

# Student Affairs Post Still Up For Grabs

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The 17-month search for a new vice chancellor for student affairs has no end in sight, several members of the search committee said Wednesday.

"There have been about three dozen applications," Chief of Staff Elson Floyd said. "The search committee is continuing to review the applications."

Despite the large number of applications already received, the search committee is still advertising nationally for candidates to fill the position, Floyd said.

Ramesh Krishnaraj, a search committee member and former president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, said the committee still wanted to expand the applicant pool.

"We are still in the process. We don't have a set timetable," Krishnaraj said.

Student Body President and ex officio search committee member Calvin Cunningham said Tuesday night he was not certain whether a new vice chancellor for student affairs would be appointed by the beginning of spring semester. In August, Cunningham had said a new vice chancellor should be selected by Jan. 1.

"I'm interested in doing some strategic planning with Student Affairs, which is only appropriate with a permanent person in the position," Cunningham said.

The delay in selecting a new vice chan-

cellor was necessary in order to select the best candidate for the job, Krishnaraj said.

"It would be unfair to the students," Krishnaraj said. "We would be doing a disservice for the students to select someone just to select them."

Krishnaraj also said the search for a new chancellor last spring had delayed the search for a person to head up Student Affairs. "The chancellor selection committee going on at the same time has been a factor," he said.

The committee feels no pressure to select a candidate by Jan. 1, said Stephen Birdsall, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and head of the search committee. "We have a good working relationship with Student Affairs and Vice Chancellor Wiggins," Birdsall said.

The committee has received input from Chancellor Michael Hooker while they have been conducting the search, Krishnaraj said.

"We did meet with Chancellor Hooker at the beginning of the (school) year," he said. "We should have someone that is going to come in and understand Student Affairs. They really need to listen to students."

Wiggins, who has been serving as interim vice chancellor for Student Affairs since June 1994, said in August that she had not ruled out applying for the position. She could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

## SCORES

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in the School of Education, suggested that the disparity in income between students in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools made it difficult to design a curriculum to teach all students effectively.

The gap between students from privileged backgrounds and those from poorer ones is significantly larger than in many other counties in North Carolina, White said. "I would hypothesize that (the lower achievement on tests) has a lot to do with the wide socioeconomic difference between students. It just turns out that most of the wealthy students are white, and most of the poor students are black."

Board of Education candidates also identified the gap between test scores as one caused by socioeconomic differences, not by race. Proficiency test scores are not separated by economic level in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools.

"I don't think it's just African-American test scores. It's income and class," Board of Education candidate Harvey Goldstein said.

"It's not a race thing," said Sara Salama Williams, a Board of Education candidate. "There are low-income white chil-

dren not performing well, as well."

### Tactics of the Past

Recent Board of Education members have been conscious of score disparities and have responded to the decade-old documentation of gaps in achievement between racial groups.

In 1992, the Board of Education appointed a Blue Ribbon Task Force charged with studying "the conditions surrounding the education of African-American students and recommending actions that could be taken to enhance the students' academic performance."

The Board of Education approved the task force's recommendations, focusing on seven goals to encourage the academic success of black students, in March 1993, and a plan of action to implement the suggestions in July 1993. The recommendations were partially implemented in the 1993-94 school year and completely implemented the next year.

The goals incorporate efforts to prepare black students "to become successful and contributing members of society." They include increasing the number of black students in academically gifted and honors classes, encouraging involvement of black parents in their children's education, mak-

ing use of successful programs that support black students and eliminating unsuccessful programs.

