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Hardin to back reappointment

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Chancellor Paul Hardin said Thursday he would recommend the reappointment of Gillian Cell as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences despite complaints against her from minority student groups.

The dissatisfaction stems from questions about Cell's accessibility to minority students, her commitment to hiring and retaining black faculty, and her commitment to the African and Afro-American Studies curriculum.

UNC's branch of the National Collegiate Black Caucus (NCBC), along with groups such as the Black Student Movement, the Black Greek Council, the Alliance of Black Graduate and Professional Students and the Ebony

Readers, presented a petition to Provost Dennis O'Connor listing these complaints, but O'Connor recommended Cell's reappointment to Hardin earlier this month.

"I'm sorry to hear such vocal opposition, even if it's just a handful of students," Hardin said. "I have worked with her for several hours (since the petition started) specifically about these issues."

Hardin has "tremendous confidence" in Cell, and complaints against Cell were the result of misunderstandings that could be worked out, he said. "She can't possibly see students on an individual basis, but I'm sure she will be more than willing to meet with groups."

The chancellor will recommend Cell's reappointment to the Board of

Trustees and the Board of Governors. "I feel certain it will go through."

Cell was out of town Thursday and could not be reached for comment.

UNC junior Ann Ards, corresponding secretary for NCBC, said groups would continue to protest despite the chancellor's decision. "We will make it difficult for him and the administration to feel comfortable about this decision."

Ards said the protests are representative of black concerns. "I feel quite validated in hearing the responses we've gotten about this. We have garnered the support of other members of the community who have similar concerns."

Hardin said he and Cell were com-

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Administrators oppose proposed tax on tickets

By AMY WAJDA

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A proposed "entertainment tax" on tickets to UNC football games and Smith Center events would only hurt the University and the community, UNC administrators said Thursday.

"I don't see any reason to do that," said Ben Tuchi, UNC vice chancellor for business and finance. "We're not users of county services."

The proposal, which came before the Orange County Commissioners' budget hearing Wednesday, called for a \$1 tax on tickets as an alternative to

higher property taxes.

Roland Giduz of 325 Tenney Circle, the resident who sponsored the proposal, cited three reasons for the tax:

- payment would be voluntary, restricted to only those who choose to buy tickets;

- the tax would be on an optional luxury, not on a necessity of life; and

- the tax would be paid mostly by non-residents who "in most cases would scarcely realize they were paying a tax, nor care about it if they did realize it."

Commissioner Stephen Halkiotis spoke in support of the tax and urged

other commissioners to consider it. The tax could generate more than \$700,000, he said.

On Thursday, Giduz would not comment further than his written proposal. Halkiotis could not be reached for comment.

Tuchi said UNC would only raise ticket prices to pay for services bought or increased performance costs.

The tax would not make economic sense, he said. "People bringing in money from the outside are generating

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Study in silhouette

Streaks of sunlight peek through the stacks on the fourth floor of Davis Library Thursday after-

noon as a solitary student strolls off into the sunset.

DTH/Jodi Anderson

Damage prompts Student Union to tighten security

By MYRON B. PITTS

Staff Writer

The Student Union has taken additional security measures due to property damage probably done after Union hours, said Archie Copeland, director of the Student Union.

On the second floor there is a darkened spot caused by a burn near one exit sign, and several other exit signs have been stolen, Copeland said. He added that someone had also been tearing off golf balls in the building.

"There's been a lot of damage."

The Union's fire doors, which had been left unlocked all day, are now locked, and a door giving access to the Union annex has a combination lock that is in effect after Union hours.

The fire doors were locked so people would not have 24-hour access to the building, Copeland said.

A door on the Fetzer Gymnasium side of the Union, which allows employees of the campus radio station WXYC and Student Television (STV) access to their respective offices, has a five-digit combination lock.

Posted on both sides of this door are signs that encourage WXYC and STV staff members to avoid propping the door open when the lock is in use. The sign states that WXYC or STV personnel who wish to gain entrance to the building should call their co-workers already inside and have them open the door for them.

However, the combination to the lock is now being circulated among employees of the two stations.

Both members of WXYC and STV said the new system had presented a

minor inconvenience.

"Because we are in the media wing, the door has generally been propped open to the XYC," said Tena Williamson, STV station manager.

The locking of the outside door was at first a problem for STV personnel, because some of them who did not have the combination could not get in, she said.

