FUNDRAISING

football game Sept. 4. As a campus, NCSU has raised \$48,000, said Will Quick, project coordinator for Compassion in Action. "We've had a lot of support from the adminis-

Quick said members of Compassion for Action hope to raise \$150,000 for hurricane relief.

TRIP

ished home and already begin to think about landscaping.

Traveling for four days along the Gulf Coast of Mississippi and through wrecked parishes of Louisiana, with DTH photographers Whitten She and Parishes and Parish and phers Whitney Shefte and Brandon Smith, I didn't expect to feel wel-

Driving into a ruined town with a camera and a notepad doesn't feel the least bit noble, especially when so many others are driving in with

food, water and blankets. But everywhere we went, people wanted to share their stories. And their food. And water. And any-thing else they had left to offer. Our first night in Louisiana, we'd

And Duke University has raised more than \$40,000 in donations.

"Although it seems like there are many, many projects going on ... the campus is united in the sense that most, if not all the funds, are eventually going to the Red Cross," said Steven Lin, executive vice president of the Duke University Red Cross.

Elaine Tola, a program officer at the Carolina Center for Public

planned to be eating out of cans

in the back of our car. Instead, the

Tangipahoa Parish president pre-pared a dinner for us and the N.C.

National Guardsmen we were fol-

lowing.
In Waveland, as we toured a

home that had been under seven

feet of muddy floodwaters, a

woman apologized over and over

for not having finished cleaning

"I'm usually a very good house-keeper," she said, as if the mud-caked floors were somehow her

We spent a night in nearby Bay St. Louis, Miss., where the vast

majority of the homes were either

Service, said she believes UNC-CH fundraising efforts will continue to come together in the coming

"I think everyone has really stepped up and been creative," she said. "I'd suspect there is going to be many more things coming down

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couple named the Kellys.
With one of the few homes left

unscathed by Katrina, they put us up like royalty and chatted hap-pily over a breakfast of pancakes. I don't know how in the world I'm ever going to write a thank you letter that will do them justice.

We never went to New Orleans - I don't think we could have gotten in if we'd cared to try — but it didn't matter. A city is a collection of people, and the people of New Orleans aren't there anymore.

A lot of them are in Baton Rouge, where we spent an afternoon in a massive Red Cross shelter.

Rhonda Smith, whose whole family had spent 11 days in the city's convention center, bristled at the thought of being called a refugee.
"They didn't call those people

ROBERTS

and integrity of the Supreme Court, and I will work to ensure that it upholds and safeguards opportu-

nities for all Americans." Members of the committee had the opportunity to tell Roberts what issues they would be focusing on and to express their concerns and expectations for the remainder

who left Florida 'refugees,'" she

said. "They were 'evacuees."

But the truth is that she and the thousands of other New Orleans residents scattered across the country haven't just been evacuated from their city — they've essentially been exiled from it. Seeing the reality of what that means was probably the most wrenching part of the trip.

Sitting on the floor of that shelter, my own home was a two-day drive away, and it felt too far.

Rhonda's was an hour's drive south, but infinitely farther.

And there was no way I could understand how she felt.

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Popular topics included constitutional privacy; discrimination against women, minorities, the elderly and the disabled; and limitations or Constitutions. limitations on Congress.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., spent much of her allotted time discussing the constitutional right of privacy, an issue she favors.

"One of the most important issues that needs to be addressed by you is constitutional privacy, she said. "It will be very hard for me to vote for someone who would overturn Roe v. Wade."

Sandra Rierson, professor at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, said she expects there to be concern about his position on that issue now that he could have a hand in overturning the decision.

"I think an issue that is going to have to be discussed a lot is constitutional privacy," she said. "Previously he said he would hold to Roe v. Wade, but it is a whole new ball game when you're talking about a Supreme Court justice."

Marshall said Feinstein's pointed remarks about privacy made him think the moderates must be concerned.

There was some discrepancy about what questions could be asked

and how they should be answered. Republicans emphasized that Roberts did not need to answer all questions, but Democrats made it clear they would be asking specific questions, Marshall said.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said it is not appropriate for anyone to ask Roberts about how he would vote on specific cases and stressed that he can choose to answer any question as he sees fit.

In all, Rierson said that the In all, Kierson said that the hearings went smoothly and that both sides played the roles they were expected to play.

Both she and Marshall said the tame first day reflects that people can the situation as one ideologic

see the situation as one ideological conservative replacing another. If Roberts were replacing the swing-vote position held by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, there might

have been more contention.
"I think there is very little question that he's going to be con-firmed," Rierson said. "The left is at a loss as far as deciding what to do about this nominee.

"In respect to former Supreme Court hearings, I think this one is not going to be as interesting."

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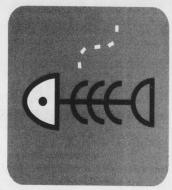
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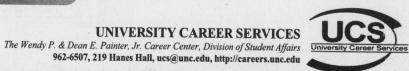
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