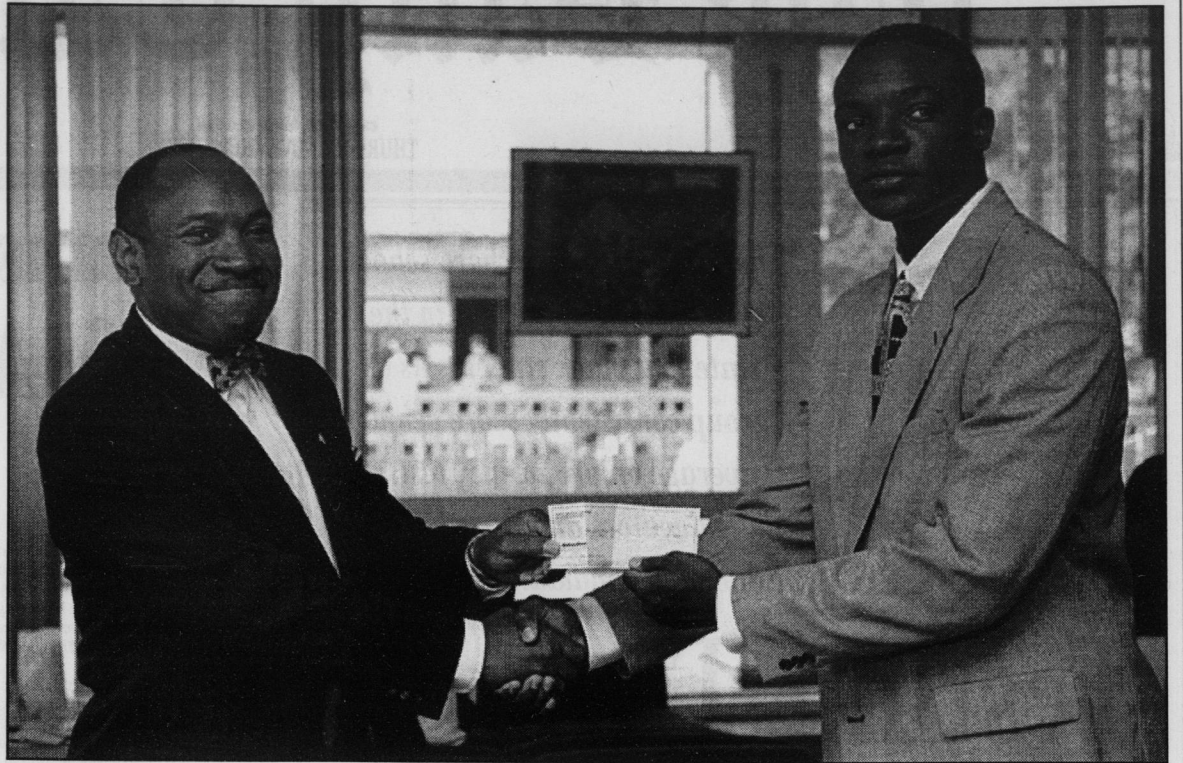
Bill Elstran, a Board of Education candidate, criticized the late formation of the task force and the delay in implementing its ideas. Once the committee was formed, school board officials failed to tell task force members the amount of funds that would be available to enact their recommendations, he said. "That's a very, very abusive way to use a committee. They went two years without funding it, and now all of a sudden it's an election year, and they've found the money."

Board of Education candidate Matthew Barton said the recommendations should be a foundation for future efforts. "The existing school board implemented a good process using the Blue Ribbon Task Force. Clearly no one is satisfied with that alone, and the system is moving forward."

The Blue Ribbon Task Force's recommendations have only been fully implemented for a year, and the overall effects are unclear. Test scores of black students have increased in some areas but decreased in others.

White said test scores could take several years to improve. "I do think it's not a quick fix," he said.

## For a Good Cause



Kwame Jackson (right), service chair of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., presents Fred X Hall with a check for the Durham Mosque on Friday at the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center. The fraternity donated the money to the mosque to further the work of the Million Man March.

# TEACCH Program Links Up With Israel

■ UNC's autism program announces the development of a new site in Tel Aviv.

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Since its establishment in 1972, the Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication-handicapped Children program in North Carolina has been offering diagnosis and beneficial treatment to autistic children and adults. Efforts are now being made to expand TEACCH to the international level.

In a landmark move, UNC's School of Medicine and Israel have announced plans to build a similar TEACCH center in Tel Aviv, Israel.

The idea for a center in Tel Aviv came about during Gov. Jim Hunt's recent visit to Israel. During his visit, Hunt met with professionals in different fields, including experts in autism and related developmental disorders.

According to Dr. Lee Marcus, clinical director of Chapel Hill's TEACCH program, the governor's initiative to promote relations between North Carolina and Israel allowed the professionals to pool ideas and establish a committee with Israel to establish a center.

Even before Hunt's trip, Marcus had been traveling to Israel to work with Israeli professionals in the autism field. This past June, Marcus worked with colleagues in Israel to develop programs for the North Carolina-Israel Autism Project.

The TEACCH program is a division of the UNC School of Medicine psychiatry department. TEACCH is the nation's oldest statewide program that offers services to autistic people.

