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Committee prepares to select new dean

BY JONATHAN COX
EDITOR

The search committee charged with finding a new dean of students began deliberations Wednesday after conducting its last four student forums during the past week.

The sparsely attended forums allowed students the chance to meet the finalists for the position and offer their opinions on the best person for the job.

Cindy Wolf-Johnson, chair of the search committee, said it would take about a week to conduct reference checks on the five finalists before the

committee turned the recommendations over to Sue Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The following are profiles of the five candidates.

Melissa Exum

Exum currently serves as the associate vice president of student affairs at Ohio



Candidate
MELISSA EXUM
currently works in student affairs at Ohio University.

University in Athens, Ohio. She attended Wake Forest University for her undergraduate education and received her master of arts degree in medical sociology at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. She obtained her doctorate in higher education administration at Ohio University.

Exum said growing up in the small town of Warrenton helped her be accepting of all people.

"It is important to me that people see me as someone they can talk to and who will tell them the truth," she said.

Exum said she tried to offer students the opportunity to meet her. Some of

her past programs have included pizza nights and graduate-student coffee houses.

She said that in her current position she works with discipline problems and was interested in UNC's student-run Honor Court.

Mark Kidd
Kidd currently



Candidate
MARK KIDD
is assistant dean of students at the University of Mississippi.

serves as the assistant dean of students at the University of Mississippi, where he received his doctorate in education. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Kidd said he had changed career paths from what he originally intended but that the profession was a good fit.

"I'm doing something that I really love — higher education," he said.

In his present position, Kidd said he was seen as the campus disciplinarian but that students still admired and

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Theft charges lead student to resign post

External Relations Co-Chairman Paul Puryear has been charged by police.

BY SCOTT HICKS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The student government member arrested and charged with stealing a couch from the Student Union has resigned from his position as student government's external relations co-chairman.

Paul J. Puryear, a junior from Jamestown, turned in his resignation Tuesday to Student Body President Reyna Walters.

Puryear still could face Honor Court and Orange County District Court charges, Walters said.

He could not be reached for comment.

University Police apprehended Puryear along with Nick D. Jeffrey, a sophomore from Charlotte, and Michael A. Marsh, a junior from Huntersville, outside the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house on Finley Golf Course Road early June 11 after two students noticed three men leaving the Union with a couch. All three suspects have since been charged in the incident.

The decision for Puryear to resign was mutual, Walters said. "P.J. and I had several discussions and at this point, we felt it was the best thing," she said.

Walters spoke with many people in making her decision. "I've gotten an earful from all ends," she said. "I didn't want to make a rash decision."

"When it all comes down to it, it was mine," Walters said. "In the process, I had several talks with several people involved."

Brad Morrison, speaker of Student Congress, supported Walters' decision. "Basically, I do have confidence Reyna Walters made the appropriate decision," Morrison said.

Student Congress members passed a resolution during their meeting Monday asking Walters to suspend Puryear. Walters let Congress members know her office was handling the incident as a personnel matter.

"I let them know our office was in the process of making a decision," she said. "It's unfortunate that members of Congress haven't been dealing with this in the daily manner I have."

While Puryear has resigned from his position, he could not be reached for comment.
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Panhandling growing trend in Chapel Hill

Officials said residents should instead give money to the homeless shelter.

BY JOHN SAVAGE
STAFF WRITER

The increasing number of panhandlers in downtown Chapel Hill has prompted many businesses to post fliers urging people not to give money to the panhandlers but to give to the Inter-Faith Council homeless shelter.

"The last six months the numbers and aggressiveness of panhandlers has increased," said Kathleen Lord, chairwoman of the Chapel Hill Downtown Commission.

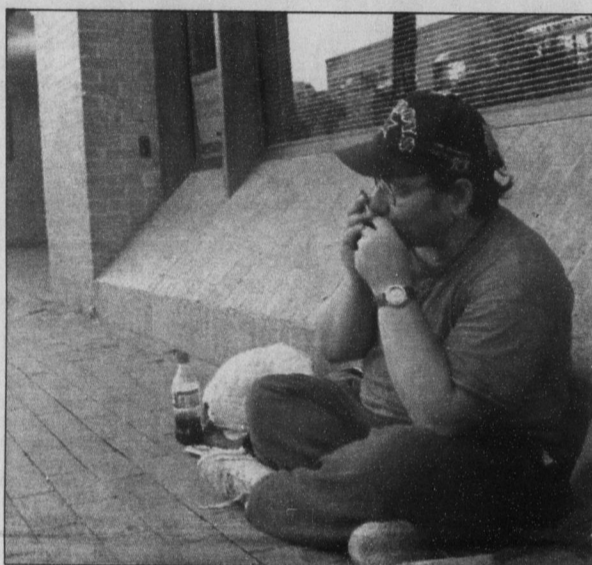
While asking for money is protected under the First Amendment, using intimidation tactics and touching would-be donors while trying to get money is illegal.

