

Sitterson appoints academic reform group

by Evans Witt
Staff Writer

Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson issued a sweeping mandate Monday to a 15-member faculty-student committee to consider and recommend changes in Chapel Hill's undergraduate degree programs.

Sitterson announced appointments to the committee Monday when he called the committee together for its first meeting. Professor John H. Schutz of the religion department was named to head the committee, composed of nine faculty members and six students.

Sitterson emphasized the broad nature

of the inquiry the committee is to undertake in the meeting. His point was also stressed in his letter to the committee members:

"More is needed, I believe, than a review of the number of courses and hours required for a bachelor's degree. We need, at this juncture, a more comprehensive study of degree requirements and programs."

The possibility of reducing the present 40-course degree requirement for a degree to 32 courses was mentioned as one possibility course to be explored by the committee.

Sitterson also suggested to the committee the possibility of reducing the

four-year residence requirement to three years.

Sitterson asked the committee to consider such questions as "What is a liberal education? and what proportion of degree programs should be devoted to liberal studies and what proportion to the major field?"

The chancellor warned the committee of several pitfalls that might slow their work.

"I don't want you to get bogged down in consideration of what is a liberal education," he said.

He urged the committee to take the realities of what is possible on the Chapel Hill campus into account before making

any recommendations.

"Think in terms of assessment and improvement of the undergraduate programs rather than with the ideas and dreams of individual members or of the whole committee," he said.

"Fiscal realities" are another factor to be taken into account in the committee's investigations and recommendations, Sitterson added.

He mentioned the decrease in the number of teaching positions in the University funded by the State for the next fiscal year as one item which must be considered.

Also a possible goal of more individual study and tutorial programs has major

implications for the size of some other classes and the financial position of the University in general, he said.

Pressure from graduate schools on the undergraduate degree programs must be discussed by the committee, Sitterson said and the opinions of the graduate schools taken into account.

The chancellor said it would be a "serious injustice" to offer a degree program whose graduates would not be accepted at graduate schools, unless "that curriculum was clearly defined as one which couldn't lead to these schools."

Sitterson specified no date for the completion of the committee's work and the submission of a report to the chancellor.

He said he hoped a report would be ready by the end of this academic year.

He indicated a preliminary report should be ready by sometime in the spring semester. This report would be sent for their consideration to all University schools and colleges affected by the changes.

Schutz said the first meeting of the committee might be at the end of this week or at the beginning of next week.

Cam West, assistant to Student Body President Joe Stallings, expressed

approval of the committee's mandate.

"I was especially pleased to learn that Chancellor Sitterson feels the committee should move past a consideration of degree requirements," West said. "The appointment of this committee means the fulfillment of one of Student Government's top priorities for this year."

Faculty members appointed to the committee along with Schutz are: William Little, Chemistry; Virginia Gover, Nursing; R. Sterling Hennis, Education; J. Finley Lee, Business Administration; Jerry L. Mills, English; Frank W. Ryan, History; Harvey L. Smith, Health Sciences; and Thomas A. Wartburton, Music.

Students appointed to the committee are: Margaret Blackmon, sophomore chemistry major from Clinton; Dorene Doerre, senior in the School of Education from Baltimore, Md.; Garland King, Raleigh sophomore concentrating in chemistry and English; Deborah Potter, RTVMP senior from Paris, France; Richard Razook, a business administration major, and Tom Sayre, a junior English major from Washington, D.C.

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General Assembly meets on restructuring today

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The battle over restructuring state-supported higher education enters its final phase today as the N.C. General Assembly opens its special session on the issue.

At noon in the modern Legislative Building in Raleigh, both the Senate and House will convene to begin consideration of at least three proposed plans for higher education.

At stake in one of the plans is the continued existence of the Consolidated University (CU), while another calls for the expansion of the Consolidated structure.

The special session will also have to re-enact a revenue bond enacted through a parliamentary error during the regular session.

Other than the bond issue, several other proposals on other topics threaten

to come before the special session.

If any other issues are permitted on the floor for consideration by the legislature, the session could last far longer than the expected four days to a week.

Changing the primary vote date for next year back to Saturday from Tuesday and permitting absentee ballots in primary elections seem to be two of the main issues that might be considered by the assembly.

Following the opening formalities of both chambers, there will likely be a number of motions to open the assembly to consideration of other issues. These will be sent to a committee for initial debate and action.

Both Houses will then adjourn for less than half an hour to allow time for the Senate and the House Higher Education committees to officially approve the joint committee bill on restructuring, which was unofficially approved 10 days ago by a 19-13 vote.

But approval by the individual committees is by no means assured. The House members of the joint committee voted 8-7 against the committee bill when it was approved by the joint committee October 15.

The committee bill calls for the dismantling of the present Consolidated University structure by July 1, 1972.

A strong central governing board for all 16 state-supported institutions would be established with complete program powers. The board of governors, as it would be named, would have considerable budget powers over all state institutions.

An interim planning board would be set up by the committee bill to run the universities between July 1, 1972, and July 1, 1973, when the board of governors would take over.

This interim committee would be composed of 15 CU trustees, 15 trustees from the regional universities and two

members of the Board of Higher Education.

Governor Bob Scott would be chairman of the committee.

The committee bill would establish local boards of trustees for each campus, although the small boards' powers would be only those delegated by the central board of governors.

Supporters of the regional universities are expected to attempt to specify in the bill what powers the local boards would have. Such a move was defeated in the joint committee.

Following approval of the bill by the committees which is generally expected, the bill will then return to the House and Senate floors for debate. Unless some of the parliamentary rules are suspended, debate on the bill will not begin until Wednesday.

