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Sending the wrong message Hardin must act on rhetoric

The position of chancellor entails being a leader of a university and responding to the needs of the students. But in the past week, Chancellor Hardin has shown little concern for students on this campus. Not only did he show a lack of respect for individuals' rights by supporting (although with a few reservations) the mandatory drug testing proposal, he also demonstrated it Wednesday with his casual attitude toward the concerns of the Carolina Indian Circle.

Last year, the CIC asked for Hardin's help with the finding of eligible Native Americans for faculty positions. Upon receiving this request, Hardin assigned Donald Boulton, dean of Student Affairs, and Harold Wallace, vice chancellor for University Affairs, to handle the situation. By simply "passing the buck" to Boulton and Wallace, Hardin displayed a lackadaisical attitude concerning minority issues.

A caring chancellor, one who "pays attention and responds to the needs of the students," does not cast aside the grievances of students, especially those who are concerned about minority issues. A caring chancellor does not let a year pass without informing the group about the progress he has or hasn't made. A caring chancellor does not fail to personally organize a task force designed to investigate possibilities for Native American faculty members, especially after promising to do so. Apparently, Chancellor Hardin does not care.

Although he and his administrators claim to be "intensely committed to creating a diverse faculty and student body," Hardin's failure to take action speaks louder than words. Surely, Hardin does not believe that students will let this issue dissipate. As long as he has the resources to do something about the situation, students will expect him to use those resources.

Like it or not, Hardin's actions reflect on all of UNC. He represents the people

who make up this University, and he seems oblivious to Native Americans and minorities in general. UNC has been trying to shake the image of being a racist community, but Hardin's conduct has done just the opposite. All too often, Hardin and the administration equate minority issues with black issues simply because blacks make up the majority of the minority. Sooner or later, they will not only realize that minority issues concern all non-whites, but they will also discover that these students demand action.

Wednesday, CIC members and other students who were committed to placing a Native American faculty member at UNC rallied at South Building to meet with Chancellor Hardin. Hardin expressed concern about the issue by thanking the group for its interest in "diversifying and uniting" UNC. He mentioned that the CIC's list of probable Native American candidates will help develop his "task force." However, he refused to set a deadline because he does not want to rush the process of hiring faculty members. Hardin's meek words do not assure that anything will be done. They are simply the same words of a year ago, rearranged and unreliable.

No one needs to retell the suffering of Native Americans in the United States. Supposedly UNC has done its best to respond to the needs of Native American students, but when one looks at other schools that have successful Native American faculty recruitment programs, is UNC doing the best it can? It is true that actions speak louder than words. Ironically, the words of Dana Lumsden, director of Minority and Women's Affairs, were louder than any of Hardin's actions: "If Chancellor Hardin really wanted a Native American faculty member, he would have got one a long time ago." — **Tim Little**

Burying the issues

D.C. mayor must start road to recovery

The painful saga of Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry, continued this week when the 400 people attending a meeting of black mayors gave Barry a standing ovation. Conquering a drug addiction is a difficult struggle that deserves sympathy and support, but not when it is used merely as a tool for personal gain, especially when Barry's city is the foremost front in the national drug "war."

Barry was snagged on videotape in a sting operation at a hotel in Washington earlier this year after several long years of suspicions and close calls. Despite his earlier protests to the contrary, he finally admitted that he had an alcohol problem — failing to address his cocaine use — and checked himself into a clinic in Florida. Barry's sincerity was severely questioned, however, when he refused to resign his position as mayor despite questions about his ethics and his ability to serve. It appears as if he entered the clinic only so he could retain his office.

Drug addiction is a life-threatening disease, and there is little doubt that Barry is, as he claims to be, one of its victims. The first step on the long road to recovery from drug addiction is admitting that you have a problem and realizing that your addiction could potentially destroy your life. But it is difficult to believe Barry has taken this first step. He has failed to realize the human impossibility of trying to fight both his own personal battle and the battle for his city's streets at the same time; because he has attempted to fight both battle fronts, it

is difficult to believe that he has actually admitted his addiction or is working to recover.

Many city residents still support Barry, claiming that the FBI was "out to get him" because he is black. Certainly he has done a great deal for the people of Washington; many believe that because he is a black mayor in a city that is over 75 percent black, then he alone can speak for the black population. Perhaps this is why the black mayors showed such strong support for him. But the city will elect a new mayor in the fall, a mayor who will be black, and this person should be given the same opportunity to emerge as a voice for their concerns.

