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Faculty input questioned in search for dean Company presents land plans

BY MARVA HINTON
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A group of social science professors said Wednesday that they wanted the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to be someone who worked closely with faculty.

About 25 professors met with the search committee to give ideas about the characteristics they would like to see in the new dean.

Kaja Finkler, an anthropology professor, said the new dean needed to be someone who would listen to faculty members, not just department chairmen.

"Faculty voices need to be heard. Faculty need a really direct ear to the dean."

While representatives of the social sciences division got an opportunity to discuss their opinions about the search, Alan Feduccia, the chairman of the Natural and Applied Sciences Division of the College of Arts and Sciences, said faculty in his division showed little interest in having a meeting with the search committee to iron out qualifications.

Feduccia said he did not think divisional meetings were necessary to develop the qualifications. "It would be counterproductive to have endless meetings when we all agree on what the quali-

fications should be," he said. "The general qualifications for a dean are well-known everywhere."

Feduccia said he would rather have one meeting for the college instead of four separate divisional meetings.

But the group of social science professors used the meeting to air their concerns and make suggestions.

Stanley Black, vice chairman of the Social Sciences Division, said one of the most important responsibilities of a dean was choosing department chairmen.

"We should pick a dean who will pick good people," Black said.

The new dean will replace Stephen

Birdsall, who announced his intention to return to a full-time teaching position in the geography department when his five-year term ends June 30, 1997.

Finkler said a dean should be comfortable working with faculty and department chairmen. "We need somebody who would be willing to be reviewed and institute reviews of chairs. The chairs are not infallible. We get reviewed by the students every semester. Why isn't the chairman reviewed once a year?"

Lloyd Kramer, a history professor, said the dean should be able to communicate what the faculty was doing to those inside and outside the University.

"It's vitally important to have a spokesperson who can articulate what our faculty do," Kramer said.

William Thompson, a physics professor, said he thought the faculty should be able to meet the candidates once the committee narrowed the field to three candidates. "It would be a big mistake not to allow the faculty to interview candidates," Thompson said.

Bullard said the search was still open and had yielded 30 names from both within and outside UNC. The committee will present three unranked candidates to Chancellor Michael Hooker, who will make the final decision.

Company presents land plans

Developers proposed a monorail connecting all UNC properties.

BY RACHEL SWAIN
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Fifty years from now, when alumni return to UNC for a visit, they may find themselves taking a monorail to campus instead of a bus.

Johnson, Johnson and Roy Inc., a Michigan-based land-use planning consulting firm, presented the final land-use plan for the Horace Williams and Mason Farm properties to University, Chapel Hill and Carrboro officials Wednesday.

The proposal, which includes possible development of an elevated railway, provides a glimpse of UNC in the 21st century. It includes plans for new housing, transportation systems and continuing education structures.

The University hired JJR to develop the long-range plan for the 972-acre Horace Williams tract and the 1,356-acre Mason Farm tract.

Landscape architect Carl Stevenson and JJR project manager Dick Rigerink addressed the environmental impact and concerns of the proposal, such as the effects on Bolin Creek and the hardwood forests located on the Williams property. "The hardwoods are a special area," Rigerink said. "The University has said they will develop them only as a last resort."

George Alexiou, a transportation consultant with Parsons Brinckerhoff traffic engineering company, said the transportation and transit aspects of the plans were issues that needed to be addressed.

"We need to take full advantage of mass transit," Alexiou said. "Administrators need to plan, design and promote alternate ways of moving people in and out of the sites without the use of personal automobiles."

"The single most (important) constraint on this site is what the roadways will be able to handle."

JJR will compile the proposal into a final report to be given to UNC in December and voted on by the BOT in January.

But University and JJR representatives stressed that the plan was only the first step. "This is really only the first phase for development into the 21st century," said Bruce Runberg, UNC associate vice chancellor of facilities management.

University and town officials were pleased with the proposal and JJR's efforts. "We get positive reactions from nine out of ten people," Runberg said. "I think we've ended up with a good, solid plan."

Chapel Hill Town Council member Joe Capowski said he was satisfied that the plan considered community concerns. "I'm extremely pleased," Capowski said. "JJR has taken into account all the concerns the town of Chapel Hill has about the properties."

"I think it's as good as plan you can get in an imperfect world."

Taking a leap of faith

BY DAVID SILVERSTEIN
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On a survey of last year's freshmen class, more than 60 percent identified themselves as Protestants. But statistics only confirm the immense presence that Christianity has on campus.

