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Gardner backs Campus Watch

By ERIC GRIBBIN
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Jim Gardner, the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, announced Sunday that he is endorsing the view of Campus Watch that funding of homosexual organizations on UNC-system campuses should be prohibited.

"Based on the information we received from Campus Watch, he believes that students' funds and taxpayers' money should not be used in this manner," said Paul Richardson, Gardner's campaign manager, in a telephone interview Monday.

Gardner supports the opinion of Campus Watch, a Durham-based conservative organization, that the administration of a state university has no business using a portion of the student fees it collects to fund a organization for homosexuals, Richardson said.

Gardner's opponent, Democratic Sen. Tony Rand, believes that the best way to handle the situation is through the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors of the university system, said Stephanie Bass, Rand's

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campaign communications director. She did not comment further.

The controversy has arisen over the continuing allocation of student fees to the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association at UNC-Chapel Hill. The founders of Campus Watch say the CGLA is a political group that cannot be funded by student fees, according to the student constitution. Student Congress, which is responsible for allocating funds, decided last year it was not a political group.

"In most cases, when you're asked to take a stand on an issue, you are forced to choose," Richardson said. "Rand has not taken a stand yet. We took the conservative stand because this is a state university and it's not a legitimate expense."

Gardner has not considered whether legislation to stop the funding should be introduced, Richardson said. "It may be something that the university system, not the state legislature, has to deal with."

Campus Watch first sent the candidates materials about the funding issue, said Campus Watch chairman Ed Cottingham.

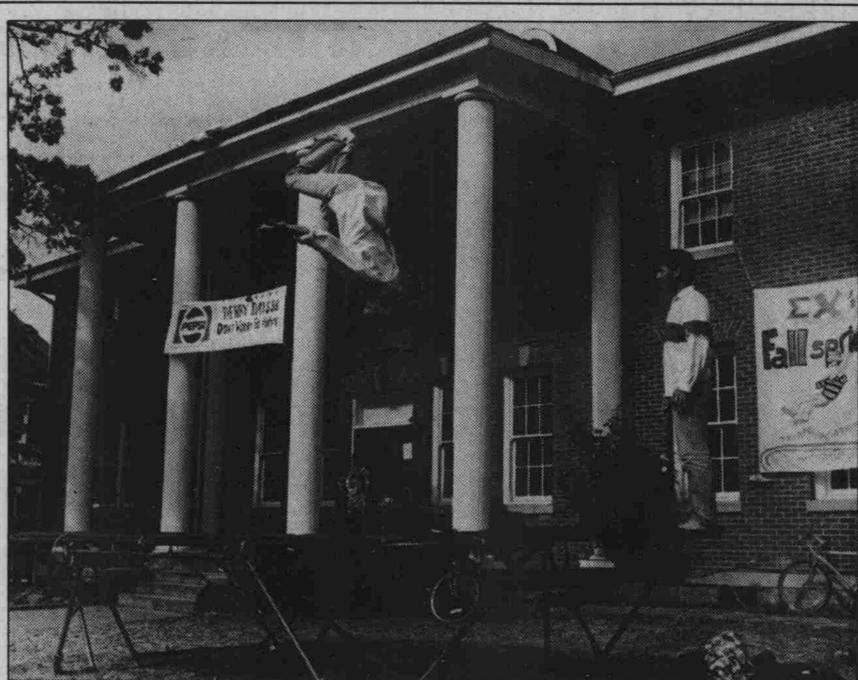
"Subsequently, I decided to go ahead and ask the lieutenant governor campaigns to take a stand," said Cottingham, a former UNC student. "Then I mailed a certified letter to each candidate."

The General Assembly must take action against the funding because the UNC Student Government, the administration, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors all have failed to take action to defund the CGLA, he said.

"Campus Watch is organized around the desire for traditional students to get a fair shake on campuses," Cottingham said. "We feel that if some conservative organization with a political agenda tried to get funding from student government, they probably wouldn't get it."

Campus Watch has published a list of 120 candidates in North Carolina races who have endorsed its position

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Head over Heels

Steven Heeseman and John Cummings kick off a 72-hour Trampoline-A-Thon at the Sigma Chi fraternity house Monday to benefit the North Carolina Memorial Hospital pediatric program.

Student leaders oppose anti-CGLA lobbying

By HELEN JONES
Staff Writer

Student Congress and Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association (CGLA) leaders criticized Campus Watch's efforts to defund the CGLA through N.C. General Assembly action.

Neil Riemann, Student Congress speaker, said Monday that Campus Watch's criticisms of CGLA funding are not credible because the group's members have not talked to Student

Congress members, attended budget proceedings or fully examined UNC's Student Government code on the funding of campus groups.

"They (Campus Watch) don't seem to know anything except that they don't like the CGLA and they don't want it funded," Riemann said.

Campus Watch doesn't know enough about the budget system to be a threat to Student Congress' discretion over its budget, he added.

Campus Watch members have said

the CGLA should not receive funding from student fees because the group is politically active.

Jim Gardner, the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, announced Sunday that he opposes funding of groups such as the CGLA. His opponent, Tony Rand, has not taken a stand on the issue.

Campus Watch members cite a clause in the student government code that reads, "Student Congress shall appropriate no Student Activities

Fees to programs, services or events of a religious or politically partisan nature," to support their position.

