

Speakers — church, state should be separate

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Speakers at a public discussion concerning the separation of church and state found much to agree on Tuesday night.

"The current debate which we are having as a nation about the proper role of religion and the proper place of religious leaders in our political life is really an extraordinarily healthy debate," said Barry Hager, N.C. director of People for the American Way.

He said he was concerned, however, about the rise in power of the "ultra-fundamentalist" Moral Majority, its leader, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, and other

television evangelists. Hager said such groups, united as the American Coalition for Traditional Values, broadcast old fashioned politics in the name of religious programming. He said Falwell and his followers wanted to impose a national religion.

The Rev. Robert Seymour, senior minister of Olin T. Biakley Memorial Baptist Church, said Baptists were in part responsible for separating church and state when the U.S. Constitution was framed.

"Baptists have been vigilant in seeking to perpetuate the separation of church and state," Seymour said.

He said churches should enter the political arena by encouraging members to vote their consciences and not merely cast an institutional block vote. He called for religious leaders to encourage the support of causes, not candidates, and principles, not specific practices.

"For example, on the abortion issue, the principle is a respect for life," Seymour said. "You can argue pro-choice or pro-life on the basis of respect for life. I feel very resentful in the implication that I'm not pro-life. I'm pro-life and pro-choice."

Both speakers said the proper way to mix politics and religion in a

democracy is through tolerance. They criticized ultra-fundamentalist leaders for labeling those who disagree with their religious and political beliefs as unpatriotic and ungodly.

"Falwell is in the habit of talking as if he personally owned the American flag as well as the Christian Bible," Hager said.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Civil Liberties Union sponsored the public discussion at the Community Church in Chapel Hill. The question and answer period was moderated by Dorothy Bernholz, attorney for UNC Student Legal Services.

Former China ambassador addresses students in union

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China still has a long way to go, but the nation is now on the way to economic recovery, former Chinese Ambassador to Turkey Liu Chun told a group of students in the Student Union Tuesday.

Chun, president of the College of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, was speaking on behalf of a delegation from the college which is currently visiting UNC. After a short statement about the future of China as an economic power, Chun heard questions from the audience dealing with everything from the nation's tremendous ethnic and cultural diversity to the failure of the Cultural Revolution.

"The way for the Chinese people has

not been smooth," Chun said. "We were poor, we were weak and we were not united. China before 1948 was bullied by the foreign powers and was really a semi-colonial nation. The Chinese people fought for more than 100 years for their freedom, and only succeeded in 1948."

Chun emphasized that while people in the West see China as an ancient country, in reality China has just begun as a nation. "The PRC has just celebrated its 35th anniversary," he said. "As a country of revolution, it is very young. Only since 1948 have we stood up."

"From 1953 on, we began to build socialism in our country," the former ambassador said. "The people were full of enthusiasm and we had completed

what we call a socialist transformation. We should have built China into an economically powerful country, but we did not."

Chun said he saw the years from 1958 to 1978 as a wasted opportunity. "After 1958, we made one after another errors in our work," he said. "We made the error in building China of taking the extra-left road."

In this vein, Chun called the Great Leap Forward a mistake, and condemned the late chairman Mao's Cultural Revolution, which began in 1966, as a "catastrophe for Chinese society."

But he said China is now on the right road. "The China of today began in 1978," Chun said. "We have put emphasis on the economic development of the nation and have begun to build Chinese socialism according to the specific conditions of China."

China was once considered a rather closed society, unwilling to associate with the rest of the world. But, according to Chun, that must change if the People's Republic is to succeed in its continued economic and social growth. "With no commerce, a society is dead,"

Chun said. "We must open our doors to the world and make our economy alive."

There are three principles which will guide China as it goes through the 1980's, Chun said.

"We must defend world peace and oppose hegemonism in any form, fulfill the modernization of industry, defense, agriculture and science and technology and we must unite China into one country," Chun said. He spoke with pride of the success of the agricultural reform of the last five years and of the proposed urban reform.