Add to the pot a sprinkling of Jews, Muslims and even pagans. Like the ingredients of good gumbo, numbers alone cannot convey the true taste of UNC's religious climate.

Manuel Wortman, director of the Wesley Foundation, said scholars had defined two stages in religious development.

The first focuses on parents or other authority figures feeding children their religious beliefs. In the second stage, adolescents and young adults begin to question those beliefs instilled in childhood.

Many students, faced with this diverse mix of religions, question what they have grown up with and what they've learned. Consequently, some students' religious beliefs have turned

full circle, while others have seen more gradual progressions take hold.

Spiritual high

He didn't spend the summer after his high school graduation lying around the beach or flipping burgers at some fast food joint.

Instead, Jason Darwin followed his former girlfriend to camp to be a counselor. Unlike camps specializing in arts, baseball or cheerleading, the camp Darwin worked at that summer honed in on religion.

Darwin, a junior from Cornelius, has always immersed himself in faith. He grew up Presbyterian and attended a Baptist youth group. Because his parents were "not strong Christians," he sometimes took himself to church.

But that summer at a Pentecostal camp in the North Carolina mountains exposed him to new religious experiences.

"That summer, a lot happened," Darwin said. "I can honestly say that I saw several miracles happen."

Campers and counselors devoted

four to five hours to chapel each day. Groups of kids, filled with religion, sometimes went down to the dock at night and prayed together, he said. And Darwin said he even saw divine visions while on that dock.

"I was on a spiritual high, literally, on the mountain where we were," Darwin said. "Then, of course, I came here."

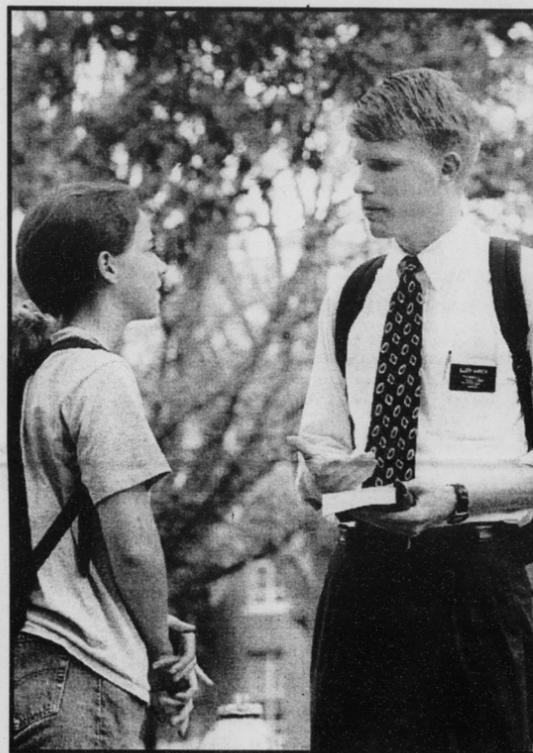
During his first year at UNC, Darwin decided to pledge a fraternity, a move he said conflicted with the beliefs he had encountered during his summer camp experience.

For instance, he said he didn't see anything wrong with social drinking, but that there must be limits.

"I drank, but not to excess," Darwin said. "And that obviously wasn't accepted."

Dissatisfied with campus religious organizations, Darwin decided to form his own Bible study group with members of his fraternity. He said the meetings, which also attracted Jewish and

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Elder Aurich, a Mormon missionary from Las Vegas, shares The Book of Mormon with a student on campus. Missionaries serve two-year terms.

Mormons bring mission to UNC

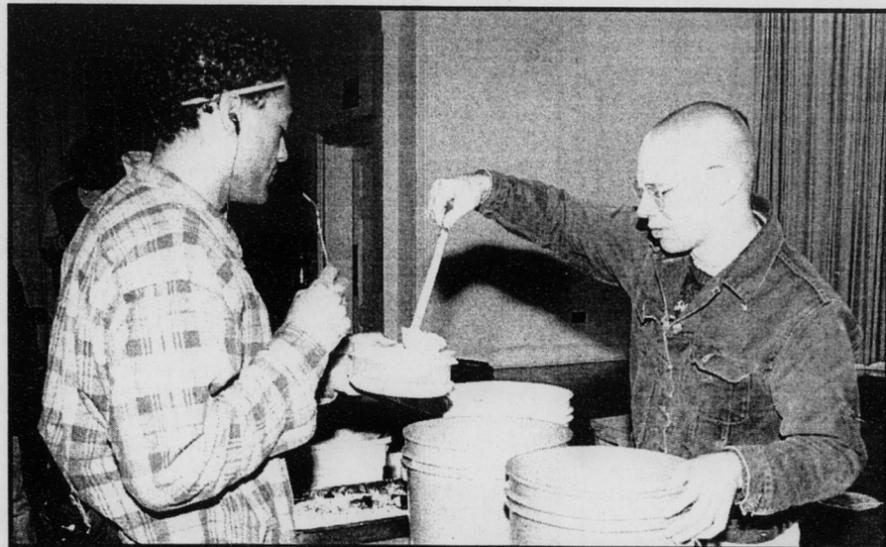
BY LAUREN AGRELLA
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A young man — dressed in a dark suit and tie, wearing a fanny pack and looking purposeful — walks through Polk Place. He stops a backpack-clad woman heading past South Building and starts talking with her, pulling out a book and continuing the conversation as they move toward her destination.

