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Hunt, Gardner stump in Charlotte Wednesday

CHARLOTTE — Republican Jim Gardner and Democrat Jim Hunt accused each other of being soft on crime Wednesday as they campaigned in Charlotte.

Gardner appeared at the Mecklenburg County Police Headquarters with the mother of an Appalachian State University student that was murdered in 1987.

He blamed Hunt, a former two-term governor, for his role in the N.C. legislature's approval of the Fair Sentencing Act in 1985.

Under terms of that law, he said, the man convicted of killing Jabe Hardee, 19, outside a fraternity party was eligible for parole after serving only 18 months of a 15-year sentence.

"My son's life is worth more than 18 months," said Shirley Hardee of Wilmington. She later acknowledged in an interview that her son's killer, Jon Clemmer, is still in prison four years after he was convicted of second-degree murder.

Gardner said his first act as governor would be to repeal the Fair Sentencing Act.

Hunt, at an appearance at the county Democratic Party headquarters, called Gardner's latest attacks "part of his charge-a-week" campaign.

"Last week, he blamed me for the Hamlet fire," Hunt said. "Now this. What will it be next week?" Hunt defended his record, saying violent crime in North Carolina remained low during his eight years as governor from 1977 to 1985.

But he said the rate had increased 55 percent "under the watch" of Gardner, the state's lieutenant governor.

Overby remains on ballot for N.C. Senate

RALEIGH — A Republican state Senate candidate that the GOP wants to replace may remain on the ballot, at least for now, a Superior Court judge said Wednesday.

Joe Overby was bumped from the ballot last month when the Wake County Board of Elections ruled he was not a resident of the Senate district. Overby listed a Raleigh funeral home as his home address, but Republicans say he lives in Smithfield, which is outside the Senate district.

Overby was the only Republican to file for one of two Senate seats in the 14th District. The district is represented by two Democrats — Joe Johnson and J.K. Sherron. Both are running for reelection.

Republicans became interested in replacing Overby on the ballot after Johnson used a 205-year-old law to avoid paying a seatbelt citation this summer. He also wrote the Raleigh police department demanding the dismissal of the officers that had stopped him.

After a storm of criticism, Johnson apologized for the incident and paid the \$25 fine.

Superior Court Judge Marsh McClelland agreed and said that if Republicans wanted to remove Overby from the ballot, they would have to start all over again.

American poverty not that bad, Quayle says

Some of this nation's poor would be considered middle-class citizens in other countries, Marilyn Quayle said Wednesday during a stop in North Carolina.

"Poor is not poor when you own your own home, and you have personal assets, and you have the government helping you through food stamps," Quayle said in Wilmington.

Quayle, the wife of Vice President Dan Quayle, was campaigning for her husband and President Bush.

"Our level of poverty is considered middle class in some countries," Marilyn Quayle said. "People aren't going hungry, and that's a big difference."

Quayle said Americans living below the poverty level today had a different lifestyle than those considered impoverished 20 years ago.

In Greenville, she fielded questions about poverty and single-parent families.

—The Associated Press

RHA program aims at campus diversity

By Alan Ayers
Staff Writer

Housing officials say they are pleased with student response to a program that encourages minority students to move from South Campus dormitories to North Campus dormitories in an effort to diversify the University's 27 residence halls.

"Traditionally, a greater percentage of African-American students have chosen to live on South Campus, while the northern area remained predominantly white," said Anne Presnell, assistant director of housing.

"In order to bring greater diversity to the UNC campus, we have decided to implement a program that would spread black students more equally across campus."

Forty-four students are participating in the new Residence Hall Association diversity plan, which was designed to increase the percentage of minority students on North Campus.

On average, 20 percent to 30 percent of the students living in South Campus dormitories are black, while only 7 percent of the students living in North Campus residence halls are black, Presnell said. In some North Campus dormitories, only 1 percent to 2 percent of the residents are black.

"We are finding the issue of self-segregation an increasingly difficult issue to deal with," Presnell said. "Historically, people live with people who share a common background or interests. At one time, that meant people of the same race, too."

