## News

## **Chancellor Search Drawing Near**

Fayetteville State University recently moved a step closer to getting our new chancellor

The university's board of trustees met in closed session for two hours to hear recommendations from its search committee.

No action was taken when the board went back into open session.

Board Chairman James Burch said after the meeting that the names of finalists would be submitted to University of North Carolina system President Molly Broad for consideration.

Burch did not say how many names would be submitted. The committee said earlier that three names would be sent.

Burch said FSU's search is ahead of schedule. The deadline for getting the recommendations to Broad is April 15.

Last July, Chancellor Willis McLeod announced plans to resign effective July 1, 2003, or after his successor is appointed. He has been chancellor since 1995.

McLeod said he plans to take a one-year sabbatical to do research on the achievement gap between minority students and white students. He said he hopes to fill an endowed professor's position in FSU's School of Education later.

Veronica Biggins of Heidrick & Struggles of Atlanta attended Thursday's meeting. The trustees hired the firm last fall to help screen applicants and narrow the field to about 20.



Willis McLeod will leave his post in July.

The search committee interviewed candidates before narrowing their selection for the trustees. The committee agreed last fall not to identify final candidates.

In other business, the board voted to offer interim men's basketball coach Sam Hanger a 3-year contract with a \$72,000 annual salary and made recommendations for changes to tenure-track faculty appointment policies.

The recommendations, if approved by the UNC Board of Governors would change initial appointments for assistant professor from two one-year appointments followed by one two-year appointment to two two-year appointments.

Initial appointments for associate professors would change from two one-year periods to one two-year period. Full professor

appointments would change from the current three oneyear periods to one three-year appointment.

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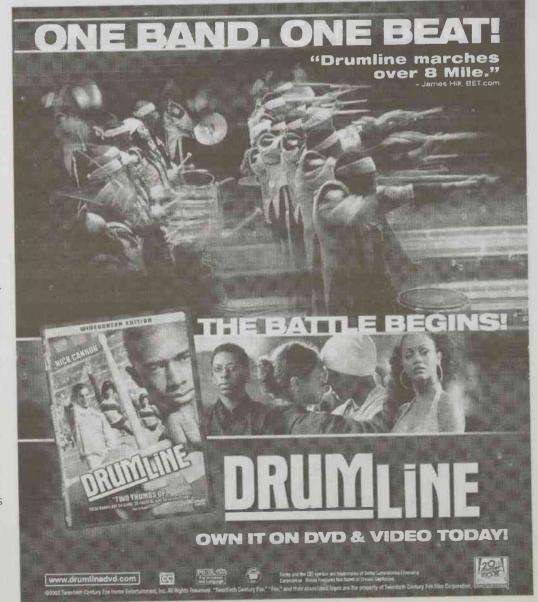
\*Tiffany Walker - Tiffany is a native of Chicago, Ill. She is the daughter of Timothy Walker, Sr. She is a junior majoring in secondary education.

\*Kewanda Lake -Kewanda is from Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Remona Brooker. Kewanda is a sophomore speech and theater major.

\*Latoya Parker - Latoya is a Fayetteville native. She is the daughter of Larry and Jacqueline Parker. She is a junior majoring in social science education.

\*Chickia Miller - Chickia is from Kenansville. She is the daughter of Ralph and Marie Miller. She is a junior psychology major.

\*LaSherrie Draughon -LaSherrie is a native of Warsaw. She is the daughter of Rex and Icelane Draughon. She is a junior majoring in music education.



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after other races; our ancestors already fought that fight. My message is to instill the idea best stated by Dr. Carter G. Woodson - "White supremacy can only be conquered with Afro-centricity. Self-hatred can only be destroyed with selflove."

We are eventually going to have to get to a point where we can elevate our way of thinking and start loving ourselves and each other enough to stop the ignorance that has been ingrained in us. We must stop worshipping these false idols of sex, materialism, and power and turn our eyes to GOD. Our ancestors' foundation in GOD is what helped them to endure the Middle Passage and over 400 hundred years of slavery. If we can not get back to the foundation of our ancestors, turn our hearts to the Savior Jesus Christ, stop feeding into the plan that this society has set up to destroy us and rise above all of this ignorance, then we are definitely ALL doomed for destruction.