Wednesday and Thursday should be taken up with debate on the bill with the forces of the Consolidated University and those of the regional universities both pushing their particular ideas for restructuring.

The CU forces are expected to try to modify the committee bill to bring it in line with the proposals made by Consolidated University President William C. Friday.

Friday proposed the Consolidated University be expanded to include all 16 state institutions. He called for the retention of the 100-man board of trustees as the optimum size for the governing board.

All the current trustees of all state universities would join the CU board over the next two years as the regional universities join the present structure. The board would be reduced to the 100-man level by the expiration of terms on the board.

A vote on the issue should come by Friday. If the restructuring issue does not come to a decision point by then, it is considered likely it will be postponed until the 1973 assembly.

Weather

TODAY: Mostly clear and sunny; high in the upper 70s; low in the upper 50s.

Students, townspeople help DKE after fire

by Sue English
Staff Writer

Fraternities, sororities and residents of Chapel Hill have aided Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) fraternity since its house was virtually destroyed by fire early Sunday.

Sororities on campus have contributed food to the fraternity while other fraternities have offered sleeping accommodations. Fraternities have also asked DKE members to join them in social events.

Townspeople have aided the fraternity with housing, according to Pete Hall, assistant dean of men.

Fire gutted the main portion of the DKE house shortly after 6 a.m. Sunday, seriously injuring two of the fraternity's members and causing an estimated \$200,000 damage.

Jim Parker, a junior from Goldsboro, N.C., and Richard Kennedy, a junior from Columbia, S.C., remained in fair condition at the N.C. Memorial Hospital Monday.

The two fraternity men reportedly suffered second degree burns over 30 per cent of their bodies as they attempted to



It's midterm time and all students are trying to get ahead in their studies. This student seems to be trying just to get a head. (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)

Mike Mansfield to speak today

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), who has thwarted attempts of academicians and journalists to characterize or label him, will speak at 8:15 p.m. today in Memorial Hall.

Only 150 to 200 of the total 1,600 tickets were left late Monday. Tickets are free at the Student Union information desk. Doors will be open to persons without tickets after 8 p.m.

Mansfield will arrive in Chapel Hill at 6 p.m. today and leave at 7 a.m. Wednesday for Washington.

Mansfield was first elected to Congress in 1942 and succeeded Lyndon Johnson as majority leader of the Senate in 1961.

Political writers have said he lacked oratorical skill and eloquence, yet many still remember his tribute to slain

President John F. Kennedy delivered in the Capitol rotunda Nov. 24, 1963.

Last May, Mansfield proved he could force an issue against the President when he proposed the U.S. cut in half its \$14-billion annual budget for troops in western Europe. The result was an extensive Presidential lobbying effort.

The President had to mobilize almost the entire foreign policy establishment since World War II to offset the senator.

The Senator has made efforts to reorder national priorities and to limit American intervention in Asia and Europe. He served as a U.N. delegate, signed the SEATO treaty, helped pave the way for President Nixon's trip to China and established the lecture series in international relations in the Northwest.

Oppose education revamp Blacks rally in Raleigh

United Press International

Raleigh—Chapel Hill's black mayor Monday urged black students to join in opposing a higher education reorganization plan that would end the autonomy of black schools.

Howard Lee told a cheering rally on the Capitol lawn that neither the present system of public higher education nor the proposed 32-man governing board will preserve the colleges.

"We have one main goal—to save black institutions in North Carolina," Lee said. Lee, the first black mayor in a predominantly southern city, was the featured speaker at the rally sponsored by the North Carolina Youth Organization for Black Unity.

Part revival and part fashion show, the rally began with a six-block march from the campus of predominantly black Shaw University.

The estimated 3,500 students paraded behind the red, black and green flag of black unity, shouting "Save our schools" and "Black power, power to the people." Arriving at the capitol, they gathered

on the east lawn, climbing on the limbs of stately oaks and over a statue of the nation's three presidents born in North Carolina—Jackson, Polk and Johnson.

"I don't think there is strong sentiment in the legislature against black schools," Lee said. "We do have to have restructuring in North Carolina if black schools do move ahead."

The General Assembly is to consider a proposal that would create a 32-man governing board to run all public institutions of higher education. Individual boards of trustees would have only the powers the governing board gave them.

The chairman of the sponsoring black unity group, Nelson Johnson of North Carolina A & T University in Greensboro, said the power of local boards was the key issue.

"We have proposed that all local boards of trustees be given extra power," Johnson said. "This means the right to hire and fire and the right to govern student conduct."

The president of at least one

predominantly black institution, Dr. Albert N. Whiting of North Carolina Central University, appeared at the rally.

Whiting told reporters he wished the legislators themselves were on hand to witness the demonstration.

"I'm sure they'll hear about the fact that they (the students) came," he said.

Whiting said he agreed that power should be insured for local boards of trustees under the reorganization, including the right to recommend the institution's president.

"I feel we should have adequate minority representation on the central board and on the staff," he said.

The students came in buses from black colleges and universities throughout the state, remaining orderly under the watchful eyes of their own marshals and city police.

The rally's mimeographed agenda had instructed: "No alcoholic beverages or dope."

"Black people cannot afford the luxury of acting like fools as white folks when they go to rally," the agenda said.



Fraternities, sororities and townspeople have been giving the DKE's aid since fire destroyed their fraternity house early Sunday morning. More than \$200,000 damage was done to the

house, but, like the sign says, the "DKE's are coming back." (Staff photo by Leslie Todd)