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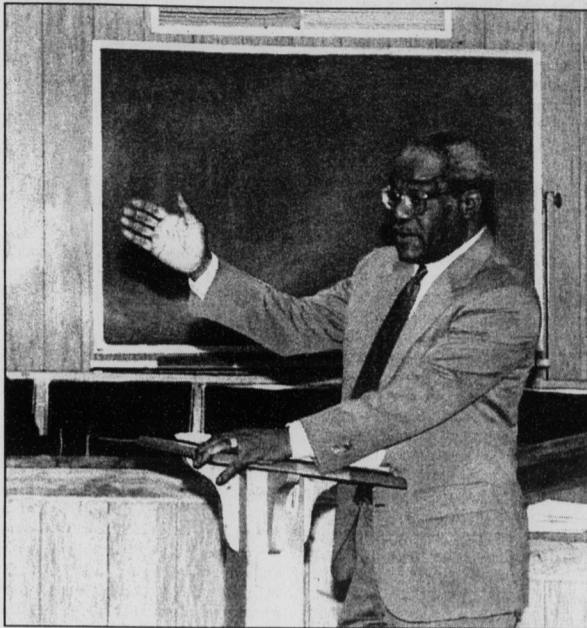
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Julius Chambers, N.C. Central University's chancellor, spoke Monday at NCCU about the importance of civil rights in today's society.

## Chambers: education still affected by race

BY WHITNEY MOORE  
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

DURHAM — Students must take action to defeat racism, North Carolina Central University Chancellor Julius Chambers urged students Monday.

Chambers launched NCCU's celebration of Black History Month by encouraging students to find their own meaning in the words of past civil rights leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr.

"Dr. King told us he believed in a society where race wasn't a factor," Chambers said. "What do you believe? Can you dream of an America where your race isn't going to be a factor that affects you?"

"You need to develop a dream about what America ought to look like."

Chambers cited welfare and education as two areas where race affects equality. He also attacked anti-affirmative-action policies as discriminatory and urged students to react more strongly to discrimination in its many forms.

"In 1997, we say we want people to go to school where they live and get a quality education," he said. "How many African-American students in Durham do you know who are getting a quality education? Or even an equal education?"

Chambers went on to attack N.C. legislators' passive reactions to blatant discrepancies in public school funding.

"How do you explain a school district in eastern North Carolina with \$2,000 per student and one in Charlotte with \$5,000 per student?" he asked. "Can you say those are equal educations?"

A lack of opposition to the U.S. Supreme Court decision ordering N.C. legislators to redraw several N.C. congressional districts because of racial bias also drew heavy criticism from Chambers.

Chambers, a constitutional lawyer, argued for keeping the districts in front of the Supreme Court.

"Have you been to the legislature? Have you talked to anyone about what the (new) districts are going to look like?" he asked. "Have you thought about what you can do to ensure equal (racial) distribution?"

Chambers repeatedly rebuked students for having apathetic attitudes towards issues affecting them.

"We can't compete with other people," he said. "We aren't going to have a fair chance to make a difference in this country because of our race or gender, and we take it passively."

"We might mumble, but we are too quiet."

## Students contest Greek constitution

BY KAITLIN GURNEY  
STAFF WRITER

The Greek Judicial Board: it's one governing body with three constitutions, and junior Karl Mundt would like to know why.

The Chi Psi fraternity member suspects it might have something to do with Director of Greek Affairs Ron Binder, who has had possession of the document since its inception.

"I can say with a good degree of confidence that the person doing these changes is Ron Binder," Mundt said. "All copies of the constitution have been distributed by his office. Second, the most recent copy was brought off his hard drive."

The changed document grants Binder significantly more power, he said.



Director of Greek Affairs RON BINDER said he did not want to comment about the charges.

Fraternity and sorority members established the Greek Judicial Board in January 1995 to regulate themselves, similar to the University's Honor Court. Its original constitution states that it can only be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council.

Mundt has since discovered two more constitutions, neither of which were ratified by the stipulated process. Both PHC and IFC members told Mundt they had never considered any amendment, he said.

Mundt acquired the second constitution in September 1996 and the third constitution on Jan. 21. He discovered more than 45 changes from the original.

Senior Joe Tunstall, also a member

of Chi Psi, has been working with Mundt. "There's no one to go to on this," he said. "Every higher power goes to the Office of Greek Affairs, and that's just one person."

"I think Ron Binder knew what was going on," he said. "This is a pretty big ethics violation, and it bothers me."

Binder said he would not comment about the changes. "First of all, these are private documents," he said. "It's been through lots of revisions since it has been up and running."

"It's all within the fraternity and sorority community, and so I don't want to talk about it."