"The number of panhandlers has grown exponentially each of the last four years," said Ian Krabacher, a 1998 UNC graduate.

"I get really frustrated with the redundancy of it all — being asked by the same people on the same day over and over."

A major concern of the Downtown Commission is panhandling near automated teller machines. UNC student Frank Johnson said he was harassed for money while he was making a transaction at his bank's ATM.

"It makes you feel unsafe, especially



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"John" sits on Franklin Street and plays his harmonica to the music playing on his radio waiting for passers-by to toss him spare change.

at night," Johnson said.

Krabacher said he was most upset by the growing number of high school children panhandling.

"The worst thing is the increasing number of school children that are on the street asking for money. They see it being done and how easy it is and just do it themselves."

Krabacher said many older panhandlers obviously had disadvantages but that most of the younger panhandlers just wanted to make some quick money.

An 18-year-old panhandler named Malachi said it was not uncommon for him to make upward of \$100 a day.

"People say 'Why don't you work,' but panhandling is work," he said.

Lord said the problem would contin-

ue as long as people continued to empty their pockets.

"As long as a person can make a living panhandling in our town, people are going to come to Chapel Hill to panhandle," she said.

Lord said the Downtown Commission was very supportive of the homeless shelter and the soup kitchen.

"The soup kitchen does a great job. We want people to give money to the shelter rather than to panhandlers," she said.

"People shouldn't have to feel guilty about not giving to panhandlers."

The Downtown Commission is also trying to work with the University to get the message to students, especially incoming freshmen.

Officials say Lenoir will be ready on time

BY MICHAEL STEEL
STAFF WRITER

Despite widespread concerns, University officials now insist that the renovated Lenoir Dining Hall will be open at the start of the fall semester.

"We should be able to get in the building after July 28," said Scott Meyers, director of Carolina Dining Services. "We're right at the end of construction."

Earlier this summer, officials said the construction should be finished on time, but inspections and training might prevent the newly remodeled facility from opening by the time students return in the fall.

"This is different from an office building where you can just move in some furniture and get started," said Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for Auxiliary Services.

Meyers is confident there will be no delays.

"I'm pretty confident, having walked through the building with inspectors during the construction," Meyers said.

Both Meyers and Elfland also noted that construction might be finished one section at a time.

"They may turn the building over in phases," Elfland said. "They might give Dining Services the kitchen for testing and training while the public eating areas are still being worked on."

If the facility is not ready in time, the University is prepared to maintain operations in the makeshift dining facilities.

"We're not going to dismantle the Hanes facility or Union Station or the Lenoir Pavilion until we're sure Lenoir Hall is on line," Elfland said.

University officials said there was little chance continued use of Union Station would affect upcoming renovations of the Student Union.

"The renovations are still in one of the early planning stages," Elfland said.

When opened, the new Lenoir Hall promises to offer new menu items.

The all-you-can-eat section will be moved out of its former location in the basement and will be completely redone.

It will include a brick oven for cooking pizzas that students can select themselves.

There will also be pasta station, rotisserie ovens for cooking meats and a stir-fry cook.

"Students will be able to choose their own ingredients, then take them to a cook with six different woks to stir-fry them," Meyers said. Chick-Fil-A will still be offered, as well as Freshen's. The Freshens selection will include frozen yogurt and smoothies. Pizza Hut will no longer be available, but individual pan pizzas will be offered.

Rutledge Tufts, director of Auxiliary Services general administration, could not be reached.

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CAROLYN ELFLAND
Vice Chancellor for Auxiliary Services

Life of a salesman

After 44 years of "master salesmanship" and an ever-increasing spectrum of community camaraderie, Karl Williams, 92, the Julian's College Shop associate also known as "K.P." or "the man in the red fedora," is hanging up his hat.

