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Partly cloudy, high mid-80s.
 Friday: Sunny, high 80s.

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Oregon dean nominated to head Arts and Sciences

■ Oregon's Risa Palm said technology would be a key focus of her work as dean.

BY KAREN LEANZA
 STAFF WRITER

After a 10-month search process, the Board of Governors is expected to approve a new dean of the School of Arts and Sciences on Friday.

The search committee, a group of 18 faculty and staff members and 2 students, started with several hundred applicants.

The search committee eventually nar-

rowed their list to Risa Palm, who currently serves as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Oregon.

Chancellor Michael Hooker and Provost Richard Richardson have already approved the committee's choice.

Palm, who will also serve as a visiting professor in the Department of Geology, is expected to start August 1.

Provost Richard Richardson said he believed Palm's background would make her a great asset to the University.

"She's extremely experienced," he said.

"She has great experience in strategic planning for the future and is excellent

in evaluating new initiatives."

Palm said her experiences as dean at UO would be very helpful when starting at UNC.

"As dean of (UO's) College of Arts and Sciences, although it is a smaller university and a smaller unit, I have become acquainted with dealing with the student body," she



Provost RICHARD RICHARDSON said Palm's experience would benefit her at UNC.

said in a Tuesday interview.

"I am looking forward to taking lessons from the University of Oregon and learning about the University of North Carolina and merging the two together."

Palm said she sees Arts and Sciences as the centerpiece of UNC.

"(Arts and Sciences) is central to the status of the University and the success of the University," she said.

As the world approaches the 21st century, Palm said she thought the area in which she could have the greatest impact is making sure the University remains at the forefront of technological development.

"Students are able to get a greater

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RISA PALM

Nominee for dean of Arts and Sciences

range of information than before by using the Internet," she said.

"The challenge is to find what is good information and what is bad information. We didn't have to cope with this five years ago.

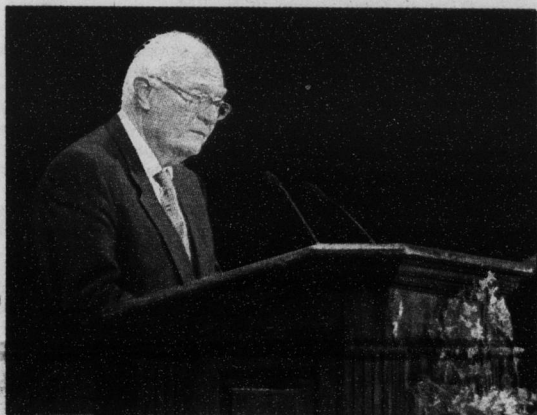
"It will mean working with faculty to look at their discipline," she said. "Part of it is working with interdisciplinary programs, and with faculty who are looking beyond what they have traditionally been doing."

Palm said she is looking forward to coming to Chapel Hill.

"It feels great to be coming to UNC. It is a marvelous university."

Pending approval by the BOG, Palm salary could be \$160,000. Only \$20,000 of that money is allocated for the dean's salary. The rest of the money would come from Palm's academic appointments. Palm would replace outgoing Dean Stephen Birdsall, who is finishing up his five-year appointment.

CHARLES KURALT 1934-1997



Hugh Morton, a longtime friend of Charles Kuralt, spoke fondly of his friend during a public memorial service held at Memorial Hall.

Whether serving as DTH editor, CBS News correspondent or teaching about America, Charles Kuralt had a way of captivating audiences and sharing the exploits of the common person with the public.

But on Independence Day, America lost one of its greatest storytellers as Kuralt died in New York from complications associated with Lupus.

Kuralt, a native of Wilmington who grew up near Charlotte, graduated from the University in 1955 and never relinquished his love for UNC and Chapel Hill. He devoted himself to a life on the road, traveling from town to town, state to state, even country to

country, to bring viewers an angle or story they might not have previously considered.

He joined the Charlotte News out of college and eventually became a news writer for CBS News, where he worked his way through the ranks.

Kuralt was probably best known for "Sunday Morning," which he hosted on CBS television for 15 years. Additionally, he wrote books about his experiences as a traveling journalist, including "A Life on the Road" and "Charles Kuralt's America."

Kuralt was born Sept. 10, 1934 and was 62 at the time of his death.

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Charles Kuralt, shown during the 1995 dedication of the Tate-Turner-Kuralt Building, died July 4th at the age of 62. Kuralt, who attended UNC, was buried in the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Congress, treasurer continue to grapple with code loopholes

■ With no means of forcing student groups to pay back debts, student leaders are offering two very different proposals.

