

# Chisholm, 52, chef, artist

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Orlando Chisholm, beloved Lenoir Dining Hall chef, artist and friend, died Jan. 15 from a blood clot in his main artery. He was 52.



Lenoir chef Orlando Chisholm, nicknamed "Old Dog," died Jan. 15 from a blood clot.

Chisholm, the son of Leroy and Dorothy Floyd, grew up in Greensboro and began working at UNC 11 years ago.

Co-workers said Chisholm was known as "Old Dog" at Lenoir. Whenever things were getting hectic, he would say "The old dog is here!" and bark a few times to let co-workers know he had everything under control.

Co-worker Jennifer Henderson said Chisholm was an integral part of the workplace environment.

"He was a cook, but he did everything. If you needed help, he could help you do other things, too," she said.

"He was an institution around here, and it's really weird not seeing him. They are going to have a hard time replacing him."

Chisholm was a hard-working employee, said Ira Simon, director of food and vending services on campus.

"We're saddened by the loss. He was a long-term employee," he said.

"He was a very dependable, hard-working, personable gentleman."

As a testament to his impact at the University's food services, Chisholm's recipes for fried chicken and pulled pork barbecue will be referred to as "Orlando's" on menus, said Crystal Devine, Chisholm's girlfriend and co-worker.

Devine said Chisholm was the kind of man who would do anything for those he loved.

"He'd give you the shirt off his back," she said.

"He got a lot of people who work here now their jobs and helped a lot of them keep them."

Rudy Walker, longtime friend and co-worker, described Chisholm

as a people person. "He was a brother, father and friend, and we're all going to miss him," he said.

"If you were going through something, he'd know how to put a smile on your face."

Devine echoed Walker's sentiment. "When you met him, it was like you knew him; he wasn't a stranger to anybody," she said. "He didn't have an enemy in the world; everybody liked him."

His mother, Dorothy Floyd, said her son served in the Army for four years and will be remembered as an all-around strong character.

"He was my first child, and growing up he was a real nice guy," she said.

Several friends, family members and co-workers attended a memorial in Chisholm's hometown last week, braving the winter storm to come from Chapel Hill.

Chisholm is survived by his son, Orlando Chisholm Jr., parents Leroy and Dorothy Floyd, three brothers and two sisters.

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when he attended the University.

Kleinschmidt said past student body presidents have viewed town-gown relations differently.

"We've seen in the past a number of student body presidents who have made that a primary objective," he said.

When asked what the most important town issues are for students, the candidates were split.

Ballard and Jensen said the development plans for Carolina North — UNC's proposed satellite campus — is the most critical issue.

The creation of a single voting district for on-campus voters topped the list for both Blackwell and Dearmin.

Council member Bill Strom said some student leaders have not been as responsive as others.

"I've seen student body presidents come in only during times of crisis and read a prepared statement," he said.

Strom and fellow council member Sally Greene this year

have endorsed Jensen, citing his involvement in town issues as one of the reasons for their support.

Greene said her work with Jensen on the Special Committee to Consider Renaming Airport Road was a factor in her endorsement.

"He understands the role the student body president can play in providing a clear voice for students in this community," Strom said.

Regardless of their own involvement in town-gown relations, candidates stressed that students should be involved in local affairs.

Dearmin's platform advocates the creation of special one-year terms for students to serve on town advisory boards.

He said he hopes a smaller time commitment would make service enticing to more students.

At one point, Ballard also included a desire to appoint a student to every town advisory board.

The issue of student participation on town boards is not a new one.

In November 2003, then-Student Body Secretary Frances Ferris petitioned council members to create a permanent position for a student

representative on every advisory board that directly affects students.

But many board members did not support the change.

Despite that, Jensen said he will use his experience to advocate for student interests. "I won't go into Town Council as a stranger."

Ballard, Blackwell and Dearmin all pointed to the fact that students make up almost half of the town's total population as a reason why they should be involved.

Carrboro Alderman Mark Chilton, the only University student to be elected to the council as a student, said student leaders must keep in mind that council members must balance the needs of all the town's citizens.

"There needs to be some realistic recognition of the needs of the rest of the town's citizens," he said.

Blackwell said students should realize their potential power over current town-gown issues.

"We can have a huge influence if we just speak up."

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Rimer is a good fit for the job. He said that she has a record of excellent cancer research as a faculty member and that he was impressed by her commitment to serving the state.

He also noted the importance of the position.

"This is one of the highest-ranked schools of its kind in the country," he said.

In 2003, U.S. News & World Report ranked the school tied for second in the nation.

Williams will assume the post

of dean of the School of Dentistry on May 31 after spearheading efforts at UL's dental school since 1999.

He has experience in both private and public dental practice and serves as chairman of site review teams for the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation.

On Jan. 1, Dr. John Stamm retired after 15 years at the school.