Since its inception in 1972, TEACCH has set up offices in Chapel Hill, Asheville, Greensboro, Greenville, Wilmington and Charlotte.

According to Marcus, the centers perform a wide variety of services. They work in the diagnosis and evaluation of children with autism. They also work with families in teaching them activities that they can do

to better help their children.

The centers also give extensive consultation and training to teachers and psychologists in the community to allow them to better interact with autistic children. The center in Tel Aviv will perform many of the same functions that the centers in North Carolina perform.

According to Marcus, the center will be in a rental space for the next year and a half. After that time, the center will be housed in a medical center in Tel Aviv. The center will have playrooms, observation rooms, meeting rooms and adequate training sites with professionals from all over the country.

Dr. Eric Schopler, co-director of Chapel Hill's TEACCH program, believes Marcus' work was beneficial to the establishment of the Tel Aviv center.

"Things were basically chaotic over there in Israel. The center is a product of the long-term work of Dr. Lee Marcus. He was able to rally the government group to work for this autism center, and it will be one of their major crown jewels," Schopler said.

## HALLOWEEN

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container law kept anyone away; people came who wanted to be there," ALE district supervisor John Simmons said. "The crowd was very orderly and mindful of the new ordinance."

Students agreed that the ordinance did not inhibit the festive spirit of the night as some had anticipated it might.

"The alcohol ordinance didn't keep any-

one from having fun," UNC junior Harriet Moore said. "People just drink at home like they always do. As for cops, I didn't see a damn one."

While the new ordinance may not have scared many native trick-or-treaters away from Franklin Street, police officials commented that it probably reduced the numbers of outsiders coming for the event.

"It's not usually University students or other residents out to have a good Halloween that cause the problems," Butler said.

The Chapel Hill police made nine arrests in the course of the event. Two of the arrests were for violation of the open-container law, and the remaining seven were made in response to fighting and other instances of violence.

For some area residents the high police presence was a sign of increased focus on restricting alcohol consumption and events related to consumption.

For many, law enforcement officers and the strict prevention of alcohol consumption were not the scariest aspects of the Franklin Street gathering — some of the "characters" roaming the streets were.

"One guy came up to us at the money machine with a mask that had a huge nose, and he started picking his nose," Moore said. "That was the scariest!"

## ALE

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"On Halloween we see a lot of outsiders coming into Chapel Hill — of course they are not going to have memberships," Woodam said. "It's impossible for a bar to make any money with the laws as stringent as they are and enforcement so strict."

Employees of Spanky's on Franklin Street reported that they agreed with ALE's assessment of the event's success. "It was a great night," Spanky's manager Chuck Hodges said. "Whereas the crowd usually streams in and out mainly to parade their costumes, because of the rain people tended to find dry places and stick to them. We made excellent revenue, and I think bar business in general was higher this year."

## Campus Calendar

- THURSDAY**
- 4 p.m. AAUP is sponsoring a Fall Forum on faculty salaries in Wilson Library Assembly Room.
  - 7 p.m. UNC YOUNG DEMOCRATS will meet in the Union. Room will be announced, check Union desk.
  - UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES will sponsor a presentation by Wyethayer Research at the Carolina Inn.
  - 9-11:30 p.m. D.J. PARTY AT PLAYERS! will be held at Players. Cost is \$2 in the Pit or at the door.
  - ITEMS OF INTEREST
  - HILLEL will have an Interfaith Shabbat on Friday at 6:15 p.m. for those interested in experiencing a Jewish Sabbath service.
  - ELEANOR SMEAL will speak in Hanes Art Center at 8 p.m. on Friday on rape awareness.
  - CUAB RECREATION AND DIVERSIONS will hold a workshop on basic automotive repair in the Union Cafeteria on Monday from 4-5 p.m.
  - BSM EDUCATION COMMITTEE presents "hekima," a reading circle that will read and discuss such popular novels as "Waiting to Exhale" and "Makes Me Want to Holler" on Monday at 7 p.m. in the BCC.
  - TARHEEL VOICES, Carolina's co-ed a cappella group will have their Fall Annual concert on Saturday in Carroll Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets on sale in the Pit or at the door or call 962-THVI.
  - GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP will hold discussions related to coming out, relationships, health concerns and religion. Call Student Psychological Services at 966-3698 for more information.
  - CAMPUS Y will be hosting A Catalyst for Positive Social Change outreach during the month of November. The Y is looking for hosts and facilitators. For more information, call 962-2333.
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