Mundt, a former IFC member, said he had talked to Binder about the differences.

"Basically, he's told me it's an evolving document, changing as it goes," he said. "Now ratified, this document has a life of its own, and we need to go by its procedures."

Mundt said he saw the Greek Judicial Board becoming more of a "puppet institution," with Binder amending the constitution to meet his needs. He cited Binder's 90-day renewable contract as one of the reasons for this.

"With his contract up for renewal every 90 days, he (Binder) is not given any incentive to listen to students," Mundt said.

Tunstall said the alterations take away the Greek community's self-governance. "It puts the Greek community at a disadvantage because it is being governed by something it doesn't even know about," he said. "The only way people find out about this is if they violate the rules — something I don't think they try to do."

Mundt said, "I find this disrespectful, with all that is going on about reform and the talk of self-governance. This is a case of the administration going over our heads."

Mundt stressed changes where juris-

### 2 too many constitutions?

Chi Psi fraternity member Karl Mundt said he found more than 45 changes in the Greek Judicial Board's constitution, which affects the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council and the UNC National Pan Hellenic Council.

Item	Original	Revision I	Revision II
III	Jurisdiction covers IFC/Panhellenic Risk Management and/or Rush Policies."	Jurisdiction covers IFC/Panhellenic Risk Management Policies."	Jurisdiction covers the "Greek Community Alcohol Policy."
IV.4.a.5.	All hearings are coed. In the event of rush, court's sex is determined by whether violations are committed by IFC or Panhellenic members.	The item only reads that "All Hearing Boards will be coed."	The item only adds to the second version. Courts will consist of three men and two women for fraternity violations and vice versa for sorority cases.
V.	Appeals are determined by the discretion of the Greek Advisor, the Joint Chiefs and the IFC and Panhellenic Presidents in conjunction."	Appeals are determined here "at the discretion of the Dean of Greek Affairs, the Joint Chief Justices, and the IFC and Panhellenic Council Presidents in conjunction."	The item reads the same as the second constitution, except for the insertion of the NPHC in between IFC and the Panhellenic Council.

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diction was altered from "activities which may violate the IFC/PHC management and/or rush policies" in the first constitution to "activities which may violate the Greek Community Alcohol Policy" in the third.

The composition of representatives for hearing boards differed in each document. And the board can now look at previous records from up to three years before the incident, compared to the original constitution's two years.

Three sections — including the one detailing amendment protocol — were

removed entirely from the second document.

Mundt said IFC and Judicial Board members had different opinions about what to do. "There's two groups — some just don't care, but others would like to be able to act on their own."

Tunstall and Mundt agreed on what needs to be done.

"There's only one thing to do," Tunstall said. "We need to go back to the original constitution, disband the defunct Greek Judicial Board, and start over."

## Elections Board to tally votes using computers

BY FORREST ANDERSON  
STAFF WRITER

To ensure that they accurately report results in next Tuesday's student body elections, members of the Elections Board are preparing to tally votes using scantron sheets instead of counting ballots by hand.

"During last year's election, we hand counted the runoff election's votes," said Ange Dicks, Elections Board chairwoman. "Now Student Congress has passed a bill stating that we have to use scantron, starting with this election."

Last year's race for senior class presi-

dent and vice president was affected by the hand counting of runoff votes.

"Last year, the Elections Board had a problem with not being accurate in counting the votes," said Marc McCollum, chief of staff for the executive branch.

The initial vote count, which was tabulated using scantron forms, showed Katie McNerney and Minesh Mistry winning the runoff by two votes over Ladell Robbins and Amelia Bruce.

**SBP candidates square off in 1st debates**  
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However, Bruce and Robbins called for a recount, which was conducted by hand counting the ballots.

That count showed that Robbins and Bruce had won the election by a count of 367 votes to 366 votes.

McNerney and Mistry filed a suit in the Student Supreme Court against the Elections Board and Robbins and Bruce.

The court ruled in favor of McNerney and Mistry and scheduled a re-election. Robbins and Bruce won that third and final election by a vote of 485 to 432.

Mistry said Monday that he and McNerney would not comment on the

results of last year's election.

Dicks said that in order to ensure that such confusion would not happen again this year, a more systematic way of counting the votes had been enforced by Student Congress.

"Computers will continue to be used, just like the past three years, in the tallying of votes," she said.

However, runoff elections will also be done by computer, which should prevent human error, she said.

Tom Black, associate registrar for systems and plans, said the use of computers would not affect the time it took for votes to be tallied.

## Festival's keynote speaker focuses on unity, diversity

BY KELLY O'BRIEN  
STAFF WRITER

Mark Mathabane, author of "Kaffir Boy," spoke Monday night about the opportunity within individuals to conquer hatred and oppression and strive for a more unified world.

