

CR meeting generates dialogue, draws crowd

BY DON CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

The College Republicans wanted to create a buzz to kick off the year. Featuring a speech by the man dubbed "the antidote to Rev. Jesse Jackson," Tuesday's interest meeting did just that.



The Rev. Jesse Peterson spoke at the College Republicans interest meeting today.

Rev. Jesse Peterson, a conservative author, public speaker and television/radio host, brought a barrage of discussion and a diverse crowd to the College Republicans' first meeting of the year.

Peterson's speech, like the group he founded, Brotherhood Organization of a New Destiny, revolved largely around his belief that rebuilding black families will solve many problems that face the black community.

The lack of family presence, Peterson said, has severely hurt the black community. "Not all, not all, not all, but most black Americans suffer from lack of moral character," he said.

In the midst of these family problems, Peterson said, the government stepped in and adversely affected the black community with its own poor moral standing.

"We've had too much government in the last 50 years," he said. "With the black men all gone, the government has been the daddy of the black family."

Peterson often said that the personal immoralities of political figures like Jackson and former President Bill Clinton could be blamed for immorality in black culture. "Anytime you think for yourself in the black community, you're a sell-out," he said.

Peterson's speech caused a flurry of debate among students of various ethnic backgrounds. Discussion ranged in civility — from name calling to polite question and answer.

After his speech, Peterson signed copies of his new book, "Scam: How the Black Leadership Exploits Black America," and continued private discussions with students.

His speech dominated the interest meeting, but College Republican leaders also discussed things like registration and upcoming events.

Highlights for the College Republicans this year include a "conservative coming-out day," a Sept. 11 memorial service, a joint service venture with Campus Y to aid Hurricane Katrina victims and the creation of a statewide conservative publication.

Jordan Selleck, chairman of the College Republicans, said they also hope to host three more speakers this year, including former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich.

Selleck said he considered the event a success. "Controversy creates interest," he said. "The whole point of this was to reach out to the black community — which we haven't done in recent years — and to have something that gets people talking."

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Speaker examines race issues

Adds to summer book discussion

BY DANIEL WILKES
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Although the Summer Reading Program discussions took place last Monday, the issues raised in "Blood Done Sign My Name" by Tim Tyson still resonate through campus discourse.

Last night, in a program billed as "The Politics of Race and Class — Past, Present, and Future" Durham activist Cynthia Brown continued to explore race and class issues.

"One of our original goals was to keep the discussion going about the important issues Tyson brought up in the summer reading," said Lucy Lewis, assistant director of the Campus Y, who helped organize the talk.

Brown, a former Durham City Council member, facilitated an opening exercise that involved 10 audience members and 10 seats.

Each seat represented 10 percent of wealth, each person 10 percent of the population.

By the end of the exercise it was clear that the divide between rich and poor in America is enormous. Tyson, who attended the event, was lounging across seven chairs, while eight people sat jumbled upon each other in only two chairs.

"Never in history has wealth been divided this way," Brown said.

While economic issues were discussed, most of the evening was spent talking about the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission, of which Brown is one of seven members.

The commission's purpose is to



Cynthia Brown, a former Durham city council member, discussed cultural, racial and economic justice issues at the Stone Center on Tuesday evening.

uncover exactly what happened in 1979 when Ku Klux Klan members and Nazis killed five anti-KKK organizers.

"We're hearing that the police and FBI knew before the protests that the Klan had guns and was planning on going to the rally," Brown said. "There was no effort to stop the caravan, from the point they put the guns in the car to the point that people were killed."

The attackers were never convicted of criminal charges and the city of Greensboro never publicly held police accountable, Brown said.

Brown and the audience agreed that minorities must feel safe from police brutality and that economic equality must be a reality.

One of the major themes of the night was the importance of understanding the past in order to set healthy public policy for the future.

"Tim Tyson's book and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission would point out that unless you point out historical injustice you cannot move on," Lewis said.

In an interview after the event, Tyson also stressed the importance of the commission's work.

"When people want to ask what specific policies will come out of this (commission), and they question why history matters, they need to remember that whatever we as a people do is very much a function of who we are," he said.

"Whatever we decide to do is going to be an expression of our culture, how we see ourselves — our unfolding story."

Bernard Holloway, co-founder of the State of the Union Project, said the event and Brown's work are of vital importance.

"We too often run away from our discomfort in our discussions

STONE CENTER FALL CALENDAR

Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m. — Beneath the Underground Film Screening in the Stone Center basement.

Sept. 20, noon — A Human Rights Brown Bag Lunch in the Hitchcock Multipurpose Room.

Sept. 21, 7 p.m. — The Art of Afro-Cuban drumming in the Hitchcock Multipurpose Room.

Sept. 22, 7 p.m. — Black Popular Cultures/Black Popular Struggles symposium in the Stone Center Theatre.

Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. — The Diaspora Festival of Black and Independent Films in the Stone Center Theatre.

