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Arizona Law School Dean Sought for UNC Post

The Harvard graduate says he will make his decision some time this week.

By DeVona A. Brown
University Editor

Nearly ending the search for a new School of Law dean, the University offered the position to Joel Seligman, dean of the University of Arizona

College of Law.

"I'll make a decision very, very soon," Seligman said. "What I wanted to do was present it to the search committee." He said he would announce his decision in the next couple of days.

Seligman is one of six dean candidates chosen by a search committee as finalists for the position held by outgoing law school dean Judith Wegner. But Seligman got the highest recommendation from the committee, said Student Bar Association President Steven

Gebeaux. (Seligman) was the No. 1 choice," Gebeaux, who met with Seligman several times, said. "I do not know what happened this weekend."

Seligman returned UNC on Friday, after campus interviews on



Law dean candidate
Joel Seligman

Dec. 1 and Dec. 2, to talk with law school students and meet with Chancellor Michael Hooker Saturday. "He got together with the chancellor, Sen. Tony Rand (D-Cumberland) and (Board of Trustees Chairman) Dick Stevens," he said. "My expectation was that an offer was made this weekend and Joel and the chancellor sat down and said, 'Here's what I want' and 'Here's what I want.'"

Although he would not be specific about details of Seligman's meeting with

Hooker, search committee chairman and School of Journalism and Mass Communication Dean Richard Cole confirmed Gebeaux's suspicion. "An offer has been made to him." He would not say whether Seligman would take the position. "It's premature to say anything at this point."

But Rand, also on the search committee, expressed reasons why Seligman was the committee's top choice. "I was impressed with him as a person; I was impressed with his background," he

said. "He's a well-known scholar."

Seligman graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of California at Los Angeles, where he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. In addition to being the law school dean and the Samuel M. Fegly Professor of Law at the University of Arizona, Seligman has been a law professor since 1983 when he served at Northeastern University Law School.

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Rally Celebrates King's Legacy

More than 500 participants came to Monday's march and rally held in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

By Matt Leclercq
Assistant City Editor

Dreary weather did not dampen the spirits of more than 500 people Monday as they rallied and marched downtown to renew the legacy left by Martin Luther King Jr.

The slain civil rights leader was remembered through song, speeches and prayer at an 11 a.m. rally in front of the Franklin Street post office, followed by a march to the traditionally black Northside neighborhood. It was Chapel Hill's 17th annual celebration for the leader, who was shot in 1968.

"We're still fighting for some of the basic

principals he fought for," said Fred Battle, president of the Chapel Hill/Carrboro chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "The barriers might be down, but the struggle is still here."

Speakers, standing before a diverse crowd that included banner-flanked representatives of local activist organizations, said King's peaceful battle against injustice in all its guises should move forward to combat housing issues in Chapel Hill.

"In North Carolina, 500,000 people pay more than 50 percent of their income in rent," Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange, said. "We're not putting enough money into state housing."

David Rankin, a member of the Northside Community Association, spoke of choosing a battle and becoming involved.

"King showed what one highly motivated person can do," he said. "He and others like him changed the heart of the nation."

Many residents of Northside, which is north of West Rosemary Street, have gone before town officials with complaints of being squeezed out of the area by students who can afford the rising cost of rent by living with several students in one house.

"It takes people to change things," Rankin said, encouraging participation on local boards, committees and community watch groups.

After the rally, marchers circled Silent Sam in McCorkle Place to acknowledge the statue, built in 1913 on the 50th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Marchers then headed east, at one point spanning nearly the entire 100 blocks of East Franklin Street. The march ended at the Hargraves Center.

"It's beautiful," said native Chapel Hill resident Shannon French of the singing and chant-

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Marchers prepare to carry the leading sign during a Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade through downtown Chapel Hill. Participants marched from Silent Sam in McCorkle Place to the Hargraves Center.

King Coalition Uses Rally to Address Housing Issue

The Martin Luther King Coalition introduced its concerns about affordable housing at the march.