Perhaps the greatest victims in this war are all the residents of the city who invariably find themselves caught in the proverbial crossfire. Both national and local politicians and drug lords are using Washington as their battleground in a struggle for power. It is time that everyone, in the city and in the nation as a whole, realize that Marion Barry should not be held up as an example of a black man who has failed and that he is not being "persecuted" because he is black. He is simply a human being who has a very serious illness, like so many others in this country; he does not and should not reflect poorly on the African-American population as a whole. It is time that Barry, his fellow politicians and city residents all realized this and helped him to resign so both can begin their recovery. — **Kimberly Edens**

Editorial Policy

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The Daily Tar Heel has three regular staff columnists who write once a week. Their opinions also do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the board.



Not even your mother can protect you

Last Wednesday night around 7:30, I walked from my dorm, Cobb, to Davis Library to study. I thought nothing of it, because I usually study in Davis from 7:30 to 10-something on weeknights. I was glad about daylight savings time, because it was still light outside when I left home, instead of the darkness that I was used to.

About three hours later (10:30 for those of you who can't add), I walked back home to Cobb and again thought nothing of it. Yes, it was dark but hey, nobody'll bother me, and I had some tear gas on my key chain. I was pretty unstoppable, right? Wrong. Luckily, I made it back to Cobb without any problems, not thinking about the implications if I hadn't.

Just two and a half hours later, a 32-year old man, who wasn't affiliated with the University in any way, had been arrested for assault, attempted rape and indecent exposure, all of which took place in my dorm. Where I live. In fact, the bathroom where the assault took place was right next to the room I lived in last year. Reality set in, and hard. To put it mildly, it shocked the daylight out of me. I had just been outside walking where this man allegedly had been exposing himself to people. What if I had been outside at that time? What if it had been me? Your mind can torture you with those "what ifs."

Ever since setting foot on this campus, people have told you to avoid walking alone at night as much as possible. Walk in pairs or get the S.A.F.E. escort service to walk with you if you must walk at night. If push comes to a shove, call the police to take you. Never walk alone. Anything could happen. Example: Two girls



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Strictly Business

were abducted from Morehead Planetarium parking lot August 24, 1985, just 5 years ago. One was released, but Sharon Lynn Stewart, a graduate student, wasn't. She was found dead in Guilford County, after having been raped.

After you hear the horror stories, you're afraid for perhaps two months. Nothing's happened to you or anyone you know, so you throw all caution to the wind after that. To a point.

Since I frequent Davis at night, my mother insisted that I get some mace to carry on my person. So I got a key chain of tear-gas, which the salesperson told me would do the same thing as mace. I was invincible. Or so I thought.

A friend of mine saw this funny-shaped thing hanging on my key chain and asked me what it was. I told him it was tear gas. He asked me why I would have something like that, and I told him to protect myself when I walk around on campus alone. Boy, did he get a kick out of that! Next thing I know, I'm getting flipped around in the air and landing on the hard floor in a fake assault, and he's standing over me with his foot on my stomach, saying, "What are you going to do now? Is that tear gas really going to help you now?" In this situation, I was helpless. He proved

that if anyone wanted to attack me, they could. And would. It is important to note here that he is a black belt in karate, but he still did a good job of proving his point. He was also nice enough to help me off the floor (that mess hurt!) and show me some self-defense techniques. Not everyone's that nice, though.

There have been times when I have walked back home from Davis at night, and the bushes in front of Alexander dorm have frightened me. And the practice tennis courts in front of Cobb throw some mean shadows when the regular tennis courts aren't lit. I make it home okay, so I figure it's not a real problem. And again the next night, after Jeopardy!, I strutted out to Davis as usual.

We are all guilty of not being as safe as we could be, whether it's walking alone at night or opening our dorm or apartment doors to strangers. PLEASE be careful!! Your safety is very important, and you shouldn't take it for granted just because nothing has happened to you or anyone you know. Watch what you're doing and who you're doing it with, especially if you are female. We are all susceptible to crime. There's definitely not an anti-crime shield around Chapel Hill just because we students are here.

I've vowed that I'm not going to walk alone at night; matter of fact, I study during the day now to avoid going to Davis after dark. I'm not going to be a statistic, and I don't want any of you to be one either.

