

Vendors continue search for space

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Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee met with an advisory board of vendors Tuesday night to develop a new plan for regulating sales on Franklin Street.

The committee, informally

headed by David Smith, was composed of two flower ladies and five other vendors.

Space restriction was the method favored by most of the committee members. They will recommend that specified areas be set aside for selling.

The committee plans to

meet again soon to discuss which areas would be most suitable for vending. A stall system on the south side of Franklin is also being considered.

Lee will study the recommendations as soon as they are completed and, if they are acceptable to him, present them to an informal meeting of the Board of Aldermen Friday.

The advisory committee was formed after a near confrontation between city police and demonstrators protesting the vending ordinance on Franklin Street last Thursday.

Demonstrators spread blankets on the sidewalk and gave away flowers and food. Petitions urging the mayor to let the vendors return were circulated.

Lee arrived at the demonstration several minutes before the police. He talked to the students, read the petition and arranged a meeting with the leaders of the demonstration.

Police then arrived under orders from Chapel Hill Police Chief William D. Blake, and ordered the demonstrators to move or be arrested for obstructing the sidewalk.

Al Hays, one of the leaders of the protest, was arrested. Lee overruled the police captain and released the bearded demonstrator after he had spent 15 minutes in a police car.

"I think we can work this out," said Lee. "I don't want this to end up as a confrontation and create a polarized situation on the matter."

Lee fought the decision of the Aldermen to ban street selling. After the clause permitting the sale of flowers was ruled discriminatory by the North Carolina Supreme Court, the mayor favored revision of the vending ordinance to allow another type of regulation. Instead, the Aldermen chose to let the ordinance stand without the clause.

No chancellor

The unsettled deconsolidation question has left Consolidated University President William C. Friday unsure of whether or not to make a recommendation for a successor to Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson.

Friday will take the appointment question to the meeting of the executive committee of the University Board of Trustees July 9.

Friday said several weeks ago he would not recommend a candidate for chancellor until after the N.C. General Assembly had made up its mind about deconsolidating the Consolidated University.

A special session of the Assembly will convene on Oct. 25 to discuss deconsolidation. Sitterson is slated to step down Sept. 1.

Friday was scheduled to recommend to the full Board of Trustees one candidate, picked from a list of three submitted to him this spring by the Chancellor Selection Committee.

Friday said he wanted to make sure there would be a position of chancellor before he recommended a choice. He also said that his decision of which of the three to recommend might hinge on the amount of power or responsibility the man would have.

This power or responsibility is subject to change, depending on whether or not changes in the structure of higher education are made in this fall's special session of the Assembly.

5 lbs grass, 1/2 lb hash taken in bust

Two UNC students were arrested Friday in what Police Chief William Blake called one of the largest drug hauls to be made in Chapel Hill.

Spence McGavock Dickinson, 23, of Wade Road, Chapel Hill, and Christopher Plumer, 19, of Miami, Fla., were arrested following a search of their car near the fraternity court on South Columbia St. The arrests were made by detectives Lindy Pendergrass and Paul Minor, and SBI agents Fred Cahoon and Clarence Gooch.

Five pounds of marijuana and a half pound of hashish were seized by the officers.

A preliminary hearing will be held Wednesday, July 14, in Hillsborough.



Old-Fashioned Fourth

20,000 people gathered in Kenan Stadium Sunday night for the fireworks climax of Chapel Hill's "Old-Fashioned Fourth."

Termed the most successful Fourth celebration ever, the festivities began with an afternoon parade from downtown Carrboro to the Kenan parking lot. Bingo, penny-pitching, helium balloons and cotton candy filled the slate of afternoon attractions. Evening brought the

catered chicken dinners and, of course, the fireworks.

The local chapter of the American Field Service, sponsor of the celebration, hopes to have cleared \$2,000 on the concessions. The profits will be used to cover expenses for a one-year visit by a foreign exchange student and for a local student's travel abroad.

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