"We must yearn to make the world a better and more sympathetic place, where all people, regardless of race or creed, enjoy its many gifts," said Mathabane, who was the keynote speaker for the 17th annual UNC International Festival.

The goal of the International Festival is to raise awareness and celebrate unity. It includes a series of events under the theme "Harmonia: Discovering the Common Beat."

Mathabane came of age under apartheid in South Africa and was able to escape in 1978. Although he witnessed dehumanizing crimes and indignities, he was able to overcome his bitterness and hatred.

With powerful examples to follow, such as his mother, Mathabane said he realized that bigotry, oppression and intolerance corrode the soul, leading to self-destruction, and that individuals

must express understanding and tolerance to survive.

"Human beings have a responsibility to do good, to care and to nurture," he said. "One should judge people by the color of their hearts rather than the color of their skin."

Mathabane said the oppression, suffering and pain that existed during apartheid continued today.

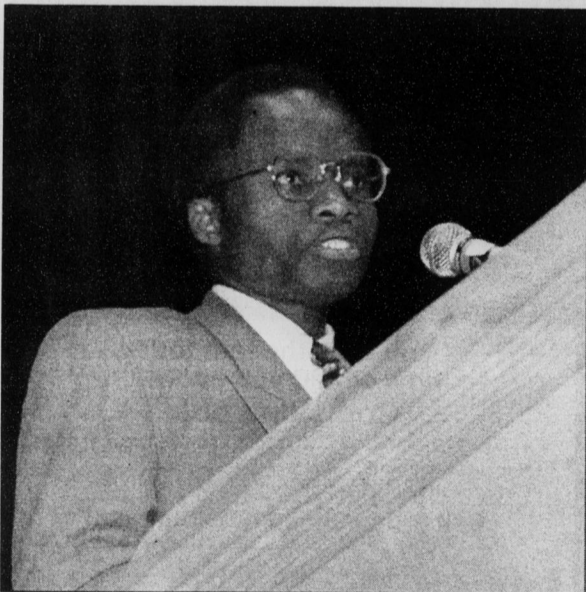
"We are experiencing the crime of destruction of ourselves by ourselves," he said. "We've ceased to see each other as brothers and sisters, as fellow human beings. We regard each other as threats and enemies."

He said the way to overcome this was to learn to individually focus on one's soul and love others.

"If we learn this lesson, we will be less cynical and self-destructive and break down the barriers that have made us strangers," he said. "If humanity is to survive, individuals must care about the fate of others."

Mathabane added that stressing unity and cultural diversity through events such as the International Festival forced the vision of brotherhood and sisterhood.

"If we took more time to celebrate the marvelous diversity present, we



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Mark Mathabane delivers the keynote address during the International Festival on Monday night. The festival focuses on international awareness.

would have accomplished what I consider the most important goal — forging to a better world."

Mathabane closed his speech with a line from poet Langston Hughes: "Come my friends, 'tis not too late to seek this newer and better world."

The main sponsor of the event was the Association of International Students. Co-sponsors included the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center, Haverim and Students for Students

## N.C. budget might give graduate students little

BY JONATHAN SESSLER  
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State lawmakers say budget restraints might inhibit attempts by graduate students across the UNC system to win more financial support.

"Graduate stipends are not a high priority," said Sen. Betsy Cochrane, R-Davie.

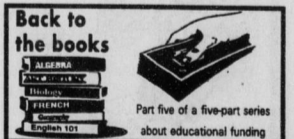
Graduate students, coming off a minor victory in the N.C. General Assembly last year, are preparing for another assault on state funds.

Stipends for graduate students, ranked the lowest in the land of research schools, remain a priority on graduate students' agendas, despite a 10 percent across-the-board increase divvied out by legislators last summer.

Katherine Kraft, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation at UNC-Chapel Hill, said stipends continued to top her agenda.

"It is a huge issue, critical to our mission in education and our national image," she said.

Kraft said a new analysis of UNC-CH's stipend levels in comparison to



other public and private institutions was in the works, and it would re-affirm the paltry ranking of UNC-CH's stipend levels.

But legislators say rankings and comparisons don't mean much when the state doesn't have the money for improvements.

Cochrane, ranked as the fifth most effective state senator by the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research in the 1995-96 term, said the budget projections revealed no surplus in funding, making a stipend increase unlikely.

"The probabilities are very slim," she said.

Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, said he recognized stipends were important to the system's future.

"It's the most important thing we can do to attract the very best graduate stu-

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Why should we subsidize intellectual curiosity?

Ronald Reagan