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Remodeled Lenoir to make fall debut

BY JONATHAN COX
EDITOR

As students return to campus for the fall semester, they will be greeted by the return of a UNC institution — Lenoir Dining Hall.

Officials plan to have the remodeled Lenoir, closed since May 1997, operational by the first day of classes.

But that's not to say additional work won't be needed.

"There is a lot of work students will see going on for the first three to four weeks after school starts," said Rut Tufts, director of Auxiliary Services. The work includes details such as putting facings on cabinets and walls, he said.

"That's a strategy we've undertaken to keep from using interim food service for three to four weeks."

Tufts said during a tour of Lenoir on July 28 that he was glad to have the option

of moving into the building because there was a period it seemed impossible.

"We came to a time two weeks ago where we had to fish or cut bait," he said. Contractors and dining service administrators sat down and decided Lenoir would be ready by the fall semester, he said.

Emily Williamson, student body vice president, said the contractor would receive a \$50,000 bonus if the work was

completed on time.

Tufts said there had been delays in the renovation process because workers sometimes encountered unexpected obstacles behind walls. They also had to remove half an acre of asbestos, which was more than they had planned.

Even with all of the headaches and delays, Tufts said he hoped students would enjoy the renewed atmosphere of the aged dining hall. "We tried to do something to bring the building more into student life," he said. "We've lowered the front of the building to the level of the Pit and moved the steps inside."

Wooden bleachers were installed inside the front doors to allow students to meet friends, replacing the outdoor concrete steps that characterized the old design.

Just to the right of the main entrance will be a cafe with outdoor picnic tables and canvas coverings to further incorporate the dining hall into the Pit, Tufts said. The area will not be completed until September.

Once inside, students will find a street-like atmosphere on the main level with a kind of thoroughfare taking them by sandwich and pizza shops, Tufts said.

"The focus of this level will be Lite Bites," said Lacey Hawthorne, senior adviser to the student body president and student contributor to the Lenoir

"The philosophy in this building is to do as much cooking in front of the customer as possible."

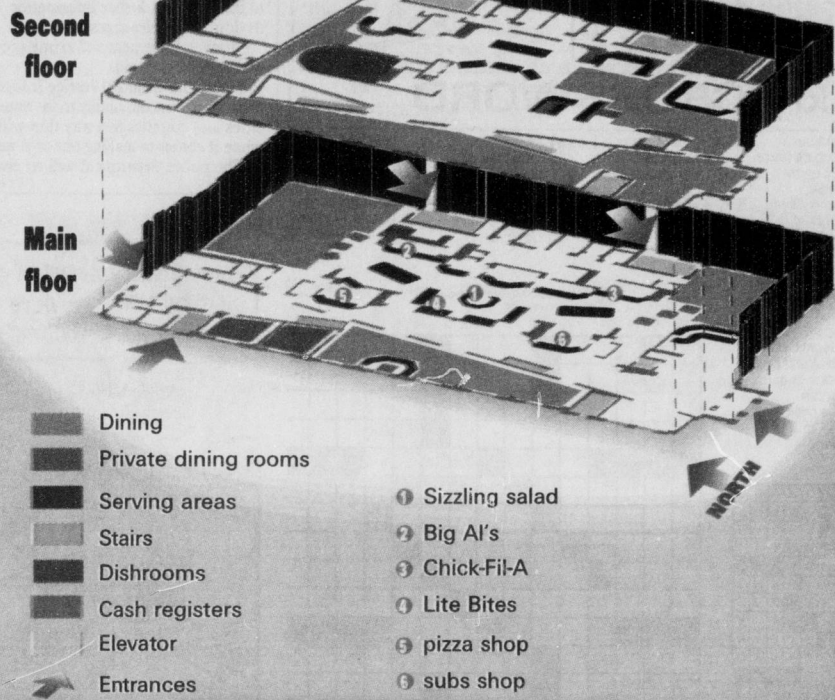
RUT TUFTS
Director of Auxiliary Services

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Looking at Lenoir

Officials plan to have the remodeled Lenoir Dining Hall operational by the first day of classes. The new Lenoir will feature an all-you-can-eat area on the second floor and a retail area on the main floor, previously called Carolina Court. The architect lowered the main floor of the dining hall to Pit level to incorporate it more effectively into student life. It is designed in sections to allow certain areas to be open late at night.

