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Racial tension evident in Lumberton, students say

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Staff Writer

Although taking hostages may not be the answer, many UNC students from Robeson County agree that racial injustices permeate the society in their home county and say something needs to change.

"I don't agree with taking hostages or any form of terrorism," said Endoria Dial, a junior from Pembroke. "But there are injustices in all aspects of life in Robeson County."

Eddie Hatcher and Timothy Jacobs, members of the Tuscaroran faction of Lumbee Indians, vented their frustrations with racial problems by marching into a Lumberton newspaper office Feb. 1 with sawed-

off shotguns, taking 17 people hostage and demanding to speak with N.C. Gov. Jim Martin.

Hatcher, 30, and Jacobs, 19, released the hostages 10 hours later with a promise from the governor's staff to set up a task force to investigate the alleged racism and corruption in the county.

"It was a desperate situation," said John Jacobs (no relation), a junior from Prospect, a small town in Robeson County. "It was the only way they could get their voice heard, but they paid a high cost."

Hatcher and Jacobs are being held in a federal prison in Butner without bond on hostage-taking and weapons violations.

"I think they thought they had exhausted all their resources," Dial said. "You get a lot of promises in Robeson County, but nothing ever comes of it."

Racial tensions in the county have mounted in recent years, partly because the population is almost evenly divided between whites, blacks and Indians, but minorities claim that they are treated unfairly in such areas as the courts, law enforcement and education.

"Everything in the county is based on race — politics, economics and education," said Hampton Oxendine, a senior from Pembroke and the president of Carolina Indian Circle at UNC. "Race is taken into consid-

eration for everything."

A number of recent unsolved murders in the county may have increased frustrations that led to the hostage-taking, students said.

In 1985, a woman was found stabbed to death two miles from her home after being abducted earlier that morning. Despite testimony that linked a man to the killing and testimony from the woman's daughter that her abductor was a white man, no one has ever been charged.

Heavy criticism has also been aimed at Robeson County's sheriff's department for a November 1986 shooting death by a policeman of an unarmed Lumbee Indian suspected of a drug violation. A coroner's jury

later cleared the officer, who was the sheriff's son.

"(Indians) don't feel they are getting a fair share by white police," John Jacobs said.

One student said she can recount an example of criminal injustice in a rape case in which an Indian was sentenced to life imprisonment.

"I honestly believe that if it would've been a white man, he wouldn't have gotten life," said Kimberly McCartney, a junior from Pembroke.

Prior to the hostage-taking, Hatcher met with members of the Christic Institute South in Carrboro, a non-profit legal organization dealing with political and human rights

cases.

Hatcher was seeking advice on racial problems he was facing in Robeson County, said Ashaki Binta, development director and organizer at Christic Institute South, who was present at the meeting with Hatcher.

"We did have discussion for blacks and Indians to become more organized and find a more effective way to raise concerns in Robeson County," Binta said. "But we gave him no advice whatsoever on what actually happened."

The members of the governor's task force — Phil Kirk, Martin's chief of staff; Jim Trotter, general counsel;

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Addressing minority enrollment

By MARK FOLK

Senior Writer

Student body president candidates addressed minority recruitment and other racial issues at a forum Wednesday night sponsored by the Black Student Movement.

Kevin Martin, David Maynard, Keith Poston, Sandy Rierson, Bill Yelverton, Jody Beasley and Brian Lewis appeared at the forum, held in the Chase Hall's Upendo Lounge.

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Martin said the different groups working on minority recruitment need to communicate more efficiently.

Also, Student Government's Minority Concerns Committee, which deals with minority recruitment, ought to be supervised by the administration to ensure its survival, Martin said.

"With the changeover in Student Government, there's a danger that this committee may not get put as high on the agenda as it was this year," Martin said.

Maynard said UNC needs to improve the environment for minority students if it wants to increase its minority population.

Maynard said he would improve the environment by conducting a survey of the problems faced by minority students, and by working more with the different minority groups on campus.

"If we don't have people here happy, then I don't see how we can make outsiders come in and be happy," Maynard said. "We need to clean up shop at home first."

Poston said a co-op program in which UNC students would go into area schools and work with younger students would help increase minority enrollment.

Besides increasing the amount of minority students, Poston said he would also like to see more minority faculty.

"I'm a third-year student here, and I've yet to have one minority teacher," Poston said. "You should be able to go into any department at this University and be able to find a black faculty member."

Rierson said the University needs to do a better job of keeping minority students at UNC if it wants to improve recruitment.

"The real problem is that as long as you've got half of the minority students that come to Carolina either going somewhere else or dropping out before they graduate, minority recruitment is always going to be a problem," Rierson said.

Yelverton said that although he likes the current program in which UNC minority students recruit minorities at different high schools, there's a problem finding enough money for it.

To expand the program, its funding should come from the University instead of from student funds, Yelverton said.

"I'd like to see the admissions office, the College of Arts and Sciences or the administration in general pay for it," Yelverton said. "This (minority recruitment) is some-

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DTH/Elizabeth Morrah

Afternoon scrimmage

Jamie Wall, a speech communication major, skipped class Wednesday to play catch with a friend in front of South Building.

A legal question

RHA members meet with officials to suggest alternatives to assessment policy

By JENNY CLONINGER

Staff Writer

Housing officials and Residence Hall Association (RHA) members met Wednesday to discuss whether it is legal to assess groups of residents for damage to residence halls and to suggest alternatives to the assessments policy.