BY JOHN SWEENEY
 EDITOR

The ongoing debate over what to do with student organizations who go into debt continued Wednesday, with Student Body Treasurer Mare McCollum offering up a bill that would create a procedure for repaying those debts.

McCollum's bill is an alternative to one introduced by Rep. James Dasher, Dist. 21.

While Dasher's bill would require the treasurer to freeze a group's funds if they do not immediately repay their debts, McCollum's includes provisions for working out a payment plan. If a group continues to lag behind on payments, they pay 5 percent interest under McCollum's proposal.

"It gives the groups a lot more flexibility," McCollum said. "Basically, you shut the group down if you freeze their funds."

Congress already approved Dasher's bill, but Student Body President Mo Nathan said he would veto it. Speaker of Student Congress James Hoffman said he believed congress would override the veto. As of press time, no decisions had been made.

But Rep. William Heeden, Dist. 16, who helped Dasher craft the initial bill, said he believed McCollum's proposal might offer too much flexibility.

"One of the advantages we had found in what he had written is it doesn't leave it open to any one person's discretion," Heeden said. "All groups are treated the same."

While Hoffman said he agreed with Heeden, he said his biggest reservations with McCollum's bill was a matter of timing. And decision made by congress members during the summer carry over only until the first full congress meeting of the fall semester.

With that in mind, Hoffman said he didn't want to give groups that owed money too much freedom, only to have full congress take that freedom away when it returns.

"I'm just uncomfortable with us making these decision without everyone being here," he said.

But both sides of the debate sound similar when it comes to one issue: the loopholes in the Student Code.

"There's a problem that exists in that there's no deterrent for student groups to pay back their debts," McCollum said.

Echoed Heeden: "The point is that there's no penalty for not adhering to the code."

Meadowmont gets nod from council Howes set to smooth town-gown relations

■ Developers said they hoped to begin their construction in late 1998.

STAFF REPORT

Almost two years after approving preliminary plans for Meadowmont, the Chapel Hill Town Council last week approved the detailed plan for the development.

The council approval the land use permit for the commercial part of the development at a meeting July 2.

The remaining four permits, for the development's infrastructure, apartment complex, a private swim club, and a school and park site were all approved at the July 3 meeting.

Meadowmont opponents had hoped

to delay a final vote on the project until after the council's summer break.

Postponement was requested by council members Julie Andresen, Joyce Brown and Joe Capowski, who said they felt more time was needed for more in-depth study of the traffic problems which could be exacerbated by the development.

The majority of the council decided to go ahead with a vote.



Council Member JOYCE BROWN was one of three members who wanted to delay the Meadowmont vote for further traffic study.

As part of the council's approval of Meadowmont's infrastructure, the council approved a controversial road that will connect the development to the adjoining Oaks community.

Pinehurst Drive residents loudly expressed their frustration with the proposed connection earlier this summer, but other Oaks residents and council members alike said Pinehurst Road was better-suited to handle increased traffic than other nearby streets.

Council members have speculated that a vote to approve the Pinehurst connector would drive some Oaks homeowners to file suit in order to stop it.

With the approval of the road, the council also added stipulations to help ease Pinehurst Road residents' safety concerns. The council mandated that

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BY JEFF YOUNG
 STAFF WRITER

The University's relationship with the local community — a roller coaster, corkscrew turn of an association on most days — will be buttressed by the

return of a former mayor of Chapel Hill and UNC faculty member.

Jonathan Howes, secretary of the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, announced last week that he would leave the cabinet post he has held for four years in order to return to UNC.

Howes will become director of university outreach, a liaison position between the University and local offi-

cials in Chapel Hill, Carboro and Orange County, on Aug. 15.

Howes, who remained a full-time Chapel Hill resident despite the commute to his office in Raleigh, said the idea of a return to UNC was put forth by Chancellor Michael Hooker two years ago.

"He had in mind a combination of teaching and administration, which because of my background I'm in a position to perform," Howes said in a



Chancellor MICHAEL HOOKER said he believed Howes will help both the town and UNC deal with increasingly complex issues.

phone interview Tuesday. "I think he has the sense that there are a lot of opportunities for the University and the community."

Hooker said Howes' experience as director of UNC's Center for Urban and Regional Studies from 1970 to 1993 and his stints within the local political scene made him the ideal candidate for a number of roles at the University.

"I jumped at the opportunity to bring him back," Hooker said. "We have had some strained relations of late, and these issues will be more complex in the future than they have been in the past."

Hooker said he hoped to see not only improved relations between the UNC and the surrounding communities, but also a shared growth investment.

"Franklin Street used to be more

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When I am here, I think I would be happy never to leave. Every trip must end.

Charles Kuralt