"China is still a developing country," Chun said, "but we are now on the right road. As an old Chinese saying goes, one cannot become a fat man overnight. One has to begin step by step."

For the record

In Monday's announcement of John Anderson's speech, it was incorrectly reported that he carried Orange County as an independent in 1980. Jimmy Carter won the most votes in Orange County in 1980.

In Tuesday's story, "Black Ink will continue publication this fall," the Minority Programming Division should have been called Minority Services, and Valaray Irvin should have been quoted as saying one-half of black freshmen had a quality point average of 2.0 or less, suggesting their need to visit Minority Services.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

Chilean strike causes riot

From Associated Press reports

SANTIAGO, Chile — Demonstrators battled police early yesterday, defying a curfew imposed to curb violence that took at least seven lives during one of the largest protests in 11 years of military rule.

Residents in at least a dozen working and middle-class districts in Santiago reported that demonstrators erected flaming barricades and threw rocks at riot police deployed in the capital by President Augusto Pinochet's military regime.

The police announced that six people were killed in widespread disorders in Santiago, and one man was fatally shot in the port city of Arica, 1,300 miles north of the capital.

Authorities said 38 people were injured including 16 police officers and 155 were arrested Tuesday as a Marxist-called national strike crippled public transport and erupted in disorders in scores of Santiago neighborhoods.

Barfield appeal

RALEIGH — A federal judge agreed yesterday to hear an appeal from condemned murderer Velma Barfield while the 52-year-old woman waited in her cell 18 steps from North Carolina's death chamber as supporters rallied to her cause.

While Barfield prepared for her tomorrow morning execution, her lawyer vowed to fight to the highest court in the country. The latest battleground was before U.S. District Court Judge Franklin Dupree in Raleigh.

"From the time we filed, it was destined to go to the U.S. Supreme Court," said lawyer Jimmy Little.

"Whichever side lost would appeal to the next highest court, he said. "We were on a set course and beginning Monday morning, our aim was to go to as many courts as necessary to find someone who would deal with the issues."

Barfield, who would be the first woman executed in 22 years in the U.S., lost appeals Tuesday in a lower state court and the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Polish priest mourned

WARSAW, Poland — Lech Walesa appealed for calm as stunned Poles today mourned for a pro-Solidarity priest whose body was found in a river in northern Poland 11 days after his alleged abduction by three members of the secret

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police.

At St. Stanislaw Kostka church in Warsaw, where the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko's sermons defending Solidarity used to draw several thousand people, lights from hundreds of candles flickered before dawn today along the flower-strewn gates surrounding the building.

Polish authorities Tuesday suggested the priest might have been abducted and slain as part of a broader conspiracy.

Before the announcement that police frogmen, braving the icy waters of a reservoir on the Vistula river, had found the body on Tuesday, the Communist government had said that three Interior Ministry officers — a captain and two lieutenants — would be charged with the Oct. 19 kidnapping.

Charlotte investigation

CHARLOTTE — Italian law enforcement officials gathered in Charlotte this week to investigate an alleged international crime ring they said cashed several million dollars in fraudulent American checks throughout Europe.

Fabrizio Maggi, a 37-year-old Italian, has been held in the Mecklenburg County Jail since Oct. 12. Officials say alleged co-conspirators have been identified in Europe, South America and New York.

In December, Maggi and Anthony Mixdorf of Australia were indicted in Charlotte for allegedly taking part in a \$1.6 million check forgery operation using NCNB National Bank checks.

They allegedly drew checks in the name of an international corporation, American Hoechst Corp. of New Jersey, and cashed them throughout Europe. Federal officials say NCNB reported a \$930,000 loss on the company's account in Asheville.

Contempt charges

WASHINGTON — A Senate subcommittee today initiated contempt of Congress proceedings against Attorney General William French Smith for failing to turn over records of an investigation into shipbuilding cost overruns.

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