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## Cell rescinds proposal for restructuring

By BRIAN McCOLLUM Staff Writer

Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has withdrawn a proposal to restructure the Office of Student Counseling. She said Wednesday that the present organizational structure will be maintained.

In a letter sent to Kenneth Perry, Black Student Movement (BSM) president, Cell said a new associate dean will be appointed to head the office, replacing Hayden Renwick, who retired in January.

More than 400 black students gathered on the steps of South Building on Tuesday to protest Cell's original proposal, which would have placed the office under Elson Floyd, associate dean for academic services in the General College. The position held by Renwick would have been eliminated.

Instead, the proposal created the position of office director, to be filled by an assistant dean under Floyd. Donella Croslan, an assistant dean in the General College, had been asked by Cell to take that job.

During Tuesday's emotional rally, angry students demanded that Cell rescind her decision, claiming that her proposal diminished the power of the office.

The office exists primarily as a support service for minority students. Students said they saw the restructuring of the office as an affront to blacks on campus.

Perry told administrators Tuesday that if the BSM received no response to their objections before 5 p.m. Friday, group members would hold an emergency meeting to decide on further actions.

Perry said Wednesday he is very happy with Cell's response, and called it a victory for blacks at UNC. He said he was sure administrators would respond before Friday, though not as promptly as they did.

"I think when you've got 400 students, and they're out there saying, 'This is going to affect us,' it's kind of hard not to listen," Perry said. "I was confident we'd get what we

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Fortunate encounter

Mary Winifred Hood (left), a senior art major from Wilmington, performs "The Oracle" near the Old Well early Wednesday

afternoon. Hood and several other students performed this bizarre play for Hood's honor thesis in art.

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## Congress OKs appointments

By JUSTIN McGUIRE Senior Writer

Student Congress approved the appointments of the student attorney general and student body treasurer at its meeting Wednesday night.

The congress also took two separate actions concerning the problem of rape and sexual assault on campus.

David Fountain, a junior from Greensboro, is the new attorney general and Felicia Mebane, a junior from Siler City, is the new student body treasurer.

Both were appointed by Student Body President Kevin Martin and had to be approved by congress. Both appointments passed by consent.

Fountain, who will succeed

Doug Thomas as attorney general, worked on the attorney general's staff for the past two years and served as an assistant attorney general for the past year.

Mebane served as Residence Hall Association treasurer for the past year. She will succeed Jody Beasley as treasurer.

Beasley spoke in support of Mebane at the meeting. "I'm confident she'll do a good job and that Kevin's made a good selection," Beasley said.

Martin said he was pleased with the selection of both Fountain and Mebane.

"I'm looking forward to working with both of them next year," Martin said. "Both have experience working in their fields."

The congress also voted to

amend the Code of Student Conduct to change procedures for hearing sexual assault cases in the Honor Court.

The proposal must now be approved by the Faculty Council and the chancellor.

Under the proposal, students bringing sexual assault charges before the Honor Court would be guaranteed a closed hearing because of the bill.

A hearing can now be open upon the request of the defendant in any Honor Court case.

The bill would also allow the person bringing charges in a sexual assault case to have a qualified support person, such as a counselor, present at the hearing.

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## Rape underreported on campus

By HELEN JONES Staff Writer

Two UNC students were victims of stranger rape in the Morehead Planetarium area in February, according to Kathleen Benzaquin, the faculty adviser for the UNC Rape Action Project.

However, Benzaquin said Tuesday that many more rapes are not reported, especially cases of date or acquaintance rape.

Tina Groover, community outreach coordinator for the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, said two to three rape cases are reported to the center each month.

Sgt. Ned Comar, of University police, said the department receives one to three rape reports each year. Jane Cousins, Chapel Hill police planner, said the department received nine reports of rape in 1987.

No rapes were reported this year or last year on the North Carolina State University campus, said Officer Penny McCloud of N.C. State University campus police.

The rape crisis center's figures are substantially higher because victims feel intimidated about going to the police, and because many people do not realize date rape is a crime, Comar said.