Sept. 29, 5 p.m. — Lawrence Blum will discuss his book, "I'm not a Racist, but ..." in the Hitchcock Multipurpose Room.

Sept. 30 — African-American art collectors exhibit in the Robert and Sallie Brown Gallery and Museum.

Oct. 4, noon — Diaspora Festival of Black and Independent Films in the Hitchcock Multipurpose Room.

on race," he said. "So I feel the concept of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission is a radical concept because it forces us to confront thoughts and feelings that we all have, but lay under the surface."

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POLICE LOG

■ Elton Degraffenreidt, of 101 Johnson St., was seen viewing Internet pornography on public access computers in the Undergraduate Library at 10:41 p.m. Monday, according to University campus police reports.

Officer William Hill issued him a trespass warning and asked him to leave the area.

■ Three businesses in University Mall at 400 E. Elliott Road reported breaking and enterings Monday morning, according to Chapel Hill Police reports.

Goldenland reported damage to a \$500-value glass pane door and an undisclosed amount of cash missing, police reports state.

Lark Home/Apparel found a window valued at \$600 shattered and an unknown amount of cash missing according to police reports.

Purple Puddle Inc. reported damage to a \$600 glass building structure and cash missing between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., police reports state.

■ Two cars parked in a Carmichael Street parking lot were broken into Monday, police reports state.

A 32-year-old woman reported her purse and its contents — worth \$309 — missing from her vehicle.

A 28-year-old man also reported property missing from his 1992 Ford Explorer — a Sony amplifier, clothing and the contents of his wallet were valued at \$570.

■ A Chapel Hill resident reported larceny from a residence on South Estes Road on Monday, according to police reports.

According to reports, \$80 in cash was missing from the home.

■ A Chapel Hill resident reported forced entry and larceny from a building on Cobble Ridge Drive, police reports state.

Police believe the suspect entered the building through the garage door using a blunt object, reports state. A \$75 doorknob and cash were missing from the home, according to reports.

■ A gym was the victim of breaking and entering Monday morning, according to police reports.

Ladies Fitness and Wellness at 752 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. reported cash missing and a \$500 pane glass window damaged at 6:41 a.m., reports state.

■ A Peeping Tom was reported on Hillsborough Street late Monday evening, according to police reports.

Police reports state that a subject knocked on the window of a residence.

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Congress takes up bevy of items

BY ELIZABETH STEWART
STAFF WRITER

It was business as usual for the Student Congress' first meeting of the semester Tuesday as they passed a handful of resolutions and bills affecting the student body.

Members passed a bill removing the student body president's status as an ex-officio member of Congress.

Student Body President Seth Dearmin expressed little concern about the change in legislation.

"It doesn't make good sense to serve on Student Congress due to checks and balances," he said. Speaker Luke Farley said the sec-

tion of the Code infringed upon any legitimate separation of powers.

"The student body president could be construed to be a full-fledged member of Congress," Farley said.

Congress members also approved a bill establishing voter referendum that would alter the way campus districts are drawn.

The referendum, which will be on the Homecoming election ballot, will determine whether districts should continue to be drawn such that the average district population doesn't vary by more than 10 percent.

Many Congress members believed the transitory nature of

the campus population makes it difficult to follow the rule.

Farley said the rule was an error that needed to be corrected.

"The Student Code is like a treasure chest," he said. "You open it up and you never know what goodies you're going to find in there."

Congress also appropriated \$1,450.03 to The Hill, UNC's political review magazine, and \$2,224.06 to Black Ink, the Black Student Movement's publication, for operating and printing expenses.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ International Affairs will host an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in front of Wilson Library.

■ The Carrboro Farmers' Market will be open from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., today through Oct. 19 at the Carrboro Town Commons, located at 301 Main St.

■ The Chancellor's Committee on Student Affairs will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in South Building, room 105.

■ There will be a Carolina Katrina Relief meeting at 6 p.m. today in the Student Union, room 3413.

■ The Carolina Review, UNC's only conservative publication, will hold an interest meeting for poten-

tial staff writers at 7 p.m. today in Gardner, room 9.

■ There will be a student government interest meeting at 7 p.m. today in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

■ Tar Heel Voices, a co-ed a capella group, will hold its second day of auditions from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. today in Hill Hall, room 103. Sign up in the Pit or contact jlecompt@email.unc.edu.

■ An interest meeting for The Vagina Monologues will be held at 7:30 p.m. today outside of Lenoir Dining Hall. Various production members are needed.

■ The Orange County Board of Commissioners will meet at 7:30 p.m. today at F. Gordon Battle

Courtroom in Hillsborough.

■ The Achordants, an all-male a capella group, will hold its second day of auditions today. Sign up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pit or in the Student Union.

■ The Clef Hangers, an all-male a capella group, will hold its second day of auditions today in the General Alumni Association building, located on Stadium Drive. The sign-up sheet is in the Student Union, opposite Alpine Bagels and next to the water fountain. Contact Kenji Brantley at kenjib@email.unc.edu with any questions.

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