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The KKK Former Klan president now preaches anti-racism

By RUTHIE PIPKIN
Staff Writer

All people deserve respect and the right to be treated as humans, former Ku Klux Klansman C.P. Ellis told a crowd of about 700 last night in Hamilton Hall.

"We ought to extend the utmost respect to individuals, whether they're black, white, green or yellow," said Ellis, 57, once Exalted Cyclops (president) of the Durham County KKK.

"Racism will have a damaging effect on you physically and mentally," said the Durham native and son of a textile worker. Ellis, regional business manager for the International Union of Operating Engineers, came to UNC to participate in Human Rights Week, sponsored by the Carolina Union and the Campus Y.

After being reared on racism and spending his life resenting blacks, Jews, Catholics and long-haired boys, Ellis realized many minority groups shared the struggles he'd faced as a low-income white. "When I saw Martin Luther King speaking in Washington, I cursed him, I swore at him, I hoped he'd fall in a pond and drown," Ellis said.

"Martin Luther King was trying to help poor people, working people, struggling people. . . I was one of them, but I didn't know it then."

In 1971, Ellis found himself co-chairman of a 10-day school integration program sponsored by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The other chairman was Ann Atwater, a black civil rights leader. "I walked in the door and looked in the whole room full of blacks and liberals I knew I didn't like as much as blacks. . . I almost walked out," Ellis said.

"I was not interested in making integration work," he said. "I wanted to do something to make it not work." Ellis stayed, but after working with people he'd thought he could never associate with, the Klansman derided.

"Every time I heard some of the problems young black persons were having in school or at home, I'd had one just like it," he said. Ellis recalled school years stained by embarrassment over torn pants and shame over lunches of fatback and biscuits. "I was so embarrassed and ashamed, I would hide in the basement and eat those sandwiches and then go back up," he said. "The life of a low-income white was one

disappointment after another."

When Ellis joined the Klan at age 36, he thought he'd finally found a place to belong. "I'll never forget that initiation," he said. "I felt that I had really accomplished something in my life." At the end of the ceremony, Ellis knelt in front of a fiery cross and was pronounced a member of the Klan. "I arose from that floor with tears of joy," he said. "I thought, 'Now I don't have to eat fatback no more.'"

"I was fooled. I spent all my money going from one Klan rally to another."

Ellis became bitter and resented the blacks trying to better their lives when his own didn't fulfill what he thought a white man's should be.

"The hardest lesson I ever had to learn was that black people were not my enemy," Ellis said. "It almost destroyed me, it almost made me take my own life. There came a time when I had to ask myself, 'Why have you spent most of the time in your life hating blacks and fighting others?'"

"I had no answer, I didn't have a damn answer. These people had never done anything to me in my life," he said.

After quitting the Klan, Ellis was shunned by his East Durham friends and neighbors, even those in his church. "After three Sundays there was no hand to shake (during the welcome)," he said.

"I was rejected and isolated; it ripped me apart," he said. For months, Ellis spent his nights in a back room of his home, drinking until he passed out. On Christmas day, he decided to seek professional help.

"I went for some counseling," Ellis said. "I don't know how many sessions I went to. I didn't know what was wrong with me still. At one session, the counselor said something and the answer dawned on me when I was in my car."

"These words came to me: live your own life, don't worry about what other people say. I cried tears of joy. I found out it was all right to be myself."

Now with the union, Ellis represents the rights of many types of working people. "I'll never again fight anyone in the same economic boat I'm in," he said. "I'll never again hurt someone if I can help it."

Ellis answered questions for about 20 minutes after his speech.



C.P. Ellis spoke against racism last night in Hamilton Hall.

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Game day hospital deck rates criticized

By GUY LUCAS
Staff Writer

Each football Saturday patients and visitors to North Carolina Memorial Hospital must pay \$2 instead of the normal hourly rate to park in the parking deck on Manning Drive.

Football fans also take up many of the spaces in the deck which is owned by the University, leaving fewer for hospital visitors and patients.

Carolyn Cox, who was at the hospital Saturday morning for a doctor's appointment, said, "I think it's lousy."

Cox, who drove here from Asheville, said she would be spending only about an hour in the hospital. Parking for one hour at rates effective on days other than football Saturdays would have cost 45 cents, not the \$2 Cox had to pay in advance.

Alma Moore of Mebane came every day last week to visit her husband.

"They're charging too much," she said, adding she had spent a total of \$17 for the week's parking.

Robert Sherman, director of University police and traffic, said parking was free until 5:30 p.m. on football Saturdays last year, but the University decided to charge this year to cover the cost of running the deck and to help repay the loan for building it.

Sherman said the great number of cars trying to get in and out of the deck on football Saturdays would make hourly charges too difficult to assess because of the time it would take.

He said the University collects about \$1,500 to \$2,000 on game days.

The hospital receives none of the money collected at the parking deck and has no input to how it's spent, said David Donaldson, of NCMH's safety and security department.

John Adams, professor of journalism whose wife was released from NCMH the day of the UNC-Maryland game, was concerned about the availability of parking space for hospital visitors.

