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Student arrested for assault

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Freshman Kelly Vines was arrested Dec. 2 after assaulting sophomore Patrick Irons with a chair on Nov. 22. Vines, who had dated Irons a month before, assaulted her in her dorm room following her request to discontinue further contact with him, according to the investigation report obtained from UNCA public safety.

Vines shoved the chair at Irons and struck her in the legs, said the report. Vines "got very angry," said Irons. "The chair left bruises on my legs."

Irons reported the incident to public safety, and a warrant for assault on a female was issued for Vines' arrest. Vines voluntarily turned himself in

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Oh Tannenbaum



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The Holiday Cultural Showcase was held Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Highsmith University Center to celebrate the coming holiday season, and for students, the approaching break.

Search firm hired to find chancellor

By Shaun Cashman
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The UNCA Chancellor Search Committee voted Nov. 23 to hire A.T. Kearney, an executive search firm, to help find the new chancellor. UNCA will use state-allocated funds to pay the search company's fee of \$50,000 plus travel and other expenses. "I was originally not in favor of hiring a search firm," said Gregg Kormanik, professor of biology, chairman of the faculty senate, and member of the search committee. "But, after more consideration, I thought the firm would be beneficial."

"My biggest concern is the cost," said Alphonso Donaldson, senior literature major, president of SGA and the only student representative on the search committee. "But because of class conflicts, I have not been able to voice that because I have not been able to get to all of the meetings."

On Nov. 17, the committee discussed the pros and cons of hiring an outside firm. The major concern was the cost, said the minutes of that meeting found on the search committee's Internet home page.

"Initially, the sentiment was we shouldn't hire a search firm," said Donaldson. "That would mean doing the whole thing ourselves," said Kormanik. "We chose [a firm that] had experience with high-level institutions."

The committee reviewed seven national search firms that specialize in higher education and interviewed two of the firms before making a selection.

"It's probably a good thing. We should measure all our options and find the best person available," said Justin

Donaldson, a freshman biology major.

The search firm will aid in finding three or four applicants for the committee to choose from. The committee's recommendation will be sent to UNC system president Molly Broad for acceptance.

"A.T. Kearney has an extensive network in higher education and the ability to actively recruit excellent candidates who, in all probability, would not otherwise consider leaving their current institutions," said Robert Cranford, search committee chair, on the committee's Internet home page.

"We have hired a firm like this in the past for some previous chancellors," said Kormanik. "They can bring the necessary experience to aid in establishing and finding applicants."

"It will be worth it if we can get (a chancellor) who will stay more than a couple of years and not bail out on us," said Jon Byington, junior literature major.

This month, the committee also plans to place ads in three national higher education trade publications including "The Chronicle of Higher Education" and "Black Issues in Higher Education."

The ad describes UNCA and asks for a candidate with "a scholarly background, experience in higher education administration, deep commitment to the liberal arts and the ability to articulate the liberal arts mission."

The ad is an updated version of the ad which ran during the previous chancellor search.

The committee will have a meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 17 in the Highsmith University Center.

Chancellor Patsy Reed will be retiring after the spring 1999 semester.

Committee says no to outsourcing

By Samantha Hartmann
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The UNCA Outsource Steering Committee determined Monday that certain university support services should not be outsourced.

"That recommendation will be given to the chancellor," said Gene Rainey, professor of political science and member of the University Outsource Steering Committee. "The decision was unanimous not to outsource the bookstore and public safety."

When a university outsources certain operations, an outside company is contracted to provide services.

According to Mike Small,

bookstore manager and a co-chair of the committee, the study began in 1996 as a legislative mandate by the General Assembly to study the outsourcing of various support jobs within the university.

"All 16 UNC state schools were asked to study the feasibility of outsourcing different functions at the university," said Small. "They did not tell us how to set up the study specifically for UNCA."

"The only thing they said was to 'do the study in three years and report back to us. I think the way it was stated was they were looking to save the state money and be more efficient," said Small. "We were not singled out. It was kind of the rage."

