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## Lithuania stands firm in independence decision

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. - Dozens of newly arrived Soviet military vehicles lumbered through Lithuania's capital Sunday, but defiant republic leaders resisted the increased pressure to renounce their independence declaration.

The Lithuanian parliament's Presidium met to consider its next moves, and Deputy Prime Minister Kazimieras Motieka told reporters the government "remains ready to negotiate and discuss any questions with the Soviet Union except that of independence." The last Western correspondents were ousted from the Baltic republic Sunday night on orders of the Soviet government, leading some Lithuanians to express fears of an impending crackdown by the Soviet military.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev urged the rebellicus republic in an appeal Saturday night to renounce its March 11 declaration of independence and enter into talks with the Kremlin on the basis of the Soviet Constitution. He warned that a refusal may result in "grave consequences" for all of us.

#### London tax protest turns into destructive riot

LONDON - Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on Sunday blamed extremist groups for turning a carnivallike tax protest into one of London's worst riots this century.

The new local tax went into effect Sunday in England and Wales despite Saturday's protest by 40,000 people in Trafalgar Square, which went amok when militants smashed windows, torched cars and battled police. Hundreds of people were injured.

The so-called community charge replaces a property tax with a levy on each adult and increases the amount many pay by up to a third. Critics said it was unfair because Britain's richest man, the Duke of Westminster, pays the same rate as his gardener.

### Israeli leader plans new Jewish settlements

JERUSALEM — Caretaker Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has set in motion plans to quickly start five more Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, an aide said Sunday.

The action is bound to fuel tensions with the United States, whose leaders have renewed warnings that the settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip are an obstacle to peace.

## Zimbabwe president endorses one-party rule

HARARE, Zimbabwe - President Robert Mugabe vowed Sunday to push ahead with plans for one-party rule after election results gave his party all but three of parliament's 150 seats.

"It is a mandate for all our policies, including a one-party state," he said.

He indicated his party would not immediately outlaw opposition parties or bar the three opposition legislators from taking their seats.

A sweeping victory for Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union had been expected in this nation of 9.2 million people. However, the election results and poor turnout indicated dis-

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# Hildebolt charged World with code violation

By NANCY WYKLE

**University Editor** Student Body President-elect Bill Hildebolt could be removed from office if he is placed on probation as a result of a pending Undergraduate Student Court hearing, several sources said Sunday. The hearing involves possible honor code violations stem-

ming from an election incident. The case was filed with the Undergraduate Student Court in late February, according to a source who requested anonymity because of his proximity to the honor court process. Hildebolt is being brought up on charges of damage or destruction to personal property because he removed chalked campaign signs for candidate John Lomax from the sidewalk outside the Undergradu-

If Hildebolt is found guilty of the charges, he would be placed on probation and removed from office. The student body vice president would as-

selection of this year's vice president may not be completed for several days. Candidates applying for vice president will be screened through a search committee that submits three names to the student body president. The SBP will then submit a choice to be approved by Student Congress.

On the conditions that a vice president has not been selected and Hildebolt is removed from office, whomever the new Student Congress elects speaker pro tempore on Wednesday would become student body president.

Although Hildebolt has been aware of the investigation since a few days after the original election, he said that for a while he thought the case had been dropped. The Undergraduate Student Court told him before Spring Break that he would be notified within a few days, he said. He was not notified until March 26, the day before the runoff.

Although the Student Supreme Court ruled that chalk did not constitute a

reinstate the runoff election between Hildebolt and Mark Bibbs, it did not make any statement as to whether the signs should be considered personal property.

The case was neither confirmed nor denied by Philip Floyd, former assistant attorney general. Anyone connected with the judicial branch of student government is not allowed to talk about cases, he said. Even after cases have been decided, members cannot release the facts involved.

Floyd added that defendants or others outside of the judicial system were free to release information about cases.

Hildebolt said he has had difficulty deciding whether to inform the student body or to keep the information confidential to prevent the outcome of the case from being affected. Information about cases that is released to the media can affect their outcomes, he said.

> "I don't want to feel like I'm sup-See COURT, page 7

# sume his responsibilities. However, campaign material in its decision to Committee formed to aid Cell on student concerns

By ELIZABETH BYRD

Following the fall 1989 controversy over Gillian Cell's reappointment as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, an advisory committee has been formed to aid Cell in matters pertaining to minority students, as well as to the general student body.

Protest over Cell's reappointment centered around students' concerns about her past decisions on minority affairs. Specific issues included questions about her accessibility to minor-

ity students, her commitment to hiring and retaining black faculty and her commitment to the African-American Studies curriculum.

The advisory committee was established by Dana Lumsden, director of Minority and Women's Affairs for student government, and Ann Ards, a member of the National Collegiate Black Caucus and a leader in last semester's protest against Cell's reappointment. Representatives from other campus organizations will also serve on the committee.

"The purpose of the committee is to advise the dean on matters of curriculum, faculty presence and recruitment and retainment of minority students,"

Committee members will serve as liaisons between the University community and the College of Arts and Sciences, advising the dean on how best to serve the students, Ards said. "We expect to see visible efforts and tangible results from the dean, not just

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## A face only a mother could love

Todd Layden takes second place in the Theta Chi Ugly Man Contest, which benefits the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, Sunday night inGreat Hall.