"What happened to people who came expecting to pay a visit to patients that day?" he said.

Bill Foust of Burlington, whose mother is a patient, agreed.

"When it gets full, people going to the hospital will be out of luck," he said. "They shouldn't let them fill it up."

Sherman said he wasn't aware of any problems with the amount of space for visitors.

"I could probably count the number of complaints on one hand," he said.

Ben Callahan, assistant director of security and traffic, said he had not heard many complaints either.

Indeed some visitors don't mind the deck being used for game parking.

Moore said, "As long as I can get a parking space, it's all right with me."

Elizabeth Carver of Prospect Hill, who has been visiting her father at NCMH for the last two months, said, "It's OK. . . that's the sports."

Carver said her only complaint was that the University needed to make sure older people had parking space close to the hospital.

Football fans parking in the deck didn't see a problem with parking there.

Jack Maye, uncle of UNC quarterback Mark Maye, said, "It doesn't seem to create too much of a problem."

William Poole of Relford said he had been parking in the deck all season, "but if the hospital needed it, I wouldn't be pissed off if I had to park somewhere else."

The deck is well marked for football fans. Signs on Manning Drive and Mason Farm Road, where the deck's entrance is, direct drivers where to go and post the price for parking.

Foreign minister labels State Dept. accusations ridiculous, irresponsible

The Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto yesterday denied American accusations that Nicaragua is arming itself for war against its Central American neighbors. He called the charge "so absurd it's stupid."

"These are irresponsible accusations because the United States knows quite well . . . that Nicaragua would never undertake such an action," D'Escoto said. "They certainly are aware of the fact that even if Nicaragua had a government as adventurous and irresponsible as the Reagan administration, we could never get away with it."

Meeting with reporters, the foreign minister referred to a statement made Tuesday in Washington, D.C., by Michael I. Burch, a State Department spokesman.

Burch told a news conference that Nicaragua has received far more Soviet and East bloc arms than it needs to defend itself. "We believe Nicaragua

represents a threat to the sovereignty of El Salvador and Honduras," Burch said, adding that the United States would come to the aid of either country if it were invaded.

D'Escoto said Nicaragua "knows quite well what the international response, justifiably at that, would be to such an action. And we also know, and they (the United States) know we know that if we were to take this type of action, we would be serving the pretext that Mr. Reagan has always been looking for to invade Nicaragua."

"It would be stupid to think that Nicaragua itself would be an aggressor against anybody," he added. "It is absurd. It's so absurd, it's stupid."

Nicaragua declared a state of national alert Monday, calling up military reservists and militia members for active duty and sending tanks into the streets of the capital to defend against what the government called the threat of an "imminent invasion" by the United States.

Elections' impact on blacks eyed

By TOM CONLON
Staff Writer

Disagreeing on whether free enterprise or greater government attention to social needs would improve black Americans' well-being, three panel members addressed about 150 students Tuesday night on "The 1984 Elections: What Do They Mean For Black Americans?"

Claude Allen, press secretary for the Helms for Senate campaign; Dr. Ron Walters, a Howard University political scientist and former deputy campaign manager for Jesse Jackson; and Dr. Manning Marable, a Colgate University political scientist and columnist who is vice chairman of the Democratic Socialists of America, participated in the panel discussion moderated by Nell Painter, a UNC professor of history.

"The free enterprise system offers black Americans hope — we must make each other indispensable and useful in the community," Allen said. "The welfare system blacks have fallen into has created the problem."

Allen's statement brought laughs from the mostly partisan audience and a sharp rebuttal from Walters. "It's nice to hear all that private enterprise bullshit — but where's the beef?" he

asked. "Many black entrepreneurs have tried to get monies from the private sector, but whites won't give them the money — so they have to go to the government."

Marable said blacks do not get their fair share of the pie in the free enterprise system. "One-half of one percent of Americans owns 22 percent of the wealth — that doesn't sound fair to me," he said. "The vast amount of black Americans exist on less than two percent of the wealth."

Criticizing Reagan administration policies, Marable cited statistics of increased American poverty, decline of real farm income, cutbacks in health care and women's programs and an increase of imports from South Africa's apartheid regime.

"Seventy-two percent of all southern whites voted for Reagan last week," he said. "It was an action of corporate conservatives merging with the Dixiecrat, radical Jesse Helms types to win."

Marable termed the future as "Reagan's state of siege" which would weaken the Freedom of Information Act and could produce a reactionary Supreme Court, with the possibility of five new appointments during Reagan's second term. He said turnbacks in social justice and affirmative action programs would be likely, as well as a possible ban on abortions.

Walters said blacks' futures can improve under a strong rainbow coa-

lition drawing together all minorities — gays and lesbians, the poor, unemployed, supporters of the peace movement and similar groups.

"I couldn't support Walter Mondale because he made a commitment to organized labor, the female vote . . . the NEA . . . the only constituency he left out was (blacks)," Walters said. "The press said he lost because he was a candidate of the special interests. It really meant us — to which he didn't commit anything. And blacks control 25 percent of the Democratic Party's base."

