

Committee Set to Convene, Name Housekeeping Head

The new director will be looked upon to solve the ongoing dispute between UNC and the housekeepers.

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Staff Writer

As a national applicant search for UNC's next housekeeping services director draws to a close, a diverse committee will convene to select the person who will be given the task of resolving disputes within the department.

Led by Facilities Services Design Technician John Heuer, the committee

will consist of two housekeepers, Student Body President Justin Young, four facilities services staff members and the director of on-campus minority recruitment, Archie Ervin.

Heuer hopes to begin meetings during the second week of May after the April 30 application deadline. Heuer said he has received a number of local, regional and national applications since the search began in February.

The new director will fill the position presently held by acting director William Burston. Burston was appointed to the position when director Michael O'Brien resigned in 1999 following a union protest. UE-150, the labor union that represents UNC's house-

keepers, leveled claims of unfair treatment and wages at the University.

The new director also will likely have to deal with growing concern about the treatment of housekeepers on campus. Housekeepers and student protesters say poor working conditions — mistreatment and underpay — are an example of institutional racism at UNC.

Barbara Prear, leader of the housekeeping union UE-150, said assigning a new director will not resolve problems. "All the director does is direct," Prear said. "He doesn't make the rules."

Heuer has yet to speak to the two housekeepers on the committee — Sandra Clinton and Linda Keenan — but said he hopes their participation on the committee will play a crucial role in choosing a successful candidate. Heuer is scheduling meeting times so that all committee members, especially the housekeepers, will be able to attend.

Heuer said his brief experience as a housekeeper during the 1970s has made him sensitive to the workers' issues.

"We want a person who will provide the best leadership for the benefit of the University and the housekeepers."

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Bush Plan to Trim Federal Programs

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush sent Congress on Monday the full details of his \$1.96 trillion budget, promising to restrain what he considers the excessive growth of government spending by trimming a multitude of government programs, from energy conservation to putting police on the streets.

The nearly 5-inch-thick stack of blue budget books, which fleshes out the broad budget outline the president released in February, seeks to put the new administration's stamp on the federal government by rolling back many initiatives promoted by former President Clinton's administration.

All of the cuts make room for Bush's signature proposal, a \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut, while also using a projected \$5.6 trillion surplus over the next decade to pay down a record amount of the national debt. Democrats contended Bush was cutting programs too severely.

In his full budget, Bush re-estimated the cost of his campaign-promised tax cut at \$1.49 trillion over 10 years, giving him room to add some new tax breaks to the package, the biggest of which is a \$52.9 billion program to provide up to \$2,000 in tax credits to help low-income families pay for health insurance.

The administration is recommending a 17 percent cut in a key Clinton anti-crime program that aimed to put 100,000 new police officers on city streets. Part of

the savings would be redirected to beefing up security at the nation's schools.

In an effort to attack corporate welfare, programs to support shipbuilding, energy conservation at American companies and subsidies for American exports all would be trimmed.

There were spending increases in the Bush budget to meet campaign promises and to support favored initiatives. Bush has made reforming education a key priority and his budget would boost discretionary spending at the Department of Education by 11.5 percent, the biggest increase for any Cabinet agency.

In all, the budget proposes outright cuts in 10 of the government's 25 major agencies. The biggest cuts would occur at the departments of Agriculture and Transportation.

In education, the administration approved significant increases in such areas as support for charter schools and helping states develop reading and math

student assessment programs, fulfilling Bush campaign promises.

But many Clinton initiatives would be cut or scaled back. These include programs to support doctor training at children's hospitals, efforts to combat nuclear proliferation by assisting Russian nuclear scientists and tax credits to boost economic development in poor neighborhoods.

Bush budget writers said that in many cases the savings would be devoted to the same problems but through different programs that the new administration believes will offer a greater payoff.

In all, the budget for the 2002 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 would spend \$1.96 trillion, a 5.6 percent increase over this year. It would hold the growth in discretionary spending — everything but spending on mandatory benefit programs — to a 4 percent increase, far below the 8.7 percent increase in budget authority that Clinton got for the current fiscal year.

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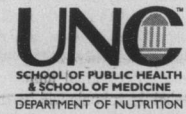
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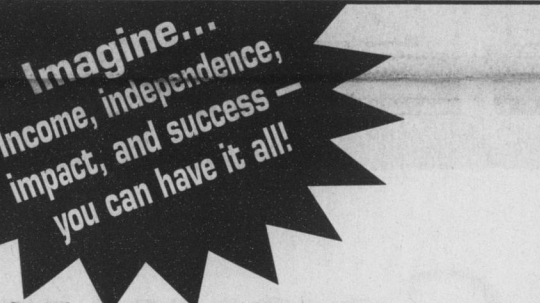
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You must sign up to participate.

5 p.m. — A.N.A.D., a **confidential peer support group for individuals struggling with eating disorders**, will meet in the Center for Healthy Student Behaviors on the 2nd floor of Student Health Services.

Call 962-9355 for more information.
6 p.m. — An **informal interest meeting** will be held in 431 Greenlaw Hall for **Alpha Epsilon Omega Christian Sisterhood**. All those interested are encouraged to attend.

8 p.m. — **Blank Canvas** will hold its **annual show** at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$2 and will be available in the Pit.

Wednesday

noon — The Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center will sponsor, "Around the Circle: Black Women and Self Love."

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7 p.m. — Join the **Association of English Majors for free pizza and Trevor Nunn's "Twelfth Night."** Stay after for a discussion led by Dr. Richie Kendall of the English department in 222 Greenlaw.

7:30 p.m. — The Orange County Peace Coalition, the Curriculum in Peace, War, & Defense, and Back From the Brink will sponsor a **talk by Ira Shorr**, national director of Back From the Brink, in the School of Social Work Auditorium.

His talk is titled "**The Real Missile Threat: Thousands of Nuclear Weapons on Hair-Trigger Alert.**" Ira Shorr has more than 20 years of experience working on nuclear weapons and has been a national leader on issues of limiting them and disarmament.

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