Both Comar and Cousins said the majority of cases reported to police are stranger rapes. Because few rapes are reported to police, it is difficult to tell if these numbers are accurate.

However, in a 1986 UNC School of Journalism poll, 87 percent of the respondents who said they had been raped also said they knew their assailant, Groover said. The poll was published in the November/December 1986 issue of the UNC

Journalist.

People need to recognize that forced sexual intercourse on a date is rape, Benzaquin said.

Comar agreed. Sex without the consent of both parties is a crime and can be successfully prosecuted, he said.

Even if a person has had sex with the aggressor before the rape, Comar said. "You have a right tonight, this minute, to say no."

Rape victims can file a full report with police or only a blind report, which does not include names and cannot be acted upon by police.

Comar encouraged victims to make full reports. "Police won't ostracize them or make them feel guilty," he said.

Comar said full reports are the

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## Educator urges change in system

By LAURA BENNETT Staff Writer

Education in the United States is experiencing a severe crisis, partly because of decreasing interest in the system's problems, Floretta McKenzie said in a speech Wednesday night in Memorial Hall.

McKenzie, former superintendent of public schools for the District of Columbia, spoke as part of the Carolina Symposium. She is now president of The McKenzie Group, an educational consulting firm.

McKenzie said she is concerned with the apparent decrease in the nation's interest in education.

"Events have come together to nullify progress and equity in education," she said.

A lack of emphasis on the importance of education will result in a decrease in motivation and opportunities for young Americans in the future, she said.

"Far too many children will find their horizons and opportunities shrinking."

McKenzie spotlighted the problems of minorities in education.

Minority populations are increasing, she said. The minority popula-



Floretta McKenzie

tions in the public schools of the nation's largest states will number 50 percent or more in three years.

"Education for blacks, hispanics, and other minorities is at a critical nexus."

Efforts to help minorities have been uncoordinated and unorganized, she

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said. Poverty and lack of opportunities resulting from decreases in governmental educational funds contributed to some of the educational problems facing minorities.

According to statistics provided by McKenzie, 43 percent of the black children and 40 percent of the hispanic children in America live in poverty.

Many prospective minority students think there are no longer any grant funds available for them to go to school, she said.

"I believe the administration of this country has helped us to believe we're OK the way we are," she said. "Other administrations have challenged us to improve."

McKenzie also cited the importance of the family's role in promoting effective education.

Parental involvement in their children's educational activities results in the student's improvement, she said.

But education is not only the responsibility of those with children, she said; it is everyone's responsibility, because results will affect the country's future.

"I believe very strongly that you and I can end the problems of the minority children and non-minority children for a better future, and then perhaps all of us in the country can be saved," she said.



DTH/Elizabeth Morrah

Laura Walker takes part in a Pit rally protesting Reagan's "Star Wars"

## Students hold protest against SDI

By R.L. INGLE Staff Writer

Student activism will play a decisive role in halting the implementation of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), members of two student activist groups told a crowd of about 50 onlookers in the Pit Wednesday afternoon.

The National Student Movement (NSM) and Students Taking Action for Nuclear Disarmament (STAND) joined forces to mark the fifth anniversary of President Reagan's original Star Wars speech by protesting the SDI program.

"The students are going to call for an end to the research and development of Star Wars technology on this campus," said Joel Segal, organizer of the event and member of NSM.

"If the students want to see the world get blown up, then they should just watch MTV and order Domino's pizzas," Segal said. "If they want to reshape American foreign policy, then we can do that."

"We have a civic responsibility to alter this country's policies. We can't just sit by and do nothing anymore."

Reagan's March 23, 1983 speech launched the SDI program, which is designed to research, find and employ a means of rendering nuclear weapons obsolete. Its focus is a security shield in space that destroys nuclear

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### For the Record

"Police Roundup" on March 22 incorrectly reported that Donald Drew Frederick was a suspect in an automobile vandalism incident. He is not a suspect. Frederick reported the

crime to Chapel Hill police. Police said Tuesday that they had no suspects in the incident.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

A wide screen makes a bad film twice as bad.— Sam Goldwyn