Dr. Ken May, interim dean and associate dean for administration and planning, said he is confident about Williams' approval.

"I think the faculty have been

anxiously awaiting through the search, and now they have an answer," May said. "He should mesh well with the students and faculty."

Williams said he is honored to move to a school that has a tradition of academic excellence and scholarship.

"I am very student-oriented," he said.

"I would like to have the opportunity to work with students and help them become role models for future dentists."

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thing about tuition."

Student Body President Matt Calabria attempted to delay the vote on the \$100 athletic fee increase for 2006-07 until meetings next year. "This is something we want to get behind," he said. "All I am asking is for us to take some time."

John Ellison, the only trustee besides Calabria to vote against the fee increase, said he would support such an increase only if it were deducted from proposed tuition increases. "Up until now, in the history of this University, we have not asked students to subsidize the athletic program," he said. "We are crossing a line now."

But board members said the needs of the University were more

pressing. "We either have to stop raising tuition or address this problem," Carter said. "This is the best idea I've heard in four years, and we can debate it to the end of the earth, but it works."

On the advice of Chancellor James Moeser, the board approved the proposal but deducted the fee hikes from tuition increases to avoid doubly burdening students.

The \$50 athletic fee increase is tacked onto the \$64.50 fee increase that passed through both student fee committees last semester. The \$114.50 total increase, up 9.2 percent, would bring the total cost of fees for 2005-06 to \$1,353.50.

On top of lobbying for more time to examine the fee hike, Calabria again tried to sway the board to reduce the out-of-state tuition increase proposal to \$800. But trust-

ees almost unanimously approved the hikes that boost undergraduate resident tuition to \$3,405 and non-resident tuition to \$17,253.

If the UNC-system Board of Governors and the legislature approve the University's request, the University would gain about \$7.4 million. After 40 percent of the revenue is set aside for need-based and graduate student aid, about \$4.4 million would be left for priorities related to faculty retention.

The proposals await approval by the BOG, whose members have said they might veto in-state tuition increases for any system schools. But University officials continue to call campus-based hikes a necessity.

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going to become more accommodating?"

Rep. Russell Capps, R-Wake, said he voted against Black because the power-share was pushed through after little consideration.

Both Morgan and Black were elected after a motion to approve the resolution was given by Rep. William Culpepper, D-Chowan.

"We're elected to represent a population of about 38,000 people," Capps said. "So this means that the representatives in these 20 districts have no voice."

He said that if any split occurs

in the Republican Party, it will be the fault of those who pushed through a power-sharing arrangement — not the 20 representatives who were opposed to it.

Rep. Larry Brown, R-Forsyth, said that though he took issue with the voting process, he won't take sides in a split. "I'm going to represent my people, and those are the only people I'm obligated to."

Wednesday's procedure was different from years past, but lawmakers usually have votes lined up before opening day, said Orange County Rep. Joe Hackney.

"We had a vote," said the House majority leader. "What's more democratic than a vote?"

Rep. Carolyn Justice, R-Pender, said Republican lawmakers were working with what they had. By voting for the deal,

the GOP was giving itself shared power, something it otherwise wouldn't have.

"I think you would have to be pretty dumb to turn down that opportunity," said Justice, who voted for the resolution.

She said potential divisions won't hurt the Republican agenda because the dissenting legislators don't represent the true Republican voice.

"What we have to come down to as legislators is this: Do we want to say, 'If it doesn't go my way I'm not going to play,' or do I need to participate in a process that will allow me to do good things for my district? Or do I just want to take my toys and go home?"

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and Henderson streets that repaired airplanes as well as automobiles, Eyre offered as an example.

"In the late '20s and early '30s, you could see aircrafts wheeled in without wings," Eyre said. "That was one of the interesting spectacles."

The Horace Williams Airport was only the second airport formally opened in North Carolina.

"After World War II, there was a great burst of interest in aviation in general," Eyre said. "The airport grew out of that interest."

By the end of the war, it was the largest university-owned airport in the country, he said.

"After World War II, it was by itself in the countryside," Eyre said. "In the '60s and '70s, the town grew up around it."

But recently, the future of the airport has been the subject of town and University debate.

The Chapel Hill Town Council voted in December to change the name of Airport Road to Martin

Luther King Jr. Boulevard following almost eleven months of discussion.

Many of the arguments against renaming the road cited the history of the airport as a primary reason.

Eyre said that while he was against the name change, he thinks the council reached a satisfactory solution by calling for separate road signs to recognize the thoroughfare as "Historic Airport Road."

The airport also has stalled the University's plans for Carolina North, its research-oriented satellite campus.

The General Assembly passed a resolution to keep the airport open until the N.C. Area Health Education Center program, which uses the airport to fly physicians and patients across the state, is relocated.

"The airport is important in terms of its original construction, and it's a great asset to the people of the state," Eyre said.

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