The panelists also disagreed on foreign policy with South Africa, a nation of white-minority-rule government and a large producer of minerals.

"The issue is not human rights, it's strategic," Allen said, interrupted by Marable who ridiculed him adding, "We hear his master's voice." Marable, who frequently interrupted Allen and laughed at him, drew a shout from the crowd "How about the right to free speech?" Marable responded, "Is that a College Republican out there?"

Other issues discussed were the Martin Luther King holiday, definitions of racism, and the possible existence of a white nationalist movement. The forum was sponsored by the Carolina Union Special Projects Committee and the curriculum in African and Afro-American studies as part of Human Rights Week presentations.

Carrboro aldermen OK cable franchise

By JIM HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

Alert Cable TV received a franchise from the Carrboro Board of Aldermen Tuesday night that gives them the right to operate for the next 15 years.

The aldermen and the town staff discussed and changed the franchise three times before it was unanimously approved. The agreement had been read for the first time Oct. 8.

Under the franchise, which extends Alert Cable's current contract eight years after 1991, basic rates may be raised from \$7.50 to \$10 a month. The rates for expanded services may be raised from \$3 to \$4 per month.

Alert will also expand the services it offers from 20 to 35 channels within the next four months, said E.R. Pettis, vice president of Alert. It is required to expand services within nine months, and no rates can be raised until the 35 channels are in place.

The franchise also requires the company to expand to 54 channels by

1992.

Aldermen also approved an ordinance that makes it unlawful for the company to show obscene programs. The ordinance would be upheld according to a state law that defines obscenity as programming that offends the average viewer, said Town Attorney Michael Brough.

Originally, Alert had planned to include the Playboy Channel on its system but later decided to abandon its plans because of residential opposition.

Instead of the Playboy Channel, customers will be provided with the opportunity to select another pay channel.

Additional channels scheduled to appear soon include the Christian Broadcasting Network, the Black Entertainment Network, the Weather Channel and a local public access station.

Alert will also provide equipment for the town to broadcast meetings.

Anger, sloth, envy, pride, lust are College Bowl winners

By KATY FRIDL
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Anger, sloth, envy, pride and lust may describe five of the seven deadly sins, but they also form the name of the UNC College Bowl championship team that claimed top honors in College Bowl finals Tuesday night.

ASEPL beat Solitary, Poor, Nasty, Brutish and Short 230-195 in a close round of questions in final competition. The team Jihad captured third place in the double-elimination tournament, while Apolitical Scientists placed fourth.

"It feels great to win," said Jeff Carnes, ASEPL captain. "College Bowl gives you a chance to put all those things that have been rattling around in your brain to use."

"The speed and skill of the game is exciting; it's the best game I've ever played," said Carnes, a graduate student in classics.

When quizzed about his team's rather

unusual name, Carnes said the members had chosen their title as a rebuttal to Solitary, Poor, Nasty, Brutish and Short.

"We figured our teams might meet in the finals, and we wanted something to sort of correspond to our competitive spirit," Carnes said.

ASEPL and SPNBS are mild examples of College Bowl team names. One team, Barfield and Old Lace, was asked to change its name, because some considered it in poor taste. The team was renamed The Truckstop Sex Slaves.

In the preliminary matches Tuesday night, the Apolitical Scientists lost to SPNBS. Team members Carl Cavelli and Keith Brown, political science graduate students, said, "Let it be known that the only two teams we lost to were in the finals."

Jihad, a team composed entirely of graduate students, lost its match against ASEPL 275-190. Team member Ari

Lieman, a third-year medical student, said he first started playing intramural College Bowl games when he was an undergraduate at Harvard and had encountered Haworth in a competition. "I never played against him then, but I knew how good he was," he said.

"College Bowl is owned by Don Reed, and all the questions we use are trademarked," said College Bowl coordinator Beth Weller. Each packet of questions cost \$40 and with 36 teams entered this fall, 9 packets were needed, Weller explained. "We paid a \$25 licensing fee to show the matches on Student Television. The Union sponsors the College Bowl competition and provides the funds," she said.

Questions cover areas as diverse as literature, sports trivia, international politics, and Einstein's theory of relativity. Shakespearean quotes and the identification of ancient deities proved a particularly strong mental ground for ASEPL, while quotes from Nixon and

Kruschev were more easily recognized by other contenders.

While the player's concentration during each match was intense, a fact exemplified by simultaneous chin-rubbing and groans of frustration when a bonus question was forfeited, humorous witticisms edged their way into a few of the more heated moments.

Moderator Ron Black quipped, "You may not be able to fill a baby's bottle from this question, but you might be able to milk it for a few points." After Jihad failed to answer correctly, one team member suggested that the teams might perform better if extraneous jokes were excluded. Black quickly responded, "If we include extraneous jokes, your team is going to have to walk out."

Any fulltime student was eligible to participate in College Bowl, but contestants had to form their own teams

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My theology, briefly, is that the universe was dictated but not signed. — Christopher Morley