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Jesse Jackson and Paul Hardin speak to students in front of Hardin's home

Jackson: Trustees owe students action

By Thanassis Cambanis
 University Editor

After a 45-minute private breakfast with Chancellor Paul Hardin, the Rev. Jesse Jackson urged administrators and University trustees to support the students in their fight for a free-standing black cultural center.

"The University should be moving, not reacting," Jackson said. "The trustees who believe in this mission should act and speak up."

A group of 60 disgruntled student protesters marched to Hardin's house Thursday morning at 7:15, after Hardin moved his meeting with Jackson from South Building to his home on Country Club Road. Hardin said he was suffering from laryngitis.

Jackson met with Hardin to discuss "nonnegotiable" student demands that

Hardin endorse the BCC Advisory Board report on a black cultural center and call an emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees to discuss the BCC.

Proponents of a BCC want trustees to discuss the issue while classes are still in session. Hardin has repeatedly said he will go through "official channels" and said he would not "bulldoze" the BOT by calling an emergency meeting.

After Hardin and Jackson delivered statements from the front steps of Hardin's house, Hardin said that despite his respect for Jackson, he could not change his position.

"You have urged me to take it on prematurely, and I have respectfully said no," Hardin said. As he continued to talk, the crowd of 60 turned its back on Hardin, saying "We've been had."

Students also criticized Hardin for not allowing them to attend the meet-

ing. "Students naturally feel frustration when the chancellor refuses to accept student participation in a meeting with Reverend Jackson which students financed and arranged," said Student Body President Jim Copland, who participated in the rally outside Hardin's house.

Jackson stayed and spoke to student leaders and black campus officials after the meeting disintegrated. Although he had to leave in time for a 9 a.m. flight to Washington, D.C., Jackson said he would definitely come back to campus. "We'll be back," Jackson said.

Rev. Jackson's son, Jesse Jackson Jr., said his father would continue to aid the student struggle. "The students invited us the first time, and if they invite us again, I'm sure they will, we'll come back," he said.

While administrators may have good intentions toward BCC advocates, they must back up their ideas with deeds, Rev. Jackson said.

"I think (the chancellor) is sincere, but there must be action to confirm the sincerity," he said.

Organized protest is the most effective way to bring about change, Jackson told the students.

"You are to be commended for it being nonviolent, disciplined, creative, multicultural pressure," Jackson told students gathered on Hardin's lawn. "We must in fact apply disciplined pressure to change."

"The fact is, if we didn't pressure in the '60s, there would have been no Michael Jordan here."

Hardin said he and the students sim-

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16 students arrested in Hardin's office

By Thanassis Cambanis
 University Editor

Two years of student protest for a free-standing black cultural center climaxed Thursday with the first mass arrest of student protesters since the Vietnam War era.

Sixteen students and one Chapel Hill resident were arrested for disorderly conduct after they refused to leave Chancellor Paul Hardin's South Building office Thursday. They were later released from Orange County Jail and ordered not to return to the main administrative building.

"This is definitely a turning point," said Margo Crawford, director of the BCC. "The last seven years of this century is going to be a make-up for the past 200 years."

The arrests came on the tail end of a two-week sit-in in the South Building rotunda. Students had maintained a constant presence in the building after issuing two demands to the chancellor.

After an early morning meeting between the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Chancellor Paul Hardin, students marched from the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center to Hardin's office.

Almost 70 students crowded the room, clapping and chanting, while Hardin, Provost Richard McCormick, Dean of Students Frederic Schroeder and Capt. Walter Dunn of the University Police looked on.

Before the protesters left the Pit, Trish Merchant, vice chairwoman of the BCC Advisory Board, instructed them not to resist arrest.

"Do not strike back," she read from a statement prepared with the help of attorneys. "If they are going to carry you, let them carry you sitting down."

Hardin told the protesters that the peaceful sit-in of the past two weeks had been acceptable, but said he could not let students invade his office.

"I have very much respect for First-Amendment freedom," he said. "This is my room. I will have my room and you won't."

John Bradley, president of the Black Student Movement, said he was told that after the arrests students could no longer stay in South Building.

"It just shows how racist the University is if it's going to lock a public building," he said.

Students have maintained a 24-hour presence in South Building since April 1, but University Police officers were guarding the building's locked doors Thursday afternoon.



A University Police officer leads Chariss Sanders into a waiting police van in front of South Building as about 200 people look on

"It's two o'clock and this building should be open," Bradley said. "The sit-in is over, but the protest is not going to end."

"Anything that's possible to make the BCC a reality will not end."

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Donald Boulton, who originally gave the students permission to occupy South Building 24 hours a day, said circumstances had forced him to change his position.

