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## Students protest at BOT meeting

Minority issue concerns spur opposition to Cell | Arts and Sciences dean receives reappointment

By DIONNE LOY

*Staff Writer*  
Students protested the proposed reappointment of Gillian Cell as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Tuesday in front of the Morehead Building, where the Board of Trustees (BOT) was meeting.

The trustees approved Cell's reappointment later in the morning. The reappointment now goes to the UNC-system Board of Governors.

During the protest, students carried signs with such slogans as: "Justice too long delayed is Justice denied," "Our Cries can no longer be ignored" and "Just a 'handful' of students will make a difference."

The UNC chapter of the National Collegiate Black Caucus (NCBC), the Black Student Movement, the Black Greek Council, the Alliance of Black Graduate and Professional Students and several other campus groups have expressed dissatisfaction with Cell's performance, saying she has been inaccessible to minority students.

The groups have raised concerns about Cell's administrative judgments, neglect of the Office of Student Counseling, neglect of Curriculum of African/Afro-American Studies and minimal efforts in recruitment and retention of minority faculty.

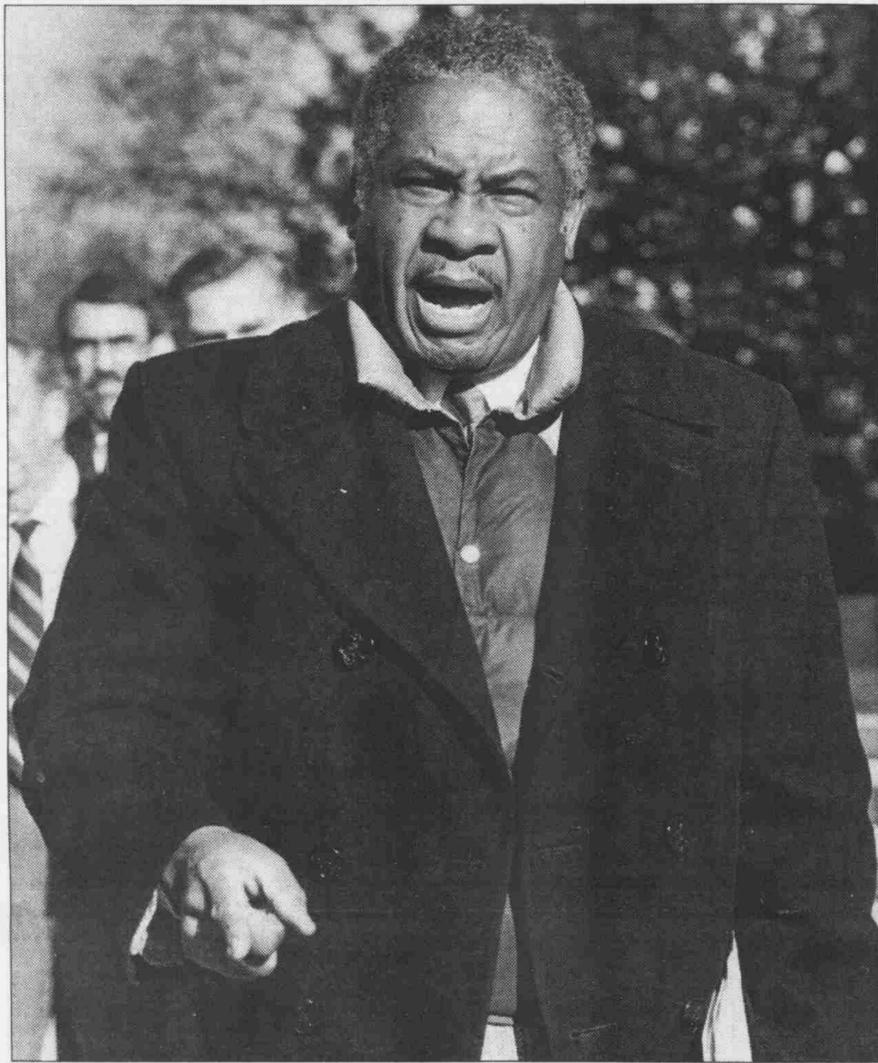
UNC junior Ann Ards, national corresponding secretary of NCBC, addressed the marchers as they assembled in front of the Morehead Building. "We feel something is terribly wrong if we can spend a whole semester without being addressed adequately."