By Jenny Beaver
Staff Writer

Local activists prepared for Monday's march not only in an effort to honor Martin Luther King Jr., but also to peacefully bring attention to a social issue close to home.

Organizers described the problem of affordable housing, the theme of the festivities, as an urgent need that affects the entire community.

The Martin Luther King Coalition, made up of individuals and members of local organizations, worked with the area chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Orange County Black

Caucus to plan events surrounding the holiday.

"Whether it's social justice, affordable housing or day care, we provide a unit to help find a positive solution in a nonviolent way," said Robert Campbell, a coalition member and Monday's Master of Ceremonies.

The coalition's mission this year is to make Chapel Hill property affordable for city, town and University employees.

"The issue of greatest importance for Chapel Hill and Orange County is that groundspeople of UNC and city employees can't afford to live in Chapel Hill because property is so expensive," Campbell said.

"These people are being forced to live out of the area because property is being turned into condos for college students or middle-income families."

The coalition will meet Feb. 4 to form a plan of action to work for affordable housing this year, rally coordinator Ruby Steinreich said.

Maxeine Mitchell, community development specialist for EmPOWERment Inc., spoke at the rally about different steps people need to take to afford their own homes.

"We want to educate people early about maintaining good credit," Mitchell said.

She encouraged families to join home-buyers' clubs to learn about the importance of good credit and how to climb out of debt safely.

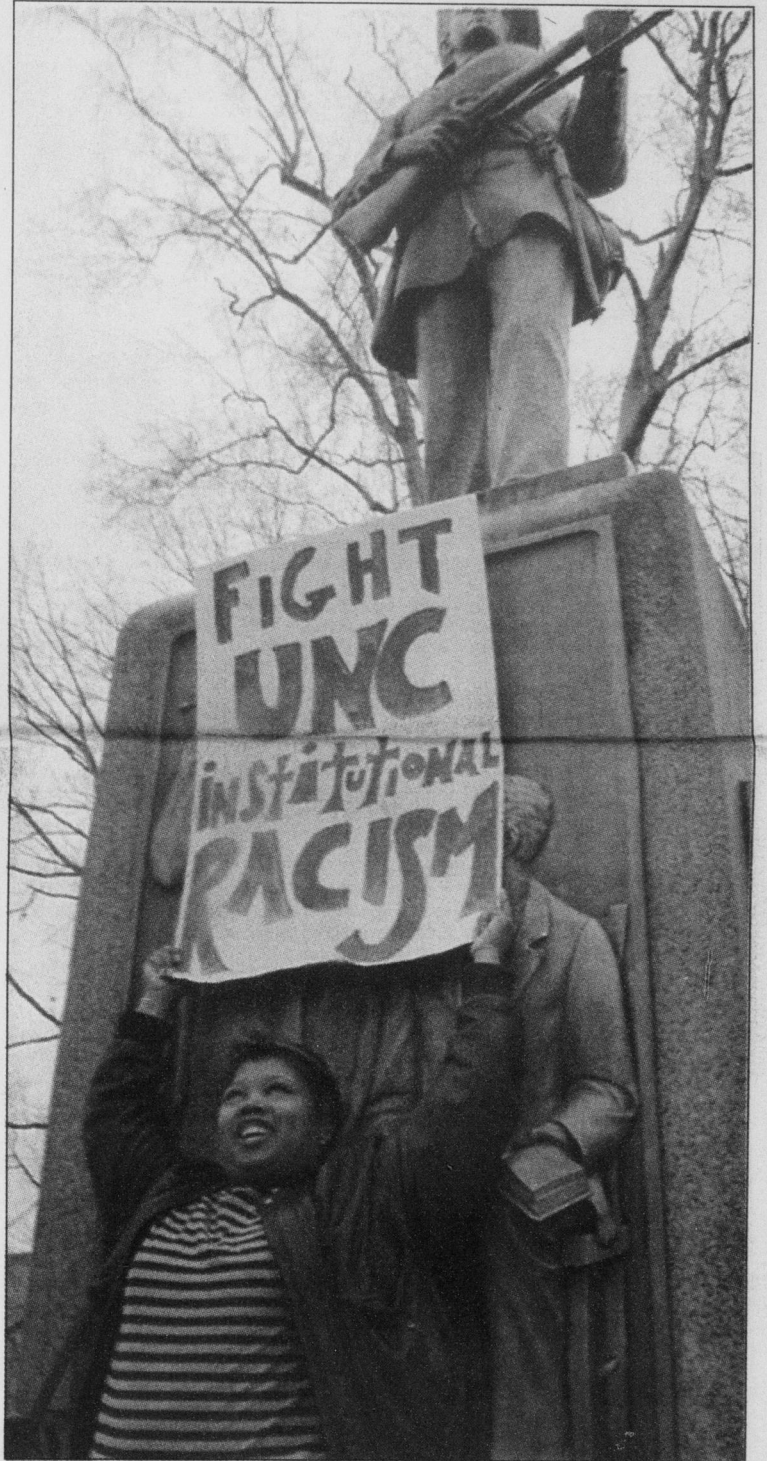
Kea Parker, a sophomore and co-chairwoman of the Hunger and Homelessness Outreach Program, said the annual march is about getting in touch with other activists.

