

Mr. UNC contest to celebrate spirit

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Five judges will crown the man who best embodies the spirit of the University tonight at the Mr. UNC contest at 7:30 p.m. in Gerrard Hall.

The event is sponsored by Circle K, a service club. Organizers expect about 250 people to attend the event. Admission is \$3, and proceeds will go to the Association for Retarded Citizens. Organizers expect to raise about \$600.

Wendy Martin, Circle K vice president, said the contest is designed not only as a fund-raiser but as a spirit-raiser as well. "It is an important part of Homecoming Week, and it gets people's spirits up."

Circle K has sponsored the event for the last five years, said Lorie Steinhagen, Circle K treasurer.

Five judges, including Norris Johnson, professor of anthropology; Jean Lutes, editor of The Daily Tar Heel; and Sue Bartoldus, president

of the women's crew club, will choose Mr. UNC, said Stephanie Embry, member of the group's contestant and judging committee. Other possible judges have not yet responded, she said.

Students who attend the event will also play a role in selecting Mr. UNC, Embry said. Crowd reaction to each contestant will influence the judges' decision, she said.

The candidates will be judged in four categories, Embry said. The categories are introduction, talent, an original cheer and improvisation. In the improvisation category, contestants will be given a situation and then judged on their reaction, Embry said. Important factors in scoring are humor, originality, appearance of costume and the crowd's reaction to the candidate, she said.

The new Mr. UNC will receive two season basketball tickets, Steinhagen said. Other prizes include gift certi-

ficats and a pair of Alexander Julian socks.

The Carolina Athletic Association has helped publicize the event this year, Jill Nystrom, Circle K president, said.

"We just didn't have the manpower to get the event as highly publicized as they could," she said.

The six candidates for Mr. UNC are:

Cedric Brown, a senior, who is sponsored by the Black Student Movement Ebony Readers. He is the best candidate, Brown said, because he will be different from Mr. UNC's of the past. His humor will bring different kinds of people together.

"Wit, creativity and Carolina spirit are important, as well as being Mr. Joe Blow average student," he said. "I like to make people laugh long, hard and on the floor, but not in a tasteless way."

Jürgen Buchenau, a graduate student from West Germany, who is sponsored by Student Congress. Friends in Student Congress and the Association of International Students urged him to enter, Buchenau said, and he thinks it will be different to have a graduate student in the competition.

The facts that he attends all ball games, is involved in many campus organizations and works as a teaching assistant qualify him for the Mr. UNC title, Buchenau said. "I'm a pretty versatile, outgoing guy," he said.

"I'm somewhat nervous because I'm not a long-term planner for anything hilarious," Buchenau said. "If I'm spontaneous tomorrow night, though, I won't be nervous."

Matthew Burke, a senior, who is sponsored by Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry fraternity. Burke said his

entry into the contest was due to a mix-up.

"I entered because I thought I was in drop-add line," he said. "I was short one hour to graduate. Does this course require a lab?"

Burke said he was somewhat nervous about the competition. "Even though I may not win, the Dalai Lama has told me when I die, on my deathbed, I will receive total alumni status in the Rams Club," he said.

Wayne Cole, a freshman, who is sponsored by Avery Residence Hall. "I think I have the personality and the ability to be Mr. UNC," Cole said.

Winning the title is not the most important factor, Cole said, although the basketball tickets would be nice. "I'm just looking forward to having a good time, and it's for a good cause," he said.

Cameron Tew, a junior, who is sponsored by Carmichael Residence Hall. "I have more talent and ability and spirit than anyone else running for the position of Mr. UNC," he said.

Tew said he viewed the Mr. UNC contest as a stepping stone to his political career. He plans to run for president, and the contest will give him visibility he'll need later, he said.

"If George Bush and Mike Dukakis can run for president, anyone can," he said.

John Whichard, a junior transfer student, who is sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He is the most qualified contestant, he said, because he has a lot of enthusiasm for Carolina.

