

Barr promotes third parties

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Ignored by the mainstream media and shut out of the national debates, Libertarian presidential candidate Bob Barr visited UNC Tuesday night to make his case for third parties and less government.

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About 50 students and community members came to hear from the former U.S. representative from Georgia, who was hosted by the UNC College Libertarians in Bingham Hall.

Some of the attendees had already voted for Barr, saying that they liked the Libertarian ideal of a smaller government.

"I like a lot of his policies — there's too much government con-

trol, and I think the people should control the government instead of the government controlling people," said junior Brian Mclean.

Barr used his visit as an opportunity to discuss topics he said he would have addressed in the presidential debates.

"The one thing the American people are not entitled to learn during a presidential campaign is whether or not the candidate is qualified to be president," Barr said.

"By and large these debates render very little in terms of substantive debate."

Barr said that he would have asked very different questions if he had been allowed to participate.

"Is it the job of the president to manipulate the levers of power ... or to protect our freedoms?" Barr asked.

"Where is the authority in the Constitution to have a Department of Education or a Department of Energy?"

Barr said that both of these federal agencies had failed in their original mandates — to provide children with a better education and to reduce American dependence on foreign oil.

He also said he wants to abolish the education department.

"We still pay a \$60 billion bill to fund a bunch of bureaucrats that fail to meet the one goal they are supposed to meet."

Barr also heavily criticized the government bailout of financial institutions over the last few months.

"The one area where the government should be doing something, it's not," Barr said. "That's prosecuting those companies for fraud."

Although North Carolina is widely considered a swing state, Mclean stood by his vote for Barr. "For the sake of democracy, I didn't want to vote for the lesser of two evils," Mclean said.

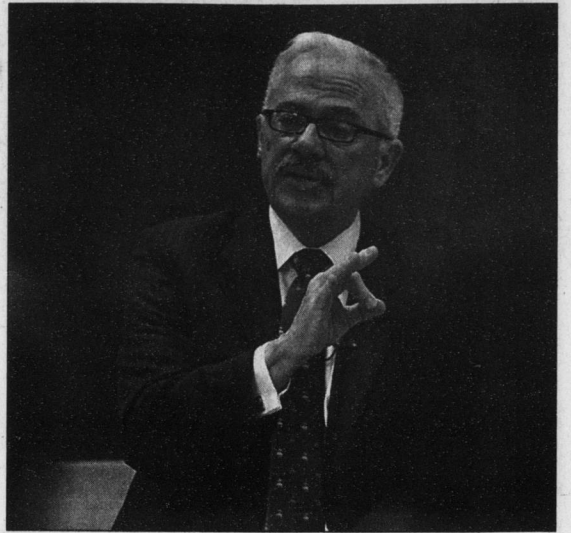
"I hope to see in eight years more prominent third parties and this is my vote for that."

UNC College Libertarian President Paige Michael-Shetley said the idea that Libertarians "steal" votes from Republican candidates is arrogant.

"The Republican and Democratic Parties are supposed to be winning their voters," Michael-Shetley said.

"It's an arrogant attitude for them to have to think they somehow own votes."

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Former Congressman Bob Barr, the Libertarian candidate for president, spoke Wednesday evening in Bingham Hall. He is on the ballot in 48 states.

DEATH PENALTY

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seemed relatively cut-and-dry has become more nebulous since the emotional events of last March.

"Our University's focus for an entire year was on the death penalty. It's another thing to live it," said Jordan Myers, who served as student body treasurer in Carson's administration.

"It gives a new light to the entire situation."

Katie Sue Zellner, who served as chief of staff under Carson, said she believes Carson's zest for life would have made her cautious to approve of execution.

But Carson was widely known for a tendency to ask questions and engage in social issues, so Zellner said she prefers not to

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KATIE SUE ZELLNER, CARSON'S FRIEND ON CARSON'S OPINION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

guess at her friend's response to this situation.

"Eve had such a belief in humanity in general and life in general, and the death penalty is counter to that belief," Zellner explained.

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MCCAIN

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"When Sarah Palin campaigns at ECU ... the purpose is clearly to energize the voters who chose Bush over Kerry in 2004 and to energize them to come out for McCain."

Both candidates have made stops in areas of the state that were formerly Republican strongholds — for Obama, it's an offensive strategy to gain votes, but for McCain it's an effort to keep the votes he has, Guillory said.

When McCain asked how many veterans were in the audience, hands shot up and the crowd roared. He used military language when talking policy, telling the crowd they needed to "hold the line" on taxes.

The economy was a major component of his speech, and any mention of Obama and the phrase "spread the wealth" brought an instant and resounding chorus of boos from the audience.

"There's nothing fair about driving our economy into the ground," he said. "I'm going to make government live on a budget like you do," McCain said.

The economic downturn has been a tremendous factor in McCain's recent struggles in the campaign.

"There are many voters (in North Carolina) that are disaffected with the direction the Bush administration has taken our economy," said Paul Cox, press secretary for Obama's N.C. campaign.

"We have an opportunity to explain to them that there's a better

way and Barack Obama represents that better way."

The economy was on the minds of many McCain supporters at the rally.

"I may not be super rich, but I don't want rich people giving me their hard-earned money," said Maria Edwards of Fayetteville.

At this point in the race, the campaign is just trying to get as many votes as possible, said Mario Diaz, spokesman for McCain's Southeast campaign.

"He's nothing but a patriot," Army veteran Mike Pittman of Spring Lake said of McCain.

Pittman proudly pulled back his jacket to reveal a T-shirt of Palin holding a gun over a dead donkey, the symbol of the Democratic Party.

"Palin's hot," Pittman said, laughing. "She's the real conservative on the ticket."