Stephen Baxley, director of facilities management, said the committee, in concurrence with Chancellor Patsy Reed, has not recommended that any positions at UNCA be eliminated by outsourcing their activity.

"We have several activities we are trying to close the books on as far as the outsource issue is concerned," said Baxley. "The bookstore is one, office supplies, public safety, and the rest of the physical plant operations" are the others.

As the committee wraps up its third and final year of the study in July, Small said it is not likely any university support services will be outsourced.

"It can be a negative people issue," said Small. "Even

though we did not outsource the custodial function, we still had an impact on the people because we put them on the night shift. We pride ourselves in knowing one another. Especially with UNCA being a smaller institution."

Four third-shift, 10:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., vacancies were listed in a November issue of UNCA's "Monday Morning," published by the Public Information Office.

According to Sandra Booth, administrative manager for facilities management, the openings were a matter of circumstance.

"One person we had to fire, two were on disability, and one guy got a better job," said Booth. "We just got unlucky. We have spells like that."

Booth said she was amazed at how few people they actually lost in housekeeping after the new policy took effect last June.

"We did not have much turnover until later in the process," said Booth. "We've had spells like this before, where everything that can go wrong, does go wrong."

According to Small, outsourcing for public safety was not an option.

"They were given special authority (by the Board of Governors) to hold certain types of investigation that public safety officers at universities were not normally authorized to do," said

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Seasonal Rhythms



PHOTO BY TRAVIS BARKER

Students performed in the Student Jazz Ensemble on Dec. 1 in Lipinsky Auditorium.

Fee increases part of wish list

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Proposals for a 4.5 percent increase in student fees will go before the Fee Review Committee Friday at 3 p.m. in the Owen Conference Center.

Each year, the campus organizations that receive funding from student fees present a "wish list" to the Fee Review Committee, said Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs.

This year's "wish list," which would affect student fees in the Fall 1999 semester, include a \$15 per year increase for parking, a \$14.50 increase for student center operations, and a \$6 increase for athletics. A \$3 increase was requested for the educational and technology fee. Health services and recreation each requested \$2 in increases, and campus commission is requesting an additional \$1. The total dollar amount of the proposed increase is approximately \$50.

The Student Government Association passed a resolution calling for a moratorium on student fees for next year. However, the resolution is not binding upon the administration.

The \$15 increase in parking fees "would be devoted to increased parking spaces," said Arthur Foley, vice chancellor for financial affairs. UNCA's Master Plan calls for future parking areas to be built as parking decks, as opposed to lots. Parking decks require less cutting of the woods and hills on campus, but cost up to 10 times as much as parking lots, said Iovacchini.

Two members of SGA, Doug Jones, senior senator, and Steven Crisp, residential senator, are on the committee, and both have reservations about the increase in parking fees projected for next year.

The new parking facility makes "institutional sense," said Jones. "Eventually, we will need another parking deck. It's just a matter of whether or not students who are currently here are willing to subsidize a parking deck that will not be completed" while they are here.

"Another reason I am a little reticent towards this increase is because they don't have any projection for what parking is going to be like after the current construction is finished" on West Ridge Residence Hall, said Jones.

Crisp said that "more study" of the parking situation was needed before another construction project begins.

"I think we'll be out of the woods in terms of parking crises that we've had this year," said SGA President Alphonso Donaldson.

Student fee increases will also pay for a personal security pager system for students. The money for the system would come from student fees for parking and safety, said Foley.

"The present calendar indicates the project would be advertised for proposals in spring semester 1999, and, if a proposal were accepted, installation would begin in summer 1999," said Foley.

Plans for this system go as far back as the fall 1996 semester ("Fiber optics just one of the many plans for UNCA," Dec. 5, 1996). The university has not received a satisfactory proposal for the system, said Iovacchini.

SGA recently passed a bill calling on the university to delay in making a final decision about the safety devices.

Jones said he feels the university should look into ways of making the campus safer that are "more practical and less expensive" than the pager system. An additional problem with the system is an annual "relicensing fee," said Jones.

There would "probably be some rental

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