Williams, who joined Julian's in 1954, already retired once nearly 30 years ago but couldn't stay away. Now, he is in the midst of a plan to sell his house and its contents and move to his daughter's hometown of Edwardsville, Ill.

Leaning in secretively, Williams said in a low, quiet voice, "I'll miss the money! The pay, you know."

Then, laughing in what can only be described as self-amusement, he added, "I do miss the people I learn to like — people who would come back (through the years)."

"I had one man from New York who started coming 15 or 20 years ago who would spend a lot of money — sometimes \$2000, \$3000."

One day as Williams and this customer

chatted in the store drinking 6-ounce bottles of Coca-Cola, Williams said the man whispered, "Are you on commission?"

"I thought it was thoughtful of him to want to help me out (by buying so much) because he thought I was on commission," Williams said. "We treat our customers really well — like we're on commission."

Maria Villanueva, sales manager at Julian's said, "We all learn from him — always. What can we say? He's the master."

Williams, however, is probably known by most students and residents for the felt fedora he is rarely seen without.

The image of the fedora appears frequently in connection with Williams. The cover page of an album given to him dons a sketch of the maroon hat, a gift he coins as, in one of his trademark phrases, "high cotton."

The fedora also appeared at a party given for him last year, where 80 plastic replicas were bought for the partygoers.

"They all had them under the table before I came in, and (then when I saw them all), I said, 'Where the hell'd they get all those hats?' Williams remembered, laughing.

In addition to his recognition as a man of impeccable fashion sense, Williams has quite a reputation as a socialite.

"He holds the record for being seen in the company of beautiful women at various ice cream establishments and social events around town," reads the mayor's proclamation, a document to be presented to Williams on Friday.

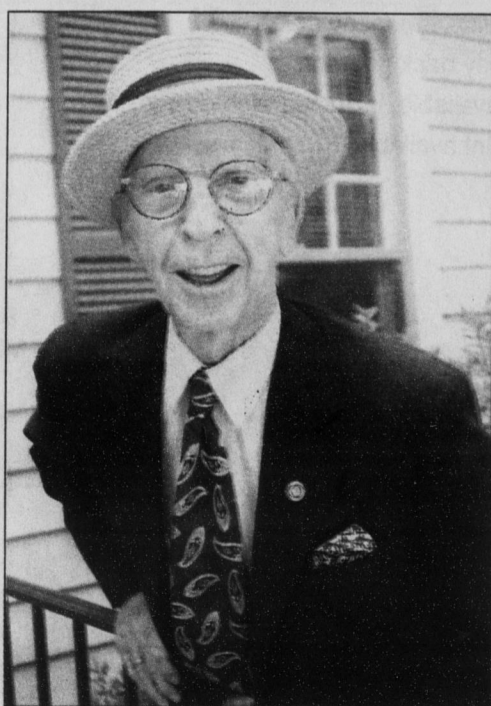
"He's quite a character," said Pete Waggoner, a Julian's sales and marketing associate.

Quite popular with UNC students, Williams was nominated to be an honorary Senior Class member for the class of 1998.

"Look at all these titles: doctors and professors," Williams said while considering a list of other honorary members. Then, pointing to his name, he said, "Look at my title. It just says, 'Salesman, Julian's College Shop.'" He giggled, clasping his hands together on his knees.

Williams' contribution to Chapel Hill is not underestimated by the community. A celebration for Williams on Friday will celebrate the day's designation as "Mr. Williams Day" in Chapel Hill.

In the words of the mayor's proclamation, Karl P. Williams "will light up Franklin Street for a long, long time."



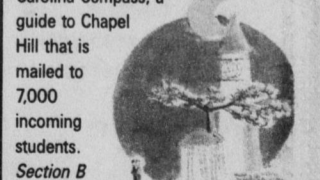
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Karl Williams is widely known for his hats. "Do I look sassy enough?" he asks, jokingly referring to his straw hat.

INSIDE Thursday

In the right direction

This week's paper might feel heavier because of a special section called the Carolina Compass, a guide to Chapel Hill that is mailed to 7,000 incoming students.



Section B

World Wide Work

A committee will meet next month to discuss hiring a consultant to update UNC's World Wide Web site. Page 9A

The truth is out there

The film "The X-Files" gets closer to the truth behind government involvement in paranormal activity. Page 7A

I make the most of all that comes, and the least of all that goes.

Sarah Teasdale