

## CAMPUS NEWS

### ABOUT THAT NEW 94-95 CAMPUS DIRECTORY...

By Roger A. Harris

It was pointed out by a few upset FSU dormitory residents that the new campus directory reflected their home, not dormitory, telephone numbers in its Fall '94 listing of on-campus students. This mistake was made in spite of the fact that in some cases, student's requests to keep their home telephone numbers unpublished had been made and duly noted. University Relations and the Registrar's offices were quickly notified and were caught a little off guard by the revelation. However, within two days they responded to our inquiry with circumstances surrounding the incident at hand (quick, huh!): during the directory's final stages of preparation, it was decided to add the dormitory resident telephone listing in the hopes of making the directory a more useful product. This cut the usual review process. Consequently, some home telephone numbers were inadvertently printed.

Many lessons were learned from this incident. One of the most important was that **all students** should make sure that the personal information they provide to FSU is cur-

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sibilities: he has participated in this exhaustive and intensive process some eighteen times previously during his ten year presidency. He is very familiar with the varied interest groups (students, faculty, staff, community), their general concerns, and how to most effectively conduct the search process inclusive of those concerns. In short, he's been there, and offered some constructive suggestions to ensure that the search committee does the best job for all concerned.

The search committee is headed by Mr. Hector McEachern, Chairman of the FSU Board of Trustees. Mr. McEachern is an outstanding selection to head the search committee as he has an extensive background in Human Resources. He currently serves as Senior Vice-President of Wachovia Bank in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. His selection to lead the search committee represents a traditional and time-honored appointment for the sitting chairman of a university's board of trustees.

#### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- (1) It's estimated that over two hundred applicants will be reviewed.
- (2) As a matter of protocol, only the final prospective nominees of the selection process will be made public.
- (3) The search committee is allocated a \$53,000 budget. They are expected to adhere to the traditional four month to one year time frame to complete the search process. However, more time and money can be requested and dedicated to the search process, if needed.
- (4) Mr. Spangler will interview the final three nominees selected by the search committee, and from those interviews, chose one to forward to the Board of Governors for final approval and appointment. (The Board of Governors traditionally approves Mr. Spangler's recommendation).
- (5) Applicants or nominees should have an earned doctorate from an accredited institution and sufficient administrative experience in higher education to effectively manage a comprehensive state university. Evidence must also be shown of effective leadership and a strong commitment to the values embodied in teaching, scholarship, and service in a public university.
- (6) Applications should be addressed to:

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**(3) Non-traditional (or is that Non-committal?) students.** Non-traditional students represent three-fourths of our student population, yet how much do they actively contribute to FSU functions, programs, and activities? In my two years at this university, on campus students easily represent the majority of program and activity volunteers. If non-traditional students got more involved with what's happening at FSU, they could well take over the university. Until they do get more involved, they need to stop whining (am I sounding like administration?) about lack of day care, parking, activities for off-campus students, weekend classes, etc.

**(4) Student Leadership.** Student leadership, at all levels, must take more aggressive steps to communicate, coordinate, and organize itself into a stronger and more unified voice. It's a sad reality that at this point in the '94-'95 academic year, FSU students have no other option than to assume that nothing is being accomplished on their behalf by its elected student leadership. They can't even find out what has been accomplished because student leaders aren't getting the word out. Attention Jacques Gray, Student Government Association President: it's time for a State of the University Address—NOW. FSU's current transitional period should be the single most important item on every organization's agenda as its outcome will affect our future rise or descent into the next century (Freshmen students, take heed). Are we organized enough to meet this challenge? I hope so, because we have no choice or voice in its acceptance as the situation is already upon us. Students should let the Search Committee know what kind of chancellor they want and need to lead this university to its deserved academic place in the UNC system.

**(5) Student elections.** Our present student election process is absolutely juvenile, reducing its relevance to nothing more than a glorified popularity contest. A few weeks to put up posters and carry ply-signs around campus is no way to inform a very broad and diverse constituency of relevant issues and, more importantly, of the candidate's positions concerning those issues. We're fortunate we've elected the outstanding (albeit quiet) leaders currently in office. My suggestion?

Let perspective candidates declare their candidacy before the fall semester closes so that they can start campaigning in the spring semester (February registration for those candidates that make their minds up late). This procedure will give the candidates enough time to state their positions, use the various forms of media to communicate those positions, and allow a more involved and informed constituency to make a better choice. You only get out of a process what you structure it to produce. We've been lucky so far, dare we continue?

**(6) Fraternities/Sororities.** People have argued that beyond the step shows and occasional food drive, what are you doing to affect the historical continuum of FSU's vaulted legacy? Frats and sorts at other Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) set the pace and tone of Afrocentric awareness on their campuses. Do your actions at FSU, especially considering our 35% (and rising) minority enrollment, amount to nothing more than a hollow posturing of sorts?

**(7) Broncos' Voice Staff Pay.** Administrative red tape is complicating the circumstance that threatens the present and future existence of this publication. Precedent for newspaper staff pay has already been established by other UNC system universities and HBCU's nationwide. It's time this publication got the single most important tool it needs to attract and keep quality staff. You can't ask students to continually work until 11:30 P.M. to put out a newspaper and not compensate them. They will find (and are now in the process of finding) jobs that will compensate them for their time. It's called democracy (it's also called being able to eat.) The situation is being addressed by Student Affairs at this very moment. However, staff pay is such a crucial issue in our immediate future, and we're at such a critical point in this publication's new history that it bears mentioning right now: during, not after, whatever the final fact works itself out to be.

Are any of these observations on form and structure valid, or are they just my smoked-and-mirrored perceptions gone awry yet again? Am I on point or way off the mark? Write in and let me know what you think.