Housing applications used to be con-

sidered based on the order in which students were admitted to the University. Under this process, North Campus dormitories filled quickly with students who received early acceptance to the University, while students who received financial aid or those who were accepted later in the admissions process were shuffled off to South Campus, Presnell said.

"Based on percentages, white students were much more likely to receive their first housing preference," she said. "Now we have set up a computer program to give priority to returning students and assign new students to rooms on a random basis."

Under the new housing assignment procedure, most freshmen and transfer students are assigned to South Campus, regardless of their first housing preference, she said. Priority is given to minority students and upperclassmen who want to live on North Campus.

RHA President Charles Streeter said he believed most minority students chose to live on South Campus because it provided a sense of community.

"When the southern halls were built, black students built a community there," he said. "Over time, it developed and flourished, and now, when people ask friends or relatives for housing advice, they are directed to those halls."

Streeter said he moved from Craige Residence Hall on South Campus to Stacy Residence Hall on North Campus last year to set an example for minority students.

"The differences between the two haven't been racial or anything, but it seems that in the north you know the

people on your floor more than the people all over your building," he said. "On South Campus, there was a greater sense of community with the whole building."

The South Campus residence halls, four high-rise towers, are arranged in a suite orientation with four rooms sharing one bathroom. Rooms in North Campus dormitories are lined up on an interior corridor with a common bathroom for each floor.

Streeter said he preferred the floor layout of Craige but enjoyed the location of Stacy.

"Living in the northern region is much more convenient because all of my classes are nearby, and I can walk almost anywhere in just a couple of minutes," he said. "When I lived in Craige, I had to plan to leave earlier to get to my classes."

The housing department and RHA have worked to better race relations on North Campus by requiring resident assistants to take a four-hour class in multicultural diversity training. Presnell said each residence area also would present programs throughout the year to help students understand issues relating to cultural diversity.

Presnell said she expected more students to participate in the program as the number of minority students living on North Campus increased.

"South Campus is traditionally where black students wanted to live," she said. "It will be several years before they feel accepted in the other dorms. Hopefully, this program will work to increase the acceptance of other cultures all over the UNC campus."



Tuning out
Seemingly oblivious to the world around him, Sunny Yu creates a song on his guitar. Yu, a junior music major, often can be found delighting passers-by on this stone wall behind Mangum Residence Hall.

Little calls for change in education

By Andrea Jones
Staff Writer

Stressing the need for statewide improvement in education, Teena Little, the Republican candidate for state superintendent of public instruction, spoke Wednesday to about 50 people at a UNC Young Republicans meeting.

Little's speech focused on the failure of public schools to graduate "competent students" prepared for continuing education or a future in the work force. Little cited this failure as a cause for the state's economic woes.

Little said her opponent for the post, incumbent Superintendent Bob Etheridge, was much less qualified for the office due to his lack of experience in the public school system. She said her own experience of more than 30 years in N.C. schools made her more

qualified for the position.

Calling Etheridge "a hardware salesman," Little emphasized her own involvement with programs such as the N.C. Teaching Fellows and her present post on the Program Committee of the State School Board.

Little said her career had spanned positions "from the bottom to the top" of the school system.

When questioned about the state's SAT-score ranking of 48th in the nation, Little said scores had increased by an average of only six points in the past 20 years.

"We have to go all the way back to when students begin their schooling with reductions in class size so teachers have time to teach," she said.

Little said she disagreed with a system that waited until students had taken the PSAT in high school to begin SAT

preparation and remediation.

"We cannot move forward without an educated person educating our children," Little said when asked about teacher pay scales within the school system.

"We must make public school teaching a more desirable profession. Teachers must act like and be treated like professionals."

Little also addressed year-round schooling, upgraded graduation requirements and vocational track classes.

Little closed the 30-minute session with assurances that she had been speaking to people all over the state about the problems facing public education.

Moving away from partisan debate, she stated, "Children in classrooms are not little Republicans or little Democrats. ... It's our responsibility to educate them."

CGLA members B-GLAD about change of name

By Anna Griffin
University Editor

After four years, the campus's primary organization for gays and lesbians has changed its name from the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association to Bisexuals, Gay Men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity in an effort to recruit more bisexual and heterosexual members.

