

REMEMBERING THE *carolina way*

After the announcement Thursday of Student Body President Eve Carson's death, the Chapel Hill community came together to remember a leader, student, friend and inspiration.

As news trickled across campus, the University mobilized. More than 5,000 people attended an address by Chancellor James Moeser in Polk Place that afternoon. A few hours later, they reassembled for a candlelight vigil in the Pit. Some events that already were planned incorporated the emotions across campus.

"This University needs an enormous group hug. It's OK to cry," Moeser told the crowd at his address.

Throughout the day, people turned to each other in grief and disbelief,

embracing each other as they tried to comprehend the loss.

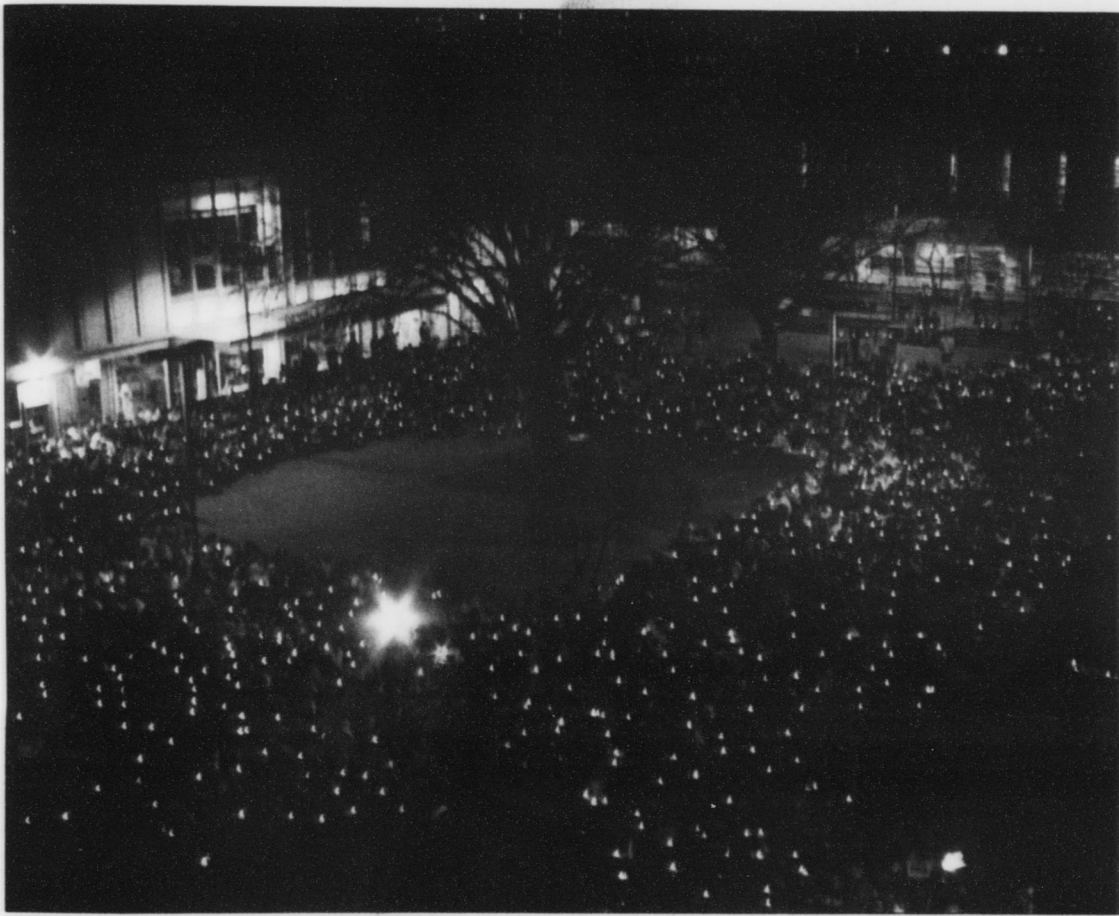
Hundreds of flowers adorned a makeshift memorial behind the Campus Y, and hundreds of messages of Eve scattered large boards nearby.

The outpouring brought the community together in a way that Eve strived to achieve throughout her time at Carolina.

