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Groups fight dean's reappointment

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UNC's branch of the National Collegiate Black Caucus (NCBC) and other minority student groups will continue efforts to block the reappointment of Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, despite Provost Dennis O'Connor's recommendation that Cell maintain the position.

"I'm not surprised of that recommendation," said UNC junior Ann Ards, NCBC's national corresponding secretary. "We expected that from him. We have accepted that recommendation and are now prepared to do something more." She declined to specify what the next move would be.

The NCBC, along with groups such as The Black Student Movement (BSM), the Black Greek Council, the Alliance of Black Graduate and Professional Students and the Ebony Readers

presented an opposition letter and petition to O'Connor before he recommended Cell's reappointment to Chancellor Paul Hardin.

Student dissatisfaction with Cell's job as dean centers around her inaccessibility to students, BSM President Kim McLean said. "She is very difficult to get in touch with, very indifferent and very insensitive to students' needs, but especially to black students' needs."

Ards agreed. "She's not as accessible as she should be," and she has "shown a lack of competent administrative skills" in her handling of the African and Afro-American Studies Curriculum, Ards said.

According to McLean, the curriculum has lacked an official chairman for four years.

"The curriculum has been in a limbo position and has not been able to maintain its autonomy," Ards said. She said

that Cell had tried to appoint a chairman earlier, but that the chairman she had selected did not believe the University should have an African and Afro-American Studies Curriculum.

Cell said that a search committee was selecting potential chairmen and that two such committees had been appointed. "Recommendations of candidates come to me from a faculty committee that was subsequently endorsed by the Advisory Committee to the African and Afro-American Studies Curriculum."

O'Connor said he had spoken with the caucus, but he denied receiving a petition. "I have been in contact with the caucus but did not receive a petition from them. They may consider it a petition, but I consider it a letter."

O'Connor expressed confidence in Cell and her work as dean. "I think she's done a good job, and there's room

for improvement. I look forward to her presence over the next few years."

Hardin will discuss the nomination with his advisory council, after which he will present his selection to the Board of Trustees, which will then make its recommendation to the Board of Governors.

Ards said Cell has not been concerned with faculty retention and recruitment. "In the last three years the University has seen a virtual exodus of black professors. We have so few mentors for black professors as it is. Seeing these people go to schools such as Princeton and Syracuse is at the least concerning."

Cell said that continued effort to hire and retain minority professors was being made at the departmental level. "This is something I discuss very regularly with chairmen of the departments. In fact, three new minority teachers have been

hired at the assistant professor level and are on the tenure track."

Black groups also raised concern when Cell proposed restructuring the Office of Student Counseling, which provides academic advising and other kinds of counseling to minority students. If the proposal had been passed, the associate dean of the Office of Student Counseling would have been made a part of a broader department called Academic Services.

"The associate dean was our direct link to the Office of Student Counseling. Her proposal made us a bit suspicious of her intentions," Ards said.

Cell said that at the time of the proposal, the associate dean's position in the student counseling office was vacant. "I was proposing this change because at the point we were developing a whole new structure of academic support for students."



Gillian Cell



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Honoring U.S. veterans

Cadet Col. Tony Cortes participates in a Veteran's Day vigil near the flagpole in Polk Place Thursday night. Veteran's Day is on Saturday.

Lewis won't seek re-election

By MYRON B. PITTS
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Because of his duties as Student Body President and his desire to push certain programs, Brien Lewis has decided not to seek re-election in February.

Lewis announced Tuesday that he might run as an incumbent, a first for a UNC student body president, and remain at UNC for a fifth year. A consort suggested the idea, Lewis said.

"I have considered this evening (Wednesday), after many days and nights of consultation and consideration that I will not make any plans at this time to run for re-election as student body president."

"The time required for a thorough campaign would distract from my primary duty, which is to serve the student body throughout my term in office. I plan to focus on implementing the important objectives which I set out to accomplish through the Tuition De-

fense Initiative (TDI) and Financial Aid Task Force (FATF)."