Faculty have economic and academic pressures which might hamper them from actively opposing Cell's appointment, Ards said. "But the good thing about students is that we have nothing to lose by protesting. We have no obligations (toward the University), so we can come out."

She acknowledged the mixed group and commended the efforts of the minority students so far. "I see student faces, black and white, who haven't been together on an issue in a long time."

"We aren't afraid. We've made people uncomfortable. We know what the issues are, and we have been victorious."

Lorenzo Lynch, minister of White Rock Baptist Church, called the University back to its roots. He also declared the black presence on campus an act of justice, and said blacks do have a contribution to make. "We're not talking about side issues, we're talking about the issues. We have to deal with justice on campus."



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The Rev. Lorenzo Lynch speaks Tuesday morning in front of the Morehead Building Tuesday

Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis spoke about what he called the "renaissance of student activism."

"There is something happening in Chapel Hill and something happening in the world."

Marchers said they had many reasons to participate in the demonstration.

"I'm here both personally and for all black students," said junior Nicole Majette of Ahoskie.

"If black people as a whole would stick together, more would be accomplished," said Daniel Melvin, a freshman from Fayetteville. "Instead of just saying things, we need to do something. Just because we aren't a big

number, we shouldn't be looked over at this university."

Junior Cheryl Grant of Fayetteville agreed. "I do not appreciate how we are being ignored. University administrators are turning their backs on black students and the black faculty enroll-

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By ROBERT BROWN

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The UNC Board of Trustees (BOT) approved the reappointment of Gillian Cell as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Tuesday despite a plea from minority students to postpone the decision.

"What I hope to do now is try to get into some conversations with some of the students to make sure I understand their concerns," Cell said Monday evening. "I hope we can put some of these regrettable disagreements behind us."

Students who had been protesting outside the Morehead Building before the meeting stood at the back of the meeting room from about five minutes after the beginning of the meeting to the end of the open session.

Before the closed executive session, UNC junior Ann Ards, National Collegiate Black Caucus (NCBC) national recording secretary, briefly addressed the board and asked BOT Chairman Earl "Phil" Phillips and William Darity, chairman of the board's academic and student affairs committee, for a public statement responding to the students' demands.

NCBC representatives asked the board to postpone any action concerning Cell's reappointment until student leaders had a chance to express their concerns about the reappointment with the academic and student affairs committee. Student Body President Brien Lewis, an ex officio member of the BOT, read this proposal during the academic and student affairs committee meeting before the full board session.

Lewis said after the meeting that he thought the board might postpone the reappointment. The committee did not discuss specific points of the NCBC letter but did understand the students' message, Lewis said. "I think they really sensed the frustration, while not wanting the issue to overwhelm the individual."

In the closed session where the reappointment was approved, "there was more discussion of issues than individuals," Lewis said. "It's something everybody's got to be much more attuned to."

The proposal raised questions about the lack of responsiveness to the concerns of minority students. This included neglect of the Curriculum of African/Afro-American Studies and the Office of Student Counseling, neglect



Gillian Cell

in retaining and recruiting black faculty, and a lack of accessibility to Cell.

But Cell said that she thought she was accessible to all students and that she was puzzled by the complaints. She also said the African/Afro-American Studies curriculum is being worked on and is improving.

A permanent chairwoman for the curriculum was appointed last month. Chancellor Paul Hardin said in his report to the board, "Dr. Cell, I think all of you know, is one of our most persistent and effective spokespersons for undergraduate teaching."

The board unanimously approved her reappointment because the problems raised by the proposal cannot be blamed on Cell, Phillips said.

"I find no major problems with her (Cell's) reappointment. I think she's qualified, and has done a good job." Problems do exist and they need to be dealt with, but Cell should not be held responsible for all of these problems, he said.

"I think there are some problems and let us address those problems, but let's divorce her (Cell) from this. I think (minority students) used her as a lightning rod."

