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## IBM receives contract as CCI supplier

■ IBM outbid three other computer manufacturers to win the contract.

BY JONATHAN COX  
EDITOR

IBM will direct the computational climate of UNC for the next four years as the hardware provider for the Carolina Computing Initiative, Chancellor Michael Hooker announced Wednesday morning.

Hooker said IBM offered a number of high-quality machines at affordable prices, beating out the three other bidders, Gateway, Dell and Comaq. "IBM did not just come in as the lowest bidder, they came in way under the other bids," Hooker said.

IBM quoted \$1,495 for an upper mid-range desktop and \$2,095 for a high-end model. It quoted \$1,795 for an upper mid-range laptop and \$2,495 for a high-end unit. The quoted prices do not include software packages.

But Hooker said the final cost,



Marian Moore, vice chancellor for information technology, introduced several models of IBM computers that will be provided for the Carolina Computing Initiative.

including hardware and software, still would be a bargain for students.

"A comparable laptop would cost roughly one-third more," Hooker said.

Marian Moore, vice chancellor for

information technology, said the machines purchased by students under the computing initiative, which requires all incoming freshmen beginning in 2000 to purchase a laptop, would

include several service features to benefit students.

"Every computer purchased under

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## Exum selected to fill dean post

BY SCOTT HICKS  
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Melissa Exum, associate vice president of student affairs at Ohio University, has been named the University's new dean of students, Susan Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs, announced Tuesday.

Kitchen offered Exum the position, which she has accepted, Kitchen said. Exum will start work at UNC in late September.

In making her decision, Kitchen emphasized Exum's experience and her dedicated work with students.

"It was her senior administrative experience and the work she had done in really improving the stu-

dent climate, particularly in multicultural affairs," Kitchen said.

"I thought she was the best combination of skills that would complement the strong staff we have here."

Exum places a strong focus on students and their needs, Kitchen said. "She's very student-oriented," she said. "She has made a difference in so many students' lives."

But any of the finalists would have been a good choice, Kitchen said. "I thought we had an excellent, strong pool of candidates."

Kitchen said she hoped student government would sponsor receptions to introduce Exum to students in the fall.

The daughter of school teachers, Exum grew up in rural Warrenton. She attended Wake Forest University for her undergraduate studies.

Exum then earned her master of arts degree in medical sociology from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. She completed her studies with a doctorate in higher education admin-

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New Dean of Students  
**MELISSA EXUM**, who currently works in student affairs at Ohio University, will assume her new position in September.

## Finalists say students key to UNC safety

■ The final police chief forum for students will be held today.

BY JONATHAN COX  
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The UNC community continued to get a peek at the efforts of the search committee charged with selecting a new chief of University Police this week.

Three more public forums were held to introduce the finalists for the security post. The final forum will be held at 1 p.m. today in Room 226 of the Student Union.

The following are profiles of the three candidates who held forums this week.

### Derek Poarch

Poarch began his career in law enforcement in 1977. He has served for 19 years in the western town of Lenoir, population 16,000. He currently holds the position of operations commander.

Poarch said he had a strong belief in community policing, and he said his commitment went beyond his day-to-day responsibilities.

"I am also a student of this business," he said.

He said the University Police department must communicate and interact with students, faculty, employees and visitors to successfully fulfill its role.

"The public safety department must be customer-focused," Poarch said. "Secondly, we must be problem solvers, actively identifying and working to resolve quality-of-life concerns as they arise on this campus."

"We should solve problems with as little intrusion into people's lives as possible."

Poarch said part of solving problems included open communication within the department. He said an open dialogue with students and officers would help create a more healthy atmosphere



Finalist  
**DEREK POARCH** currently serves as operations commander in Lenoir, where he has worked for the past 19 years.

## Court denies DTH appeal to open student proceedings

BY MIKE ISKANDAR  
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After a two-year battle to open the Undergraduate Honor Court to the public, The Daily Tar Heel lost its fight July 8 when the N.C. Supreme Court refused to hear its appeal. Amanda Martin, the DTH's attorney, said she was disappointed by the decision. "There are no more avenues in North Carolina to try and change this decision," she said.

The DTH filed a lawsuit in April 1996 after two students were caught stealing copies of the Carolina Review that pictured former Student Body President Aaron Nelson in a manner that some called anti-semitic. In Orange County Superior Court in Hillsborough the two students pled guilty but were found not guilty. When the case came before the Honor Court, the session was closed, and the DTH could not report on the proceedings. The DTH criticized

the University for using a federal law called the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act to hold back the Honor Court proceedings to protect its image.

"It's just a matter of time before the FERPA law comes down," said Kevin Schwartz, general manager of the DTH. "FERPA was never intended to allow universities to deal with their campus crime." Schwartz added that there is currently legislation in Congress to change the law. "Congress wants to change FERPA so administrators can't hide the true nature of campus crime," he said.

The DTH's lawsuit argued that the Honor Court at UNC is a public body under the N.C. Open Meetings Law and should be open to the public. The N.C. Court of Appeals agreed with the DTH on that point but said FERPA took precedence and that the University can close hearings, Schwartz said.

While the DTH's appeal was denied for now, there is hope for the future.

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**MARK GOODMAN**  
Student Press Law Center attorney

"The bottom line is that this issue isn't over," said Mark Goodman, a lawyer with the Washington, D.C.-based Student Press Law Center. "Whether it be through court cases in other states or through legislation brought to Congress, sooner or later I think some of these disciplinary proceedings are going to be open to the public."

Margaret Barrett, UNC judicial programs officer, could not be reached for comment.

## Bill aims to make schools report crimes to students

BY MEREDITH BAILEY  
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With a tremendous increase in the occurrence of violent crime on North Carolina's college campuses, a bill sponsored by Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., will attempt to heighten safety.

The amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1998 passed July 9 will require colleges to report instances of rape, assault and other violent crime to their student bodies.

"There is nothing more important than the safety of our students," Faircloth stated. "I am pleased that my

amendment requiring colleges to report campus crimes to their student bodies was accepted as part of this bill."

UNC already has a policy to report violent crime through news briefs posted around campus, Michelle Cofield, assistant to the dean of students said.

These briefs include an account of the crime and a description of the attacker and conclude with additional safety tips for students who find themselves in similar situations.

Under federal law, the University must put out a security report in the fall.

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## Gearing up for UNC

Most prospective students see the UNC campus for the first time in a guidebook published by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. They note the blooming azaleas around the Old Well, the top-notch academic courses and the diversity within the University community.

The environment appeals to students, and because most will leave high school within a year, they begin to schedule campus tours the summer before they graduate.

Like these students, Cara Reilly wanted to see UNC over her summer vacation to get a head start on her collegiate visits.

Cara is in the seventh grade. Unlike the typical high school junior or senior viewing the campus, Cara did not take a car or plane to Chapel Hill. Instead, she rode a bicycle.

From Massachusetts, "We just did it for fun, but people back home thought we were crazy," said Art Reilly, Cara's father.

Crazy because they rode a two-person bicycle 750 miles from Lenox, Mass., a town of 4,000 people in the northwestern part of the state. Crazy because they had no prior experience in cycling.

"We've never biked before," Reilly said. "We borrowed the bicycle from a friend."

Before embarking on their journey, taken mostly along rural roads down the East Coast, Cara and her father took a few practice runs of 4 to 5 miles around Lenox. Despite having little practice time, Reilly said the cycling did not tire them out.

"Physically, it's much easier than we thought," he said. Cara stays athletically fit through cross-country skiing and soccer. She only recently added biking to her list of physical



Cara Reilly and her father, Art, rode a two-person bicycle 750 miles from Lenox, Mass., to Chapel Hill to see the campus. Cara, a seventh-grader, dreams of playing soccer at UNC.

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## INSIDE Thursday

### Patching up campus

In the aftermath of filming for Patch Adams, many repairs are in the works on campus. Universal Studios will pay for all movie-related damages. Page 4

### Standing their ground

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools decided Tuesday to enter the battle over Meadowmont. Developer Roger Perry is donating 22 acres of land for which to build a new middle school. But the school system says the development's legal struggles have delayed the construction of the school. Page 2

### Is this 'Weapon' still lethal?

Rene Russo, Joe Pesci and Chris Rock join Mel Gibson and Danny Glover in the fourth installment in the "Lethal Weapon" series. Page 6

### The girls are back in town

Wednesday night will be ladies' night at Walnut Creek as the Lilith Fair rolls into the Triangle. The spotlight is on female musicians and issues. Page 7

*The strictest justice is sometimes the greatest injustice.*

Terence