Your mother has spoken.

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READERS' FORUM

Upperclassmen face bad odds in lottery

To the editors:
I would like to express my concern regarding a policy of the University Housing Department, which I believe to be unfair: the North Campus housing lottery.

At the present time, three drawings take place. One of these is a preliminary drawing in which both North and South Campus students wishing to change halls compete for approximately 200 North Campus spaces. Unsuccessful South Campus students may then either cancel their contract, accept their South Campus guarantee or participate in the waiting list drawing for North Campus.

North Campus students who are unsuccessful in the preliminary drawing have an additional option: the North Campus hall drawing, which is conducted for those North Campus students who wish to remain in their current hall. Thus, North Campus students receive two chances to live in North Campus residence halls, while South Campus students receive only one.

It is not fair that South Campus rising juniors and seniors should have a disadvantage when compared to North Campus upperclassmen since there is no upperclassmen guarantee for North Campus housing. The Department of University Housing needs to modify its lottery policy in such a way that all students, whether living on North or South Campus, are given an equal chance for North Campus housing.

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Grad students need access to parking lot

To the editors:
Parking in Chapel Hill is a hellish mess. We all know it, and we work with it as best we can.

However, protest is in order when the situation is needlessly made worse.

Recently, the parking lot between Bynum and Caldwell was closed off from 5 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. to anyone without some sort of valid UNC permit. Early this evening, I walked through this lot, which was guarded by not one, not two, but four orange-clad parking Nazis. The lot was perhaps one-sixth full, if that. And I thought to myself, "What a waste!"

Keeping this lot sacred 24 hours a day is a hardship to many students, but I write particularly on behalf of the legions of graduate students who inhabit offices in the buildings surrounding this lot (Caldwell, Manning, Hamilton and Saunders). We need access to our offices and libraries to work at night, and many of us have teaching or research responsibilities in the evenings. Not only are we grossly underpaid, but we are denied access to this nearly-vacant parking lot at the doors of our buildings.

Many grad students have no parking permits; we walk, bike or ride the bus in the daytime. Safety and bus schedules dictate that we do not do these things late at night.

I hope that student government will live up to its claims to serve the entire student body, including grad students, by doing something tangible: put pressure on somebody to reopen this lot after 5 p.m.

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Library checks out students' support

To the editors:
I want to express publicly the appreciation of all us involved in maintaining the quality of the library to those students who recently conceived and implemented Library Awareness Week. Indeed, the participation of the entire community, from faculty readers to the students who gave their

valuable time and effort to support the library, is something of which we can all be proud. I know of no other university in the country where students' initiative has produced a demonstration of concern for the institutional library. It is difficult to believe that it could go unheeded by those who can do something about the situation, but whatever the outcome, all members of the University should feel both proud and indebted. Thank you.

JAMES F. GOVAN
University Librarian

Condition of services in healthy state

Editor's note: Although the article discussed in this letter ran in February, the DTH feels Student Health Services has a right to respond due to the seriousness of the matter.

To the editors:
We write this letter in response to the DTH article, "Rape victim seeks positive change from trauma." (Feb. 22) We are quite concerned about some misinformation included in the article and hope the following will help with clarification. We applaud the much-needed publicity in the Tar Heel and through other campus and community-wide efforts to educate women and men about violence and sexual coercion, as well as date/acquaintance and stranger rape. It is essential that accurate information concerning campus resources be provided.

Members of the Student Psychological Services have always been, and continue to be, available to assist victims immediately after any sexual assault. We are also available to help with the emotional consequences of the incident as they surface, perhaps weeks, months, or even years after the event.

Student Psychological Services is staffed by competent and caring professionals. Each day, two staff members are available to see stu-

dents whose situations need immediate attention. After 5 p.m. and on weekends/holidays, therapists are available at any time to see students on an emergency basis. No student who is in need of service will be turned away at any time. Student Psychological Services is also represented on the UNC-CH Rape Awareness Committee and the Rape Response Task Force.

Again, our primary concern is that misinformation concerning our services might dissuade other students from seeking the help they need. We are always open to feedback and welcome any suggestions on how to improve our services. The aforementioned article served the purpose of again reminding us of the importance of extensively and accurately publicizing the availability and range of services provided by Student Psychological Services.

Clinical Staff
Student Psychological Services

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