Darity said the students did not provide sufficient evidence for the board to delay their decision. "(The proposal) was considered seriously, but we learned about it at the last minute. I don't think they brought forth enough evidence."

The University will work to im-

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## Advisory committee gets go ahead

By MARCIE BAILEY

*Staff Writer*

A Student Advisory Committee to advise Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was approved Tuesday by Cell during a meeting with Dana Lumsden, director of minority and women's affairs for student government.

Lumsden and one of his assistants, Joe Holt, presented the proposal to Cell Tuesday. The original proposal called for five permanent seats to be held by Cell and a representative each from the Executive Branch of student government, Student Congress, the Black Student Movement (BSM) and the Carolina Indian Circle. There would also be two seats held by students at large and two "flexible" seats that would

be open to other groups interested in the committee.

Lumsden said Cell liked the idea of the committee but wanted at least eight permanent seats.

"She's very receptive to the idea of the committee and wants it to move ahead. The Campus Y, AIS (Association of International Students), CGLA (Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association) and possibly the Student Union will be added as permanent seats. Cell doesn't want the committee to get too large, but she wants everyone to be included who wants to be without the committee getting out of hand."

The committee will begin next semester and will be accessible to all minority groups. Before this semester ends, letters will be sent to groups that

have permanent committee seats and other interested groups.

Brien Lewis, student body president, said either he or Academic Affairs Director Ruffin Hall would represent the executive branch of student government on the advisory committee.

"I think it's (the committee) going to be very productive," Lewis said. "It will help raise awareness of topics and discussion from different view-points."

Cedric Woods, president of the Carolina Indian Circle, said he liked the idea of the committee.

"I think it's definitely a positive move. There is a lack of education, and people are not aware of the issues and concerns of minorities on campus. The idea should have been done 10 years ago."

Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis said the speaker would serve as representative from Student Congress.

"I am very excited about the potential benefits that can be derived by this committee in its advisory capacity. The committee affords students to voice their concerns and desires to Dean Cell."

"Dean Cell seems extremely excited about working with students in this capacity, and I believe the students share in her excitement because they want to have their voices heard. It is often difficult at a large university for administrators, especially those in upper level positions such as Dean Cell's, to understand the needs of students."

BSM president Kim McLean said

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## Fire in Ruffin damages room, keeps students out of dorm

By KAREN DUNN

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A fire that apparently started within a stereo system caused extensive damage to a room in Ruffin Residence Hall Tuesday night.

The Chapel Hill Fire Department received the call at 9:18 p.m., according to Chief Everette Lloyd, and firefighters extinguished the blaze in 106 Ruffin within 20 minutes, he said. The room is uninhabitable, he said.

Suzanne Richard, a freshman from Rockville, Md., said she was awakened by smoke and saw flames coming from the stereo. She went into the hall and pulled the fire alarm, then alerted her hallmates to get out.

Flames were confined to Room 106.

Self-closing doors helped contain the fire and prevent extensive smoke damage to upper floors, said Maj. Robert Porreca of University police.

Richard's roommate, Karen Thompson, a freshman from Wendell, said she had not been into the room yet, but "through the window it looked very black."

Firefighters placed fans on all four floors to remove smoke, which had drifted through the building. Second- and third-floor residents were allowed back into the building around 10:45 p.m. First-floor residents were allowed back in later, but smoke and water damage was heavy at one end of the first-floor hallway.

Residents were evacuated to lounges

in Mangum, Manly and Grimes residence halls, said Wayne Kuncl, housing director. Announcements were made in Davis and Undergraduate libraries for people who live in Ruffin to go to Mangum when they headed home.

No injuries were reported, and damage estimates were not yet available.

The University does not insure private property of dormitory residents, Kuncl said. Most personal property is covered by parents' homeowners' policies, he said. The University only insures the building, he said.

Ruffin, which houses 94 women, was reopened in the fall of 1989 after being closed for renovations during the 1988-89 academic year.



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Take it away

Lee Ferrar of Ferrar Construction removes debris from the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity house in Fraternity Court.

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