TDI, Lewis's pet project, involves requested changes in the University's tuition policies and sets up the FATF.

"This is the toughest decision I've ever had to make. I greatly appreciate the support and encouragement I have received from my friends and colleagues. My thanks to those who gave me counsel and encouragement, and I hope that all members of the student body will take an active interest in the spring campaign."

Only extreme conditions would cause him to rethink his decision, he said.

"It would take some strange and bizarre circumstance that nobody is forecasting. It would cause me to re-evaluate my decision. When you're in student government you always have to re-evaluate."

Lewis said that he had not decided if he would remain at UNC for a fifth year

and that he was in the process of talking to several of his professors.

Members of student government and congress greeted Lewis's decision to forgo a re-election campaign with mixed reactions.

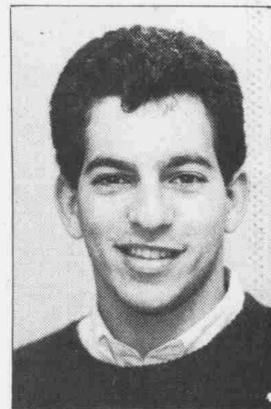
"It's a tragedy at best," said Dana Lunsden, director of minority and women's affairs for the student body president. "Carolina is losing a very competent and dynamic leader."

Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis said: "I think that there were some positive things that could have taken place if he had run. I would have supported it if it had taken place."

But one "very negative" consequence of Lewis's announcement about possibly running again was that certain possible presidential candidates were forced into the open, Davis said.

"Who wants people to start the

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Brien Lewis

Acting public safety head to be named

By JEFF D. HILL
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An acting director of public safety will be named early next week and will hold the position until a permanent replacement is found. Ben Tuchi, vice chancellor of business and finance, said Wednesday evening.

Tuchi expects the acting director to come from within the University. He said the search for a permanent director would include candidates from inside and outside the University. A time table is not set for selection of a permanent director.

On Nov. 3 Chancellor Paul Hardin granted former Public Safety Director Robert Sherman's request to be reassigned. The request stemmed from a written warning Sherman received from Hardin for violating personnel procedures.

Sherman will also receive his new assignment early next week, Tuchi said. The reassignment has been delayed because Sherman's immediate superior, Charles Antle, associate vice chancellor of business and finance, has been out of town this week.

University police officers expressed confidence in Tuchi's ability to select a suitable replacement.

Officer Keith Edwards said, "I feel

that Dr. Tuchi, after talking with the officers, is going to get the best man, male or female, possible for the job, and that he is not going to have the same mistakes that the University had through Director Robert Sherman because this department is going to be watched more closely."

Tuchi did not have a formal list of qualifications for the position Wednesday evening, but he said, "I want someone who understands the higher education environment, someone who has significant police experience, particularly in the management of police affairs, and someone who understands that a university police department is less police work and more service than is a municipal police department."

He did mention the advantages of a college degree in management or police-related discipline and understanding of the "unusual human relations conflicts" that occur in police departments.

Edwards and Officer Ollie Bowler said they wanted a director who would be supportive of officers.

"We need somebody to stand behind us and back us up," Bowler said. "A lot of things we have to do involve professors and other people of the University community that don't understand what we have to do, and they would call Mr. Sherman and complain about it. Instead of saying this is why the officer had to do what he had to do and stand behind the people, all he would do is apologize."

Edwards and Bowler said the director needs to provide the department with better equipment such as radios. "In the past, we have always been told there was never any money in the budget for radios, but the chief and director always had top-of-the-line technology," Bowler said.

"I hope he (Tuchi) will talk to some of the officers and find out what we would like to see (in a new director),

rather than what he would like to see. I think this is what happened with Mr. Sherman. They (the administration) got somebody in here before that the administration wanted to see in here and not what the officers wanted to see."

Bowler said the administration originally selected Sherman over the recommendation of a panel of officers.

University police Chief Charles Mauer refused to comment on the type of qualities he felt the director should have, saying Tuchi's office would deal with the matter.

The director of public safety is responsible for University police, the University's disaster plans and safety aspects such as hazardous waste management, Tuchi said.

