
- 48 Seizes
- 49 Pussfoot
- 50 "Chances ..." (Mathis hit)
- 51 Succeeds in irritating
- 52 Party branch
- 59 Principal artery
- 63 Out of one's mind
- 64 Cleveland's lake
- 65 Gem surface

### DOWN

- 1 Find fault
- 2 Stead
- 3 Fix a draft
- 4 Marshy places
- 5 Ono's love
- 6 Spout from the dais
- 7 Sole's curve
- 8 Links warning
- 9 Rosebud, e.g.
- 10 Amalgamation
- 11 Paul Bunyan's tool
- 12 Zero
- 13 Pen on a farm
- 21 October birthstones
- 22 Vein content
- 25 Backslides
- 26 Bear witness

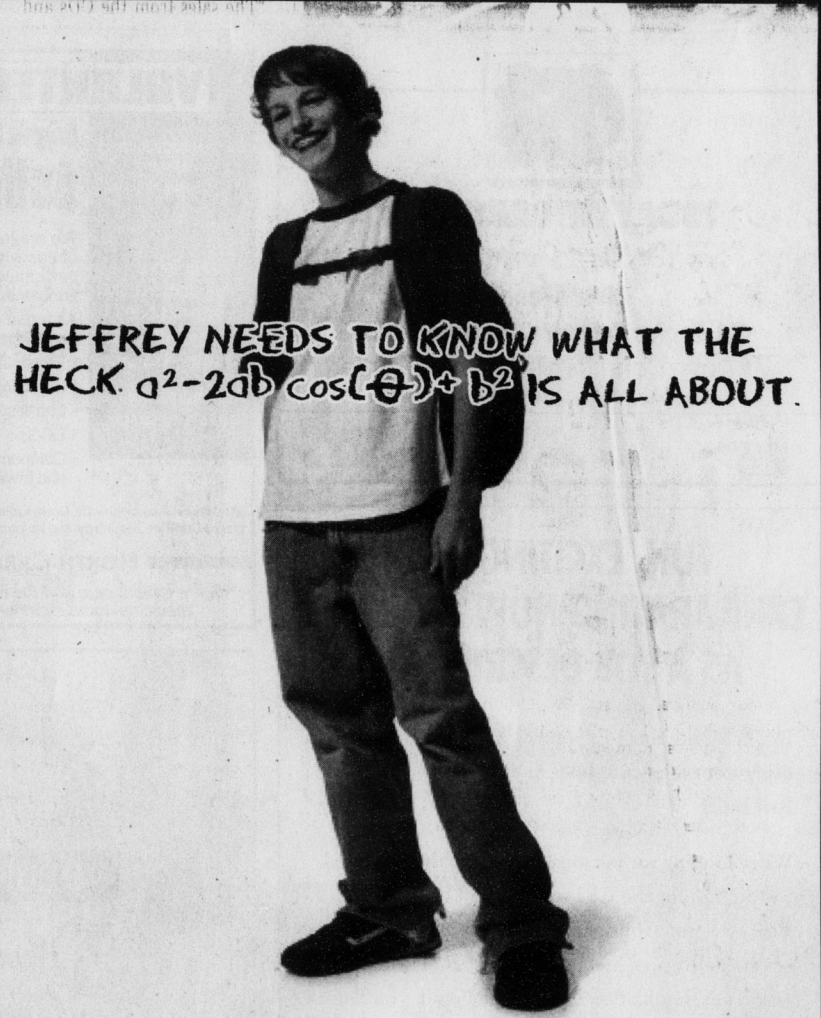
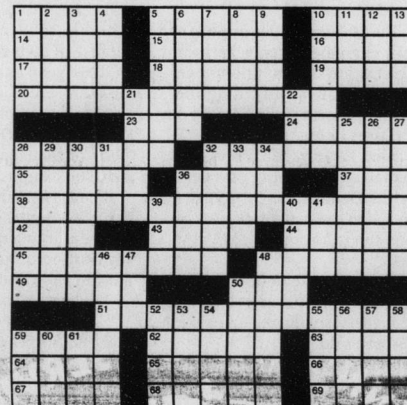
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- 50 Puts in one's chips
- 52 Roosevelt's successor
- 53 Skyrocket
- 54 Killer whale
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- 59 Place to surf
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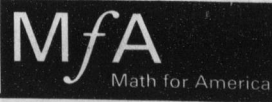
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