B-GLAD, the organization's new name, symbolizes the extended diversity CGLA officers say they are hoping to gain this year.

"(The new name) is about as all-inclusive as you can get," said B-GLAD co-chairman Doug Ferguson. "Anybody who looks at our name can tell that we accept anybody and everybody."

"(The new name) serves the purpose that it's meant to serve."

The new name was chosen from entries in the rename-the-CGLA contest. The winner, Whitehead/Carmichael Area Director Daniel Watts, receives dinner for two at Crooks Corner.

Many B-GLAD members responded favorably to the new title and agreed with Ferguson that it would help diversify the organization.

"(The new name) says that we welcome bisexuals and accept them," said B-GLAD member Kathy Staley. "It also says that we welcome and accept straights."

"It is a mouthful, though."

Ferguson said he received no negative or derogatory entries. "We got no derogatory entries," he said. "I'm kind of surprised. I figured when we opened (the contest) up to the entire campus that we were also opening ourselves up to derogatory or joke suggestions."

"I was really pleased that that didn't happen."

Two other suggestions — GABLS or Gays, Bisexuals, Lesbians and Supporters; and CGLBA, the Carolina Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Association — also received heavy consideration from the group of about 65 who voted on the name change.

Watts, who submitted the winning entry, also is the founder of the Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Employees, the campus organization for homosexual staff and faculty members.

"Dan's a really strong presence on campus," Ferguson said.

Watts, who was out of town this week and unavailable for comment,

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Student letter calls for answer on BCC

By Anna Griffin
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In an effort to promote open communication on campus, two UNC sophomores have drafted an almost 2,700-word letter to Chancellor Paul Hardin expressing why the campus needs a free-standing black cultural center.

The two students, Edward Hanes of Winston-Salem and Thomas Scott of Jamestown, said that while the letter was addressed to Hardin, it was meant for the entire student body.

"This is just a tool to bring some kind of understanding to campus," Hanes said. "People need to express how they feel."

Although both said they were members of the coalition for a free-standing BCC, they said they were not representing or acting on behalf of any group.

"We have told coalition members about our plan (to write Hardin), but this is something that comes from two regular students," Hanes said. "A lot of students don't understand or aren't really informed. My purpose (in writing the letter) is to get information out that this isn't just about a building."

Scott, who described himself as the more militant of the two, said that racism on campus was one part of a bigger problem that has evolved throughout history.

"White supremacy is the system under which we live here in the Western

World," he said. "The Western World has allowed itself to become ill."

Scott compared the problem of racism on campus with an alcoholic who refuses to get help. "This is a disease; it is a sickness," he said. "What we're doing, by ignoring the situation, is becoming destructive not only to ourselves, but to our environment."

In the letter, the two describe the problem of racism, naming isolation, alienation and anxiety as its main symptoms, and call on Hardin to answer students' calls for a free-standing BCC.

"This building stands for respect, for need and for the advancement of a campus that is slowly creeping toward the past instead of pressing toward the future," the letter states.

In the letter and in an interview Wednesday, Hanes and Scott said Hardin was skirting the BCC issue by refusing to give students a definitive answer on whether he would approve a new building.

Although the Michael Jordan Foundation, the philanthropic organization created by former UNC basketball star Michael Jordan, has pledged funds for a new BCC, Hardin repeatedly has said he wanted to see definite plans before considering further action.

"It's time for him to respond," Scott said. "It's time for him to respond in the way of 'yes' or 'no.'"

BSM group to unite with other campuses

By Michael Bradley
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Creating an information exchange network between African-American students at N.C. universities is the goal of a new Black Student Movement committee.

Leaders of the N.C. Black Alliance Committee said they hoped to create a "support system" and information network with eight other UNC-system schools.

Some of the committee's plans for the alliance include spreading informa-

tion about various activities to other campuses and breaking down stereotypes that exist between different types of schools, said committee co-chairwomen Lorna Haughton and Cheala Garland.

"(The alliance) is a means by which we can gain knowledge of activities that are going on," Haughton said.

Garland said she hoped communication between alliance members would help challenge preconceptions that black students might have about students at

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