

VIEWPOINT

An Ink editorial

Student input necessary in chancellor selection

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The term of another chancellor is about to end. Ferebee Taylor will leave office Jan. 31, 1980.

He will no longer make pertinent decisions that govern your and my education, social life, and well-being here, nor will he control the UNC-CH faculty and administration.

If he will not do these things, then who will?

For those of us who are ignorant of the fact, there exists a Chancellor Selection Committee designed to nominate the next leader of this university (although the final decision rests with UNC system president William Friday).

The committee consists of five trustees, two alumni, two faculty members, and one student.

The only student member of the committee just happens to be the Student Body President, J.B. Kelly. I suppose J.B. is our token representative to the committee, and his presence there is suppose to make us happy. However, how can we be happy when his presence is not significant? His one vote probably cannot determine a decision.

Students should have a significant voice in making decisions at the university because, after all, it exists for us (well, it is suppose to). However, so many times we are ignored.

The sophomore class of the North Carolina Fellows Program, a group of student leaders, would not be ignored.

The group organized a draft of credentials for the new chancellor which they presented to the Chancellor Selection Committee Oct. 25.

The group presented a first draft to the leaders of various major student organizations on campus the week of Oct. 8.

By the end of the week, the group took suggestions from the various organizations contacted and from any organization interested in supporting the draft.

From the suggestions the group formulated the final draft that was endorsed by several student organizations and presented it to the selection committee.

The sophomore Fellows asked students to suggest personal qualifications pertaining specifically to the job of chancellor as well as personal attributes a chancellor should



possess.

To prompt ideas, students were asked the following question: What issues do you see arising in the next 10 years that the new chancellor must face and be able to handle?

Although the final draft may not have the suggestions of every student organization, all student organizations should have been concerned enough to examine the draft and endorse it if it complied with its ideas.

If it did not comply, organizations had a chance to present their own proposal to the committee Oct. 25.

The final draft was presented before J.B. Kelly so that he could be familiar with students' stand in order for him to defend or project it.

This was a worthwhile project. Students took the initiative and

became involved in making a decision that will effect them and future UNC-CH students.

Were you a part of the project? Did you voice your opinion? The project was publicized in the DTH and through various Fellows.

If you were not part of this student initiative, you should consider being part of future student projects.

Better yet, start now. Go to J.B. Kelly and tell him what kind of person you want to be your leader. The nominations will not begin until after Nov. 1.

You have the chance to voice your opinion. You must let the administration know that students cannot be ignored much longer or suffer the consequences.

NEWS FOCUS:

The Black Campus Cabinet

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The Black Campus Cabinet, formed last year as a consolidation of all the Black organizations at UNC, has already began meeting and it certainly has a monstrous task ahead of itself this year.

With the semester half gone, fraternities, sororities and other Black groups have constantly "bumped heads" with each other during weekend events subsequently hurting themselves at the gate.

The cabinet was started to alleviate the problem of conflicting schedules among Black organizations and to increase harmony among the groups.

Not only will the cabinet solve event scheduling problems, but it will make other important decisions concerning Black organization representation in campus-wide affairs, such as the selection of a queen by the cabinet for this year's homecoming celebration.

Our present cutthroat methods of survival by which we rub salt in our wounds with too many projects going on at once, will only gradually eliminate the effectiveness (and possibly the very existence) of the group as a whole.

Support of the cabinet from the organizations represented and from Black students will lead to creating a more harmonious and respectable atmosphere among the university's Black population.

The cabinet should not and has not taken the place of the BSM. Whereas the BSM deals strictly with Black student policy and acts as a student voice for representation to the UNC administration, the cabinet will deal only with promoting harmony, cooperation and unity among the Black organizations generally not represented on the BSM.

If anything at all is going to come out of the Black Campus Cabinet, there's going to be a need for an effective communication between all involved.

An effective communication that will emphasize to all groups that sacrifice and consideration will be the only feasible means of achieving success.

The efforts and the results of the Black Campus Cabinet will be a significant factor on where many of our Black organizations are headed at UNC.

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