Despite facing a tight contest in North Carolina and a growing gap nationwide, McCain assured the crowd he was working for a victory.

"I'm not afraid of the fight," he said. "I'm ready for it."

The Obama campaign has been gearing up for this final fight since the Democratic primary last spring, when it first established a presence in North Carolina.

"They thought North Carolina was in the bag for them," Cox said.

"Now they're waking up and realizing they've got to get up and work."

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YOUNG DONORS

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"I think I'm kind of a rare case that I actually have excess money to give at this point," Kunder said.

"Most of the people I know are in debt or not in a position to be giving to campaigns unless they felt really, really strongly."

But he said the cost of commercials and vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin's \$150,000 wardrobe has led him to believe that he has not gotten his money's worth.

Despite his earlier donation, he has decided to vote for Obama this election cycle.

"I'm almost a bit concerned that they've spent more money in mailings to me than I actually sent them," he said of the McCain campaign.

Adam Rucker, a Duke University law student, gave \$500 to McCain in August.

"Why did I give? I honestly believe that our nation will be worse off if Obama is elected president — economically and morally," he said.

"Although I don't have a lot of free time to devote to helping the

campaign, I wanted to do whatever I could to help ensure that my children don't have to grow up in a world that's been further corrupted by the liberal wing of the Democratic Party."

Making his political voice heard also inspired UNC graduate student Greg Boyce to give \$250 to Obama on two separate occasions.

"I just really feel that the country has been in a really bad direction for the past eight years, and I don't think the U.S. can stomach another administration like the last one," Boyce said. "I was willing to give my own money to make sure that doesn't happen."

Despite some students' willingness to pull from their pockets, the campaigns say that voter registration drives or phone banks are what they ask from students.

"We don't fundraise on college campuses," said Paul Cox, N.C. press secretary for the Obama campaign. "To be honest, the most important contribution to our campaign in North Carolina is their time and energy."

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CONGRESS

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old and to present outdated and unscientific information.

But representative Ashley Tyndall, also a member of Carolina Students for Life, said the information on the exhibit was up-to-date.

O'Quinn said his constituents' main concern was the placement of warning signs.

He said the signs did not provide enough notice and were too close to the exhibit to be effective.

"I was able to stand in front of Lenoir and see details of the exhibit," he said.

Tyndall said the group made every effort to ensure students had the opportunity to walk somewhere else but had never promised a detour.

"We did what was stated in the proposal," Tyndall said. "We never promised a detour route."

Representatives debated for nearly 40 minutes about whether the ethics committee should investigate the group. None besides O'Quinn were in favor of such an investigation.

"Nothing beneficial would

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TIM NICHOLS, CONGRESS SPEAKER

come from the ethics investigation," said Congress Speaker Tim Nichols.

"All the concerns were addressed tonight and Student Congress doesn't have the right to tell a student organization what event to host."

O'Quinn said he plans to introduce the resolution for a campus forum to discuss the display next week, a plan he said he is satisfied with.

"Congress funded this to promote debate among the student body," he said.

"I'd like to see a moderated large-group debate or small-group discussion rather than construct the debate through the newspaper."

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BUS COLLISION

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attempted to limit the number of incidents.

In May, Scottish exchange student Lisa Moran was struck and killed while jogging at the intersection of South Columbia and Manning Drive. Two days later, Barbara Sims, a homeless woman, died after being hit by a truck at the corner of Weaver Dairy Road and Perkins Drive.

Several groups on campus are working to educate pedestrians on safety issues.

The Yield to Heels program holds awareness events and hands out information for pedestrians and drivers in order to educate both on important safety issues, said Katy Jones, manager of public information at the UNC Highway Safety Research Center.

The Pedestrian Safety Committee, made up of representatives of the Department of Public Safety and other UNC groups, focuses on pedestrian safety issues and finding solutions for them.

This year, the department began using a Speedentry radar system, which is used to monitor different speeds of traffic.

"It allows us to monitor the rate and frequency of traffic in given areas and better enforce the speed limits," said DPS spokesman Randy Young, who added that he did not know exactly how much money is spent on public safety efforts.

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Pedestrian safety

November 1999: Fusayoshi Matsukawa, a UNC dentistry fellow, dies from injuries after being hit by a vehicle in a crosswalk on Manning Drive.

2000: The Pedestrian Safety Committee is formed in tandem with the Yield to Heels program at UNC.

2001: The UNC Department of Public Safety creates the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Team to review regulations of pedestrian safety.

January 26, 2006: Retired professor David Galinsky is struck and killed by a vehicle while walking to the Smith Center. He was one of three pedestrians or bikers killed that month.

January 2006: The Department of Public Safety begins a campaign that issues citations to pedestrians walking outside of crosswalks or against traffic signals.

May 15, 2008: Lisa Moran, an exchange student from Scotland, is hit and killed by a Chapel Hill Transit bus while crossing Manning Drive.

May 17, 2008: Barbara Boone Sims, a Chapel Hill homeless woman, is struck and killed at the corner of Weaver Dairy Road and Perkins Drive.

October 27, 2008: Valerie Hughes, a radiology imaging specialist at N.C. Memorial Hospital, is hit by a Chapel Hill Transit bus on South Columbia Street and later died.

DANIEL WALLACE

Thursday, October 30

Reading from "Graveyard Days"

Daniel Wallace will read from his soon-to-be-published short story and a short student film based on the story will be screened. Wallace is the author of *Big Fish* (made into a 2003 movie directed by Tim Burton), *Mr. Sebastian and the Negro Magician*, and numerous published stories. He is the J. Ross MacDonald Distinguished Professor of English at UNC.

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