Hardin's letter to Sherman said Sherman had violated the Staff Personnel Administrative Guide by not encouraging employees in the grievance

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Academic minors vary nationwide

By KENNY MONTEITH
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The academic minor, now being considered by administrators at UNC, comes in many different shapes and sizes at other universities across the

country, while some schools don't have a minor.

The minor encourages students to stay with the subject they undertake outside their major field of study, said Patricia Power, management services officer in the College of Letters and Science at the University of California at Berkeley.

"We have minors in most of the different subjects in the college," she said. "Students must complete five upper level courses and have an overall grade point average of 2.0 to receive credit for the minor."

Power said most of the other schools at Berkeley, such as business administration and engineering, have implemented a minor conceived at Berkeley in spring 1985.

Larry Groves, assistant dean of admissions at the University of Virginia, said the addition of the minor almost five years ago should be credited to the students' initiative to improve the university.

"It gathered initial support through the faculty and administration, and it's worked out quite well."

"In most cases you will see at Virginia that a major will require nine or 10 courses ..., while five or six courses

make up a minor."

He said a student must maintain certain grades to receive credit for the minor.

N.C. State University (NCSU) added the option of a minor during the 1987-88 year. Mohan Sawhney, associate dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, said each department could propose the idea of a minor whenever the department wanted to do so. "Then they must go through the process of getting it approved."

Many subjects have been added to the minor curriculum since its inception two years ago, Sawhney said. NCSU offers an academic minor in almost every study in the school.

Dartmouth College offers a "minor" under the title of a "modified major." According to Annette Scott, assistant to the registrar, Dartmouth's major consists of at least 10 courses.

"A student must take at least six primary courses (major) with no more than four secondary (minor) courses."

If a student wants to make English his primary course with drama as his secondary course, he would be considered a "English modified drama ma-

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Panel urges financial flexibility

By JASON KELLY
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The University needs more flexibility and independence from the state legislature in its financial affairs, panel members said at a Campus Y forum Thursday night.

About 20 people listened as six panel members discussed UNC's financial relationship with the state and Student Body President Brien Lewis' proposed Tuition Defense Initiative (TDI).

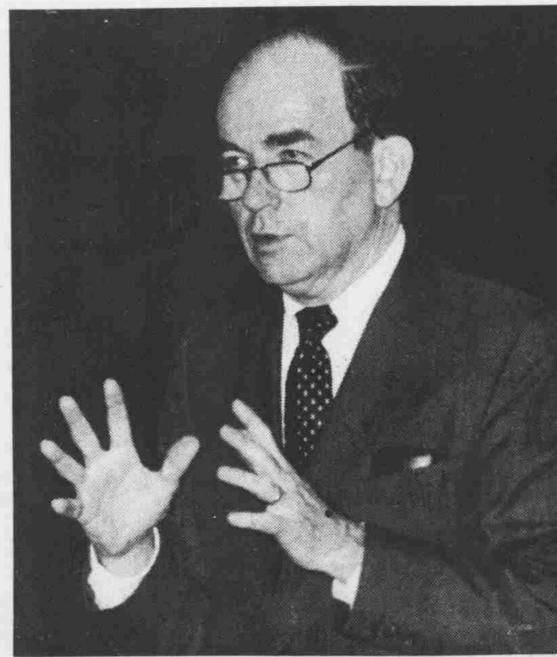
Increased flexibility is vitally important to the maintenance of the University, because often the state legislature is too slow in responding to the needs of the University, panelists said.

Lewis gave an example of last year's budget. "The University started the year in debt even though in some areas of the budget we had surplus monies. But we were not allowed to spend this money on anything but what it was designated for."

Panel member Garland Hershey, vice chancellor for Health Affairs, appeared in place of Chancellor Paul Hardin, who is out of town. Hershey said the efficient operation of the University depends on the money being in the hands of those who run UNC.

"We need flexibility because the

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John Sanders moderates panel

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The people here have become the people they're pretending to be. — Sam Shepard