"The goal here is to unite similar-minded people with the same goals," she said.

Steinreich said the diversity of the coalition's participants and goals made it effective.

"I think the Martin Luther King Coalition meets an important need in the community by

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Dorothy Elaine Massey protests Silent Sam, seen by some as a racist representative of students who fought in the Civil War, during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day march Monday.

Clinton Address to Avoid Trial, Focus on Country

President Clinton will give his State of the Union address tonight at 9 p.m. in the House chambers.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Clinton rehearsed a State of the Union address brimming with ideas on education, health care and other initiatives likely to get a chilly reception from a Congress bitterly divided by impeachment.

As Clinton's lawyers reviewed the legal defense they will begin presenting on his behalf Tuesday, Education

Secretary Richard Riley previewed one of the president's top education priorities: to hold states and school districts accountable for the achievements of students and teachers.

States that fail to end social promotions and set standards could lose some federal education aid. "Most of our schools are doing very well and are involved in this standards movement in a very exciting way," Riley said. "Yet

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Local Experts Consider Impact Of Clinton Speech
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there are places out there that things aren't happening."

In another preview Monday, the administration said Clinton would propose a tax credit of up to \$500 per child, age 1 or younger, to offset costs for parents who choose to stay home to care for their kids. The proposal is part of a



In his speech today, President Clinton is expected to address issues such as education and social security.

larger child-care package that seeks \$18 billion over five years to aid working poor and middle-class families.

The administration also floated a proposal for \$1 billion over five years to improve health care for many of the nation's 32 million uninsured adults. The money would be used to encourage community clinics and hospitals to work together to keep track of patients and make sure they get needed treatment.

Before a prime-time television audience, Clinton will deliver his State of the Union address at 9 p.m. Tuesday in the House chamber.

It was in that same chamber one month ago Tuesday that the House voted for only the second time in histo-

ry to impeach the president. The only other time was when Andrew Johnson was impeached in 1868 and went on to survive as president by one vote in a Senate impeachment trial.

To build support, the White House Office of Public Liaison sent out faxes urging supporters to hold State of the Union watch parties at club and union halls - and to tell news outlets about the gatherings. A new poll from the Pew Research Center said the Senate trial has not changed Americans' minds about turning Clinton out of office, and that two-thirds of the public wants him to stay. The survey indicated 53 percent of Americans are satisfied with the way things are going in the country.

INSIDE Tuesday

Ante Up!

New state regulations will result in stiffer penalties for businesses who violate video poker laws in North Carolina. See Page 4.

Today's Weather

Mostly sunny;
Upper 50s.
Wednesday: Partly sunny,
Mid 60s.

Come to Our Window

Stop by the DTH office - Suite 104 of the Student Union - to see if you are one of the lucky applicants who made our spring hiring list.

There is much pleasure to be gained from useless knowledge.

Bertrand Russell