"That's because I didn't get the combination out to everyone who needed it."

The new measure did prevent "just

anyone" from walking in, although the only rooms an unauthorized person would have access to would be empty rooms 224 and 226 and the restrooms, Williamson said.

WXYC disc jockey Bill Williams said it could be a hassle for radio deejays to go down and open the door for fellow workers. The problem is worse for the late night and early morning shifts, he added.

"Basically, the door stays locked 24 hours a day. When I did the 2 (a.m.) to 6 (a.m.) shift it was really a pain. When

you work with the station, you've got five things going on at one time."

Sometimes when he is on duty, another WXYC employee will call from home to tell him to either prop the door or wait there for the person, Williams said.

Dana Lumsden, minority affairs director for student government, whose offices are on the second floor of the Union, said, "It's a tragedy at best. Carolina's losing access to a very

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Harassment incidents at N.C. State target minority students

By KYLE YORK SPENCER

Staff Writer

Racial incidents at N.C. State University have caused fear and anger among its black community and alarm among the administration.

The disturbing incidents were publicized last week at an NCSU faculty senate meeting when Student Body President Brian Nixon, who is black, announced that he had been harassed with several phone calls and anonymous notes containing racial slurs and insults. Some of the harassment included death threats.

Nixon said he had begun receiving phone calls after his election as student body president last spring. The calls stopped over the summer but picked up again when student phone directories were distributed, he said.

The calls coincided with an announcement he made involving Virginia Beach, Va., riots early in the semester. A riot erupted there when police confronted and arrested several black college students in town for the weekend.

"I had said I was concerned, and wanted to go there to negotiate," Nixon

said. At last Wednesday's meeting Nixon also reported two other incidents of harassment involving black students, which were examples that "the situation on campus was at best tense, particularly for members of the Afro-American community."

Nixon did not report the events to officials until the meeting and never informed NCSU campus police, said campus police Lt. Teresa Crocker.

"(The campus police) contacted Nixon because of a Wednesday article in The News and Observer to further

investigate," Crocker said.

Another unreported incident involved a young black woman who supposedly was chased by a group of white males as she walked at dusk from Dabney Hall toward NCSU's Stewart Theatre for a play rehearsal. The white males yelled sexual innuendos and racial slurs at the woman, according to Nixon.

The only reported incident occurred on Nov. 1. Pledges from Phi Beta Sigma, a black fraternity, reported that a group of white males had thrown stones at them and screamed racial obscenities

as they walked along the railroad tracks on campus.

"At first they thought that stuff was falling from the trees, and then they realized that people were throwing stones at them," Nixon said.

The incident, according to Crocker, was anti-Greek rather than racial. She saw the harassment as a response to the ritualistic marches and uniforms that characterize the pledges of many black fraternities.

"They march and chant everywhere they go, and they get teased for it." The general feeling is that the inci-

dent was racially motivated, said Travis Rouse, president of Phi Beta Sigma.

Rouse said the pledge process involved a tremendous amount of unity and interdependence but was misunderstood by much of the campus. Furthermore, he said, "It does not merit racial harassment."

Rouse expressed anger and dismay at the incidents, saying the black community could not walk around campus in constant fear of being assaulted.

Nixon expressed similar concerns.

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Discussion outlines strategy for ending racism on campus

By DIONNE LOY

Staff Writer

Black members of the University community must plunge into a "new era" in the battle against racism in order to erase the problem, participants in a program in the Black Cultural Center said Thursday night.

The program, titled "Racism: Does the Bigotry Continue?" was sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta sorority as part of Human Rights Week '89. The sorority sponsored a discussion on the role of black males earlier this week.

Sonja Stone, associate professor of Afro-American Studies at UNC, led the program, which began with a video called "Black by Popular Demand."

The video included interviews with several students and faculty members at Iowa State University. Students in the video defined "Black by Popular Demand" as a statement of the pride of black heritage. They said racism was alive, and they related several examples of its presence on their college campus.

The students listed unwilling academic advisers, an academically depressive environment, the limited presence of blacks in leadership positions

Human Rights Week '89

Stone continued with a story about Richard Epps, the first black student body president, who almost left school his first day on campus. She finished

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DTH/Tracey Langhorne

Sonja Stone (center) leads a discussion on racism in the Black Cultural Center Thursday night

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I am in control here. — Alexander Haig