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BOT to narrow list for new chancellor

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The UNC Board of Trustees will meet Friday at noon in a special meeting to discuss the final candidates for the position of UNC-CH chancellor, an unidentified source said.

The four leading candidates for the post are Samuel Williamson, UNC provost; Dennis O'Connor, UNC vice chancellor for research and graduate studies; James Leutze, president of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia and former UNC chairman of the curriculum in Peace, War and Defense; and Joel Fleishman, vice president of Duke University.

Williamson is also a leading candidate for the presidency of the

University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn.

A 14-member search committee, comprised of BOT members, faculty members, a UNC alumnus and a student, has been conducting a search for the new chancellor since September.

Chancellor Christopher Fordham announced at an August BOT meeting that he would resign his post June 30.

BOT Chairman Bob Eubanks called the special meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to "consider personnel matters."

The meeting may go into executive session, meaning the public and press will be barred from attendance.

Eubanks and other search commit-

tee members declined Thursday to comment on the meeting.

At the BOT's special meeting on Sept. 4, Eubanks named the members of the chancellor search committee, said Brenda Kirby, assistant to the chancellor.

That was the only special meeting held in the last two years, Kirby said.

The search committee, headed by Eubanks, must present a list of candidates to the full BOT. The board must then present at least two final candidates to UNC-system President C.D. Spangler.

Spangler will select a finalist for presentation to the UNC-system Board of Governors.

The Associated Press also contributed to this story.

Officials respond to low black graduation rates

By JAMES BENTON
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Several University administrators said Thursday that they have responded to Black Student Movement (BSM) President Kenneth Perry's statements about low minority graduation rates.

UNC has a serious problem with retention of black students, Perry said in a press conference on March 2. He cited statistics showing that the five-year graduation rates for minority students are considerably lower than those for white students.

If administrators did not respond to the problem by Friday at 5 p.m., Perry said he would call an emergency meeting of the BSM, and would ask members to initiate "phase three" of their actions. He would not specify what form those actions would take.

Chancellor Christopher Fordham

said he had sent Perry a letter, and also had a conversation about Perry's request. Fordham said he understood Perry's interests after their conversation, but any improvements will take time.

"He (Perry) is interested in strengthening the academic support services for those who may need it," Fordham said.

The current academic support services are working, according to Fordham. The number of freshmen declared academically ineligible after their first semester dropped from 65 last year to 25 this year. Of those 25, only five were black, Fordham said.

Fordham also said he understood Perry's concern about the progress of the Black Cultural Center (BCC). Perry and the administration need to work together to improve the center, but the desired results will require

patience, he said.

"It takes time to accomplish results," Fordham said.

Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, said he talked with Perry Thursday afternoon.

Boulton also said he wrote a letter of response to Perry and sent him a progress report on the actions that have been taken for the BCC. Boulton said he felt the administration had been working hard on Perry's goals for the BCC.

"We've already spent \$25,000 to furnish the center," Boulton said. Furniture has been ordered for the center and five of six candidates for the director's position have been interviewed, he said. The center's director should be hired by Apr. 15

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Swofford is top candidate for position at Michigan

By MIKE BERARDINO
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The University of Michigan Board of Regents is set to announce the hiring of a new Wolverine athletic director today, and UNC's John Swofford may be the person selected.

According to reports published this week in both the Detroit Free Press and the Ann Arbor News, Swofford, North Carolina's athletic director for the past eight years, is a leading candidate to take over the Michigan job. This, despite the fact Swofford has denied any interest in changing positions on several occasions over the past few months.

Swofford, who is in Salt Lake City, where the UNC men's basketball team is competing in the West Regional of the NCAA Tournament, could not be reached for comment Thursday night.

The announcement is expected to take place sometime between 9 a.m.

and noon today, when the Michigan Board of Regents holds their weekly public meeting. According to a report in today's Michigan Daily, the board held a closed meeting Thursday evening to iron out final details in the athletic director search.

Michigan's Interim President Robben Fleming refused to comment on whether or not Swofford was the board's selection to replace longtime Wolverine Athletic Director Don Canham, who will step down upon his 70th birthday in July in accordance with state employee policy.