"The people who work in South Building need to be able to continue to do their jobs," he said. "We have been working an exception for two weeks, and the people who work there have

certainly been under judgment."

Boulton said he did not know when police officers would stop guarding the South Building door.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who left campus Thursday morning after a daylong visit, faxed a statement from the national Rainbow Coalition headquarters to the students who had been jailed.

"I want the world to know that I fully support the students of North Carolina," Jackson said in his statement. "I am ready to stand with them in this struggle, and, if necessary, I will join

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Protesters to boycott UNC stores

By Marty Minchin
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A boycott of Student Stores and all its subsidiaries will take the fight for a free-standing black cultural center to the next level, students said Thursday night.

"The next step is to hit them in the pocket," said Tim Smith, co-founder of the Black Awareness Council at a Thursday night speakout in the Pit. "Basically, don't go in Student Stores. Bump Student Stores. Stay out of there."

The speakout was held hours after 17 protesters — arrested after refusing to leave Chancellor Paul Hardin's office Thursday afternoon — arrived back in Chapel Hill after spending the afternoon at the Orange County Jail. The students were protesting what they call Hardin's inaction on the BCC issue.

Smith told ralliers not to buy anything from any store owned by Student Stores, including Scuttlebutt, snack bars in the medical and law schools, and the Blue Ram in the Campus Y.

"If you buy something out of Student Stores, you're giving money to the University, and the University isn't giving anything to you," he said.

Smith said BCC supporters would try to get Scantron sheets, which are required for many exams and sold only at Student Stores, from other universities and have them available in the BCC's Student Union office.

Michelle Thomas, former Black Student Movement president, said seniors who needed to buy caps and gowns for graduation could give their money and sizes to a specified person in the BCC, who would then buy all of the caps and gowns collectively.

"We really need, as a group, to not support Student Stores," she said.

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CHRONOLOGY OF THURSDAY'S EVENTS

- 7:15 a.m.: Jesse Jackson and Paul Hardin meet
- 8:30 a.m.: Angry students leave Hardin's lawn
- 12:30 p.m.: 16 students arrested in chancellor's office
- 1:30 p.m.: About 180 march to Chapel Hill Police Department
- 9 p.m.: Protesters call for boycott of Student Stores



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'No justice, no peace'

Ricky Weaver (left), La'Keicha Decker and Niquelle Allen join Hill Police Department. The Town of Chapel Hill later bused the about 200 students marching down Franklin Street to the Chapel Hill Police Department. The Town of Chapel Hill later bused the demonstrators back to campus.

Students carry spirit to county jail

By James Lewis
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HILLSBOROUGH — Arrested protesters filled the Orange County Jail with song Thursday afternoon.

From the familiar chant of "No justice, no peace" to choruses of the African national anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," supporters of a free-standing black cultural center came to wait for the arrested protesters and put up a good show for police officials.

"The room is filled with good spirits," said Staci Hill as she looked out the window of a holding room and waited for her arraignment Thursday afternoon.

After arresting 17 people at South Building — 16 students and one middle-school teacher — police transported them to Hillsborough where they were arraigned on charges of disorderly conduct.

Protesters waited in a room inside the Orange County Jail for about 1 1/2 hours until a magistrate was available. Meanwhile, about 50 supporters con-

gregated just outside the door to await the release of the protesters.

Initially, about 100 students marched from South Building to the Chapel Hill Police Department on Airport Road to show solidarity with those who had been arrested.

Carolynn McDonald, a member of the BCC Advisory Board, said it took her a while to realize fully that she had been arrested.

"It didn't actually hit me until I was being brought over here that I was going to jail," she said. "I wasn't scared."

Hill said she did not regret staying in Hardin's office and being taken to jail. "It's definitely a turning point," she said. "When you're morally right, there is no wrong."

Those who were detained inside said the show of support from friends was a pleasant surprise. "It was wonderful," McDonald said.

Trish Merchant, who was clutching a Bible while waiting to be arraigned, said she only had one comment, from the book of Galatians in the New Testa-

ment. "Now that the faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law," she quoted.

Dean of Students Frederic Schroeder accompanied students to Hillsborough. "I have to commend the young people for their commitment and their nonviolent approach, which are notable," he said while standing outside the jail. "My sense is very much because of who I am and my age. I see it as an act that is completely contradictory to all the hard work that has gone into the black cultural center."

Schroeder stood by his decision to have the students arrested but expressed regret about the situation. "It's always hard to see students get arrested."

Each of the protesters was taken separately before a magistrate for arraignment. All were released on their own recognizance and were ordered to appear in Chapel Hill District Court May 6.

As several students waited to go in See HILLSBOROUGH, page 5

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