# Lecture probes feminism, women's issues in society

By LEE WEEKS

Feminism has helped provoke critical examination of problems women encounter in society, including aspects of the workplace and religion, Rebecca Chopp, associate professor of theology

at Emory University, said Friday. About 45 people attended Chopp's lecture in Gerrard Hall. Her lecture "Ethics and Feminism: Critique and Transformation" was the ninth in a series of 12 forums focusing on ethics. The series is sponsored by the 1990 Carolina Symposium.

The presence of women in the work force has significantly changed society's perception of the economic and family roles of women. Before 1960, only poor, lower-class women were working outside the home, Chopp said. Today 74 percent to 86 percent of women with children are working outside the home, she said.

"The factor of women working across racial and economic and class lines today is a tremendous impact on the American ethos (ethics)," Chopp said.

As more women have entered the work force, magazines catering to women have changed their focus to meet the needs of the "superwoman," Chopp said. A radical change in the magazines has contributed to new roles and images adopted by women.

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"These magazines are how women are trying to figure out, in a common world in which we live, how to live their lives, how to deal with the traditional patterns assigned to them in terms of taking care of homes," she said.

Women in the work force are now redefining marital and family roles. No longer are men the sole breadwinners. Women are now making as much money as men. Power roles in the family and marriage contracts have undergone substantial modifications because women are working outside the home, Chopp said.

Many feminist theologians blame Christianity for limiting women to the marginal development of society. Scriptures asserting men's hierarchy over women have been used to rationalize men's physical abuse of women, she

"The values of what it is to be a man and the values of what it is to be a woman are not only divided, but they are related through a kind of hierarchy where man is seen as closer to God."

Chopp said she had seen firsthand the abusive attitudes of men toward women in the name of religion. "In-

deed, working in women's shelters in Atlanta has convinced me that one of the most common characteristics of abused women in our culture is that they exist in places and spaces in families where words of scripture are often cited to allow the husband or the boyfriend or abuser the right to perform abusive acts," she said.

Feminism emphasizes changing attitudes with the times and moving forward, Chopp said. "We're in one of those times of great change in our culture that the ethos, the values, the turns, the stories we live our lives by are rapidly changing," she said. "We can't go back, I think, to the ethos, to the values and narratives that we lived in the 1950s and 1960s."

The origin of the feminist movement dates back to the abolition of slavery, when women became concerned about their individual rights. The feminist movement exploded into action again in the 1960s, focusing on issues involving civil rights, birth control and working women, Chopp said.

Deep divisions formed over questions of differences between men and

"Men get to establish one set of values and women represent another set of values," Chopp said, "I think it's that deep divide that has been the biggest problem for feminism to overcome."

# Smith announces resignation from Elections Board post An intriguing courtroom drama you're

By STEPHEN POOLE

Rebecca Chopp speaks about ethics in feminism Friday night

David Smith, who has served as Elections Board chairman for the past year, resigned Friday, citing academic reasons.

Smith's resignation went into effect at 2 p.m. Friday after his announcement March 26 in letters to Student Body President (SBP) Brien Lewis and Student Congress Speaker Gene Davis.

Smith, a senior, said the only reason he resigned was that he had fallen behind on a paper for an independent study project as well as other course work.

"I have academic work I must catch up on," he said. "Professors of my classes don't know who I am." Smith's resignation came about two

weeks before the selection process for which has until the end of the spring a new Elections Board chairman and vice chairman.

DTH/Kathy Michel

"People are going to ask why I'm quitting with two weeks left," he said. "Basically because I've got to get this paper done."

Elizabeth Wheless, Elections Board vice chairwoman, took over the board's leadership position Friday and will serve as interim chairwoman as required by the student government code.

In two weeks, student government will make applications available for the positions of board chairman and vice chairman.

SBP-elect Bill Hildebolt will select an applicant for each office and submit them for approval to Student Congress,

semester to approve the appointments, Smith said.

Wheless and Mary Jo Harris, another board member, said they thought Smith had served well, but were not completely surprised by his resigna-

"He did a very good job this year," Harris said. "We had talked about it (his resignation), but I thought he would stay until a (new) chair and vice chair were picked.

"His resignation has not hindered any of the election process. After validation (Friday), his job is technically over," he said.

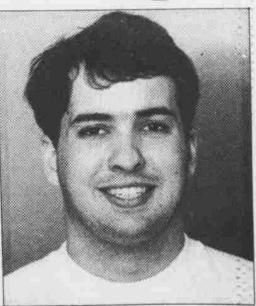
Wheless said, "He had done a great job. I knew he was ready for a break."

Harris also said she was pleased with Smith's work with the academic computing service and the improvements in the ballot system. "Regardless of the problems we had with the new ballot, it's much more efficient."

In the near future, the Elections Board will have to revise the ballot system and the student government code as well as make preparations for the special Student Congress elections in the fall, Harris said.

Wheless added that the board would examine the election laws and specifically the board's role in this month's SBP election. "We feel the election board has no power and we have to

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**David Smith** 

One never knows, does one? — Fats Waller