Campus administrators, town leaders and students spoke of Eve's ability to truly be a voice for the entire student body and the perfect example of what the University is to future students.

"I think more than any other student I've ever known, Eve Carson embodied the Carolina Way," Moeser said.

"Not only did she like to talk about it, she really lived it."



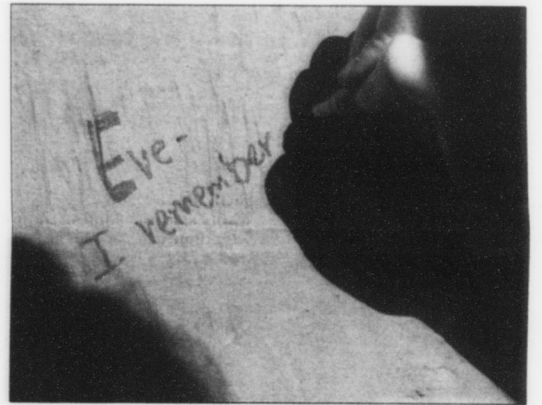
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Mourners pack the Pit for a candlelight vigil to commemorate Eve Carson at 7 p.m. Thursday. The vigil included performances by the Achordants, the Clef Hangers and Tar Heel Voices and statements from Campus Y Director Virginia Carson and friends Christian Mibelli and Patrick Smith.



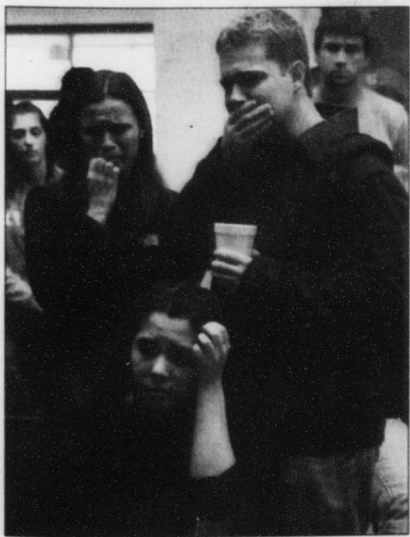
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"This is a particularly tough moment. ... It touches so many of us," Chancellor James Moeser tells a crowd of about 5,000 people.



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The cubes in Polk Place are repainted in bright colors for people to write their memories, condolences and feelings about Carson.



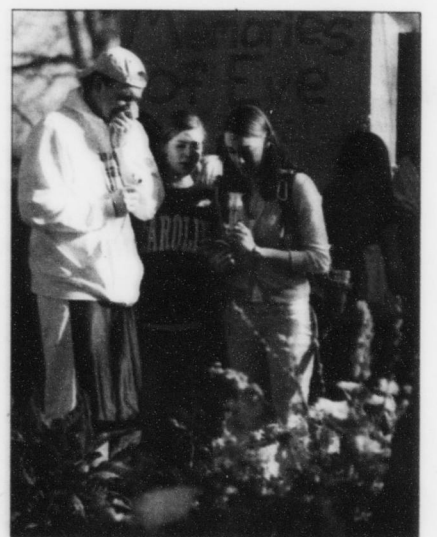
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Students watch the Student Union television as Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy and Department of Public Safety Police Chief Jeff McCracken give statements.



DTH/ANKIT GUPTA

The University community unites in Polk Place to hear Moeser at 3 p.m. "Eve Carson personified the Carolina spirit," Moeser says. "She felt the very pulse and heartbeat of this University."



DTH/DAVID ENARSON

Friends of Eve Carson, including Carolina Athletic Association President-elect Andrew Coonin, place flowers on the memorial following Moeser's speech.



DTH/NICOLAS GULLETT

Students, faculty and community members receive flowers to place on a temporary memorial in honor of Carson following Moeser's speech in Polk Place.



DTH/J B YOUNG

Joshua Bell dedicates "Après un rêve" to Carson on Thursday in Memorial Hall. "Words are useless in a time like this," he said. "Luckily, we have music."



DTH/ALLIE MULLIN

Thousands of candles are lit in remembrance of Carson at the vigil in the Pit. Mibelli challenged the crowd to "live the Carolina Way."