As a junior transfer student, Whichard said he worked hard to get to UNC. This taught him a lot about school spirit at Carolina and qualifies him to be Mr. UNC, he said.

Athletic director to supervise local Visitors Bureau

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UNC Athletic Director John Swofford was appointed Monday as the new director of the Visitors Bureau project by the Public-Private Partnership.

Swofford was one of three area members of the Public-Private Partnership to be appointed as directors of projects by Jim Heavner, president of the partnership.

"By pooling resources, Chapel Hill can have one nice (visitors) center, whereas before, there were several places interested in having a center, but we could not coordinate efforts. That is what John Swofford will do," Heavner said.

The committee is expected to decide on a location for the bureau within several months, he said. The Chamber of Commerce wanted to set up a Visitors Bureau, the Town of Chapel Hill wanted to put one in the downtown area and the University was thinking about using the Morehead Building for a Visitors Bureau, Heavner said.

Swofford will help coordinate all of these separate interested parties into one working group, he said.

Sally Jessee, president of Marlin Properties, was appointed as director of a committee to find a permanent home for the Shelter

Project of Chapel Hill.

The Inter-Faith Council has been raising funds to help renovate the shelter at the old Chapel Hill Police Department, he said.

Whit Morrow of Fraser, Morrow, Daniels and Co. was appointed to head a task force which will address the issue of affordable housing in Chapel Hill.

Morrow said the task force will concentrate on housing for people who serve the community, such as teachers, firemen, municipal workers and young faculty members.

The task force will research ways to either help these people afford housing available in Chapel Hill or increase the supply of affordable housing, he said.

The Public-Private Partnership comprises government officials, University officials, business leaders, members of the press and private citizens. It was designed to help promote cooperation between business and local government leaders while promoting creative solutions to local problems.

Mary Yow of Village Companies said these three appointments are the direct result of the Public-Private Partnership Conference held last month in Champaign-Urbana, Ill., where these initiatives were suggested.

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moving too slowly in the search process is not true.

The process has been slow because the committee was not given administrative permission to go ahead with the search until Sept. 12, she said.

The target date for a new office head to be in place is Jan. 1, 1989, but Palmer said unanticipated factors, such as the time for the candidate to relocate his family, may delay that date.

"But we are making a good-faith effort to get him by Jan. 1," he said.

Perry said he is concerned about the possibility of a delay. "If we don't have someone in there by Jan. 1, we

might as well wave the spring semester goodbye," he said. "I hope they recommend several finalists so we won't have that problem."

Palmer said he was pleased with the exchange of ideas at the forum. "I thought it was a very thoughtful meeting that focused on the issues," he said. "I think we (the committee) were educated on a lot of things."

Perry said so many issues were brought up that the search committee may have trouble sifting through them all.

"I'm not sure how the search committee is going to be able to structure the information," he said.

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"got about 20 feet into the building and had spent the \$75,000," Taylor said.

This year, the library is on a list of high priorities for renovation, and its proposed repair budget is almost \$4 million, he said.

The library was built in 1968, and except for some furniture replacement and reupholstering, no major renovations have been done since then, Taylor said. Heavy traffic causes extra wear and tear, he said.

Design and lighting problems will be solved if the proposal passes, Taylor said. Uneven lighting, a leaky roof, ceiling plaster containing asbestos, an inadequate ventilation system and high noise levels are problems students and employees must face.

Also, the wiring is inadequate for computers and the library's extensive non-print collection. "We've adapted the building to these uses, but not

as well as we'd like to," Taylor said.

A new facility for biotechnology and biomedical research is "urgently needed by a lot of faculty members" in the medical school, said William Huffines, associate dean of pathology.

The old biological research building is overcrowded and outdated, Huffines said, and research at UNC is increasing. A new building could accommodate new techniques, he said.

Definite plans and a time frame don't exist yet for the new facility, Huffines said.

Other projects included in the proposal are the installation of central air conditioning in classroom buildings, a new building for the School of Social Work, a Performing Arts Center, an addition to the School of Dentistry and renovation of Rosenau Hall.

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