A clause in the "Hallways and Highrises" contract booklet allows the University to charge collective groups of residents for damage to common areas.

RHA members decided to suggest improvements to existing procedures before challenging the clause's legality, said Wayne Kuncl, director of University housing.

RHA members recommended that housing officials consult students before making final damage assessments, said Kuncl.

Housing officials should provide students with more clearly defined

legal avenues for appealing charges, said Kelly Clark, RHA president. "A more thorough appeals process needs to be involved," he said.

Both the housing office and the RHA were receptive to the new ideas, but the clause will still be interpreted and reviewed to assure that it is in compliance with the law, said Kuncl.

Last semester, housing officials charged residents of the fourth floor of Winston Residence Hall for damage to common areas. The \$145 charge was divided among all the residents thought to be in the residence hall the weekend the hall was damaged. The \$5.50 per person paid for damage to doors, light fixtures and bathroom walls.

Alan Laughter, a resident of the floor, said some residents who were not present were unfairly charged.

"We couldn't pre-register until the charge cleared, so everybody went ahead and paid without appealing,"

laughter said.

According to Laughter, hall residents did much of the clean-up themselves, but were charged for the job anyway. The graffiti is still on the wall, and light fixtures are still broken, he said.

Laughter said he thinks he and his hallmates "got the short end of the deal. We're not here to be vigilantes."

Kelly Clark said the RHA is "not opposed to asking people to be responsible for not only their rooms, but for halls and lounges."

Kuncl said hall residents should be responsible for common areas as well as their own rooms.

"We have lots of good residence communities at UNC, and good communities are concerned about their living environment," he said.

Students are always charged for damage to common areas, said Kuncl, but the problem is deciding which students to charge.

STV request sent to Student Congress

By LAURA PEAY

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The Student Congress Finance Committee passed a bill Wednesday night that will refer a Student Television Request for \$33,747 to Student Congress.

If the bill is passed in Student Congress next week, STV will receive the money now from existing student government funds.

Students may approve a referendum on the Feb. 16 ballot that would raise student activities fees \$1 to give STV money for new equipment, but the congress may defeat the bill when it meets the next day because it will be unnecessary.

STV would not receive the funds until next January if the referendum passes.

The bill would allow STV to get the money sooner so they would stop spending so much money on repairs,

said Laura Morrison (Dist. 10).

"This is important because it could potentially save students \$45,000," she said.

Neil Riemann, finance committee chairman, said the committee has \$64,000 to appropriate through May 15, 1988.

Riemann said although he has always supported STV, he is not in favor of the allocation.

"It is true that we are in a good position as far as money is concerned," Riemann said, "but that position is rapidly eroding because everyone knows we have money."

Riemann also said that if the money is allocated, the 70th Congress would be left with very little money to work with.

"I don't believe we're in such a generous position," he said.

Anna Baird (Dist. 11) said she thinks the allocation to STV is a worthwhile cause.

"The large money in surplus should be used to cover any organization that may come to us in need of money," Baird said, "and I believe this allocation is a worthwhile cause."

Morrison said that if STV is given the money, the finance committee would be left with approximately \$29,000 for the rest of this school year.

Bobby Ferris (Dist. 14) said, "I am not in favor of the allocation, but it will serve as a safety net in case the referendum isn't passed."

Don Harris, STV station manager, said STV is operating on a Student Congress-approved budget of approximately \$16,000 this year.

Congress provided \$13,000 of this amount and the rest was raised by members of STV, he said. "This is the bare bones of operating Student Television," he said.

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BSM leaders announce candidate endorsements

By BRENDA CAMPBELL

Staff Writer

Black Student Movement leaders announced the candidates the group will endorse for campus offices following a three-hour forum Wednesday.

The BSM endorses Bill Yelverton for student body president, Jean Lutes for Daily Tar Heel editor, Barry Cobb for Residence Hall Association president and Carol Geer for Carolina Athletic Association president, said Kenneth Perry, BSM president.

BSM officers voted on the endorsements after the forum sponsored by the group Wednesday night.

Out of the seven candidates run-

ning for student body president, the BSM will endorse Yelverton because he exemplifies many qualities group members think the student body president should have, Perry said.

"We feel he is a very sincere person," he said. "He tried to get our input on issues that affect us. He made an effort to come to us to see what we were concerned with."

"He is the type of person who has an open ear and is willing to listen," Perry said. "And then he would let you help him decide how to address these problems instead of just telling us what he believed was wrong."

Perry said group members also felt Yelverton would support constitu-

tional funding for the BSM unconditionally.

BSM members are endorsing Lutes for Daily Tar Heel editor because she has done a great deal over the last year to increase coverage of minority issues in the newspaper, said Wilton Hyman, BSM vice president.

"She quoted the number of stories on minority students before she became university editor and how many there were over the last year," Perry said.

"She was willing to say there weren't as many stories as there could have been," Perry said. "But she did

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For the Record

In Wednesday's article "Future issues," the DTH incorrectly attributed statements to Barry Cobb and Jimmy Randolph, candidates for Residence Hall Association president. The article should have read as follows:

Cobb said RHA programming is too repetitive and unoriginal. Including the social and academic lieutenant governors from each

residence college would be an effective way to input new ideas, he said.

Randolph also recommended reestablishing the Council of Dorm Presidents. The council could examine programs that have been successful in the past and relate them to residence colleges with poor social programming.

The DTH regrets the error.

One is very crazy when in love. — Sigmund Freud