Around the UNC campus, situations like this one abound. Perhaps you've seen the woman politely shake her head. Maybe she decided to listen. You even may have witnessed a rude rebuff.

"Some people are receptive, while others are not," one Mormon missionary said. "This area hasn't been one of the most successful areas."

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DTH/AMY CAPPIELLO

Murdidahara, who left Wisconsin to join the Hare Krishna's center in Hillsborough, helps serve meals at Gerrard Hall every Wednesday. The dinners are conducted by the Hare Krishnas as a part their service for their god Krishna.

Campuses nationwide see apathy, alcohol as deterrents to intellectualism

Freshmen receive extra attention in attempts to improve college climates.

BY JENNIFER WILSON
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Universities across the nation are sending a message to students: it's time to buckle down and take the intellectual climate seriously.

College may be the best four years of a person's life, the time for self-discovery and creating life-long friendships. But college experiences must also prepare students to be responsible, knowledgeable members of the community.

Universities define the term differently — leaders investigating the intellectual climate at UNC said it had to do with the

surrounding ambiance; at North Carolina State University, it is defined as "the life of the mind" — but the factors that harm intellectual climate, such as alcohol, are universal.

"There is a lot of wasted time," said Duke University Chaplain William Willimon, who recently wrote a book on the topic. "There is unproductive, disruptive behavior and not enough student-faculty interaction."

Willimon describes the present generation as "passive" because students are not taking responsibility for their own development. But the climate is changing, he said.

"I've seen soul-searching and self-criticism," he said. "I think there have been

some positive moves that have made a significant change in climate on campuses."

Making a Change

Once the intellectual climate is defined, universities must determine the most effective ways of fostering a better environment.

Maurine Heartford, vice president of student affairs at the University of Michigan, said students were actively making the most of their college experiences through involvement in community service at campus YMCAs and research programs.

"Students are pushing universities to rethink how you build a learning environment, and they want to be partners in doing that, not passive recipients," Heartford said.

At NCSU, Stiles said, students need to

devote time to reflection on intellectual issues through a "holistic approach founded in academics."

"The fundamental way to really change (the intellectual environment) is to have people interpret and decide what is most important," Stiles said.

But most importantly, a balance must exist between academics and social activities, he added.

John Strohbehn, provost at Duke, said Duke had recently implemented a stricter alcohol policy, placed freshmen together in a specific area of campus and encouraged interaction between students and faculty.

Fostering discussion is another way the intellectual environment has been enhanced at Duke.

Willimon said the addition of three or four coffee bars to the Duke campus had given students and faculty a place to

"hang out and talk." The Self-Knowledge Symposium, a lecture series involving interaction among students, faculty and townspeople, has facilitated discussion on the Duke and UNC campuses. And about 100 faculty at Duke participate in the Faculty Associate Program, which involves faculty and students joining each other for events such as dinners and visits to the theater.

Strohbehn, a faculty member who participated in the program, said these gatherings fostered discussions and created personal relationships between faculty and students.

Alcohol Abuse

To date, alcohol abuse on campuses has taken much of the blame for the decline of the intellectual climate. In an attempt to curb excessive drinking and bingeing, many universities increased en-

forcement of existing policies and implemented new policies.

At UNC, the open-container ordinance was put in force, fraternity rush was shortened, Chancellor Michael Hooker asked alumni not to drink at tailgate parties and kegs were banned.

Heartford said alcohol had always been the drug of choice on college campuses, and some students abused it. She quoted someone at the University of Virginia in 1842 who said, "99 times out of 100, the problem lies in alcohol."

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The Daily Tar Heel is holding a forum on the intellectual climate from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday in Union 226. Call John Sweeney at 962-0246 for more information.

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Leonard Louis Levinson