But the sentence following that one in the code says funds may be appropriated to support policies and issues that directly affect students at UNC, Riemann said. The CGLA does not meet the code's vague definition of partisan political groups, he said.

The CGLA meets Student Congress criteria for funding because

membership in the group is open to all students and because the group serves the community interest through AIDS education, Riemann said.

Ed Cottingham, Campus Watch chairman, said the group was formed to represent conservative interests at state universities and has about 15 members, most of whom are not students.

Campus Watch sent information about the CGLA to the 278 candi-

dates running for the N.C. General Assembly, including a card with the question, "Are you generally in favor of legislation to prohibit the use of mandatory student fees to support homosexual organizations on state university campuses?"

Campus Watch received 120 responses that favored defunding homosexual organizations, including Gardner, and one that did not, he

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C. Eric Lincoln opens the Black Cultural Center's Monday night lecture series at Memorial Hall

First black UNC student opens series of lectures

By DANA PRIMM
Staff Writer

America has not offered blacks the same opportunities as whites, C. Eric Lincoln, professor of religion at Duke University, told an audience of about 200 in Memorial Hall Monday night.

"I am the son of America, but America has denied me," said Lincoln, author of 11 books and more than 100 scholarly articles.

Lincoln's speech was the first in the Monday Night Black Culture Lecture Series, sponsored by the Black Cultural Center (BCC).

The series features a speaker once a month, said Margo Crawford, BCC director. The series is meant to serve as a bank of knowledge about black culture for the University community, she said.

It is especially appropriate that Lincoln was the first speaker in the series, Crawford said.

"We waited until Eric Lincoln

could speak to start the series," she said. "He was the first black student at UNC, and we thought it was fitting that he be our first speaker."

Lincoln spoke on the cultural experiences of blacks in America, drawing on his own life and writings. He read from his poetry to illustrate the inequality and injustice in society.

"Is there no mercy?" he said. "Is there no justice? Is there no God? I am alone, and alone I must make my way out of the night today."

Lincoln also discussed his past and how it affected his life.

He received a good education in a Congregational school in his hometown of Athens, Ala., even though there was no public school for black children, he said.

"I had an unusual education, but I was lucky," he said. "It was probably better than the one I would have gotten if I had gone to a black public

school," he said. Lincoln said he attended the University of Chicago when he was 15. He wanted to be a writer, but his college advisers told him a black man could not make a living as a writer. They advised him to take courses that would train him in a profession, he said.

"I had a dream of writing a major work to pick my family out of poverty," he said. "I took the courses they told me to, but I continued to write."

Lincoln wrote poems throughout college and began to make money from his writing.

"I wrote for some prestigious publications, from Ebony to The New York Times Magazine to Redbook," he said. "At the same time, I continued to write for journals in my profession. Although I enjoyed it, I

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Death threats, break-in target student activist

By AMY WAJDA
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UNC law student and campus activist Joel Segal said Monday that someone broke into his house Thursday, wrote death threats on his walls and left a loaded shotgun on his couch.

The break-in was the latest of several threats on his life, Segal said. He is an outspoken supporter of Indian activist Eddie Hatcher, who took over the office of The Robesonian newspaper in February and held hostages to protest alleged

corruption in Robeson County. The threats have come in part because of his support for Hatcher, Segal said.

"I must have just gotten someone mad," he said. "There are a lot of conservative students on campus. There are students who would do this stuff."

According to Segal, his roommate Jason Watkins discovered that the door of their duplex was open and that the television was on following the break-in Thursday.

Two threats were written on the

wall. One read "You're going to die for helping Eddie," and the other, "You're next, Joel."

A previously unloaded shotgun owned by Watkins had been loaded with a shell and placed on a couch in the house. Nothing was stolen from the house, Segal said.

No one knows how the break-in occurred, and the door was not damaged, Segal said. A key that had been left in the mailbox for a plumber several days before could

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Downtown Commission to help pay for trolleys

By DANIEL CONOVER
Staff Writer

The newly incorporated Downtown Commission cleared the way Monday for a project that could have two trolleys on the streets of Chapel Hill and Carrboro by September of next year.

This move was followed by the Chapel Hill Town Council's unanimous decision Monday night to enter into a contract with the Downtown Commission to share in the cost of the trolley.

Debbie Dibbert, co-president of the commission, said the trolley

project will be funded entirely by federal and state grants and money raised in the private sector.

The project will help to "make Franklin Street the place that people come to do all of their shopping," she said.

The trolleys are actually buses with chassis designed to look like traditional trolley cars. Half of the chassis is open-air.

"It looks exactly like a trolley," Dibbert said.

Riders would pay an undetermined amount of money to use the trolleys, Dibbert said, but Carrboro Mayor

Eleanor Kinnaird said the trolleys would have to be free.

Kinnaird said that under the conditions of the federal grant money, an amount of federal money equal to the amount charged to public users would be deducted from profits under a pay-per-ride system.

The trolleys cost \$150,000 each, and federal and state funds will pay for 90 percent of the cost. An additional \$75,000 has been raised by the commission.

The system will be managed by the

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Either way it's OK; you wake up with yourself. — Billy Joel