The concept behind the new facility is to prepare food in front of students and other patrons.



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Special to the DTH/ANDRES FERNANDEZ

Wake Forest alum named to dean post

Ohio University's Melissa Exum will become UNC's new dean of students.

BY SCOTT HICKS
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JULY 16 — 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 student climate, particularly in multicultural affairs," Kitchen said.



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

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Housing officials face old shortage problem as new year begins

The Department of University Housing expects to place about 150 freshmen and 80 transfer students in temporary housing.

BY ADAIR WHISNANT
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JULY 23 — Because of the large number of incoming freshmen and returning students living in residence halls, some students will be forced to live in temporary housing this fall. But renovations to Graham and Aycock residence halls, though behind schedule, will not affect the number of students who spend their first weeks at UNC in makeshift rooms.

Rebecca Casey, assistant director of conference services and marketing for the Department of University Housing, said officials were expecting approximately 150 freshmen and about 80 transfer students to be assigned to temporary housing. She said these students did not meet the May 1 housing deadline so they were not guaranteed rooms.

Nearly 200 students began the fall 1997 semester in temporary housing, living in spaces carved out of residence hall lounges and basements with several other roommates. "There most certainly will be some temporary housing in the fall," Casey said. "But it should be much better than last year because we are very well prepared for temporary housing this year."

Casey said one of the reasons housing officials were not sure of the number of students who would live in temporary housing was because room assignment letters were sent home later this year than in the past. "Housing assignments were sent out in mid-July instead of mid-May like last year," Casey said. "However, the students that will be in temporary housing in the fall will know before they get here."

She said students last year had no way of knowing whether or not they would be in temporary housing.

Renovations to Graham and Aycock were originally scheduled to be completed Tuesday, said Wayne Kuncl, director of University housing. Aside from completing the renovations, contractors must conduct inspections and move in furnishings, he said. The buildings will be complete within weeks after the date all campus residence halls open, he said. Students slated to move into Graham or Aycock residence halls have been assigned alternate spaces in Spencer Residence Hall or another building, Kuncl said. Officials have informed these students of their alternate assignments.



Director of University Housing
WAYNE KUNCL said work on Graham and Aycock residence halls would not be done by the fall.

Police chief finalists outline goals, visions in forums

BY JONATHAN COX
EDITOR

The UNC community heard from five candidates during the month of July who were vying to become the new University Police Chief.

The search committee charged with finding former Chief Don Gold's replacement held a series of public forums to allow students to meet and question the candidates.

Sue Estroff, search committee chairwoman, said earlier this month that three names had been forwarded to Chancellor Michael Hooker, who makes the final decision on the post.

She would not release those names.

Because of vacation plans and other scheduling conflicts, Hooker will not return to Chapel Hill until August 17 and a decision is not expected until late August or early September.

Below are profiles of the five original finalists.

Michael Hoke

Hoke, police chief at Meredith College in Raleigh, said the key to understanding the needs of the University community was to listen to its primary residents — the students.

"You should try to find a chief that will tap into the 24,000 students you have here," he said. "If he does that, he will succeed; if not,

he will fail."

Hoke said that mentality carried over into correcting internal problems within the department as well.

"I'm familiar with the problems going on in the police department," he said. "I know you have various divisions of the University who have their own idea of the way they think things should go. I'm talking to people today

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PRESIDENTIAL VISIT



President Bill Clinton stands beside Barbara Allen, chairwoman of the state Democratic Party, as he salutes a group of supporters in Raleigh on July 30. Clinton visited North Carolina to endorse John Edwards, the state's Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate.

INSIDE Monday

Eat like Mike

Basketball superstar and former UNC standout Michael Jordan could open a restaurant on West Franklin Street, if the developer can meet Chapel Hill's guidelines. Page 6A

Puppy love

Several stores in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, such as the Intimate Bookshop, have an open-door policy toward dogs. Page 10A



21 and out

After 21 seasons, Mike Roberts leaves his post as baseball coach. Former UNC player and N.C. Wesleyan coach Mike Fox will replace him. Page 11A

Welcome back

Hope you enjoyed the summer. We've been hard at work covering events all around campus and town. This special issue will help you catch up with all the local happenings that you missed while you were away. Now it's back to the books and back to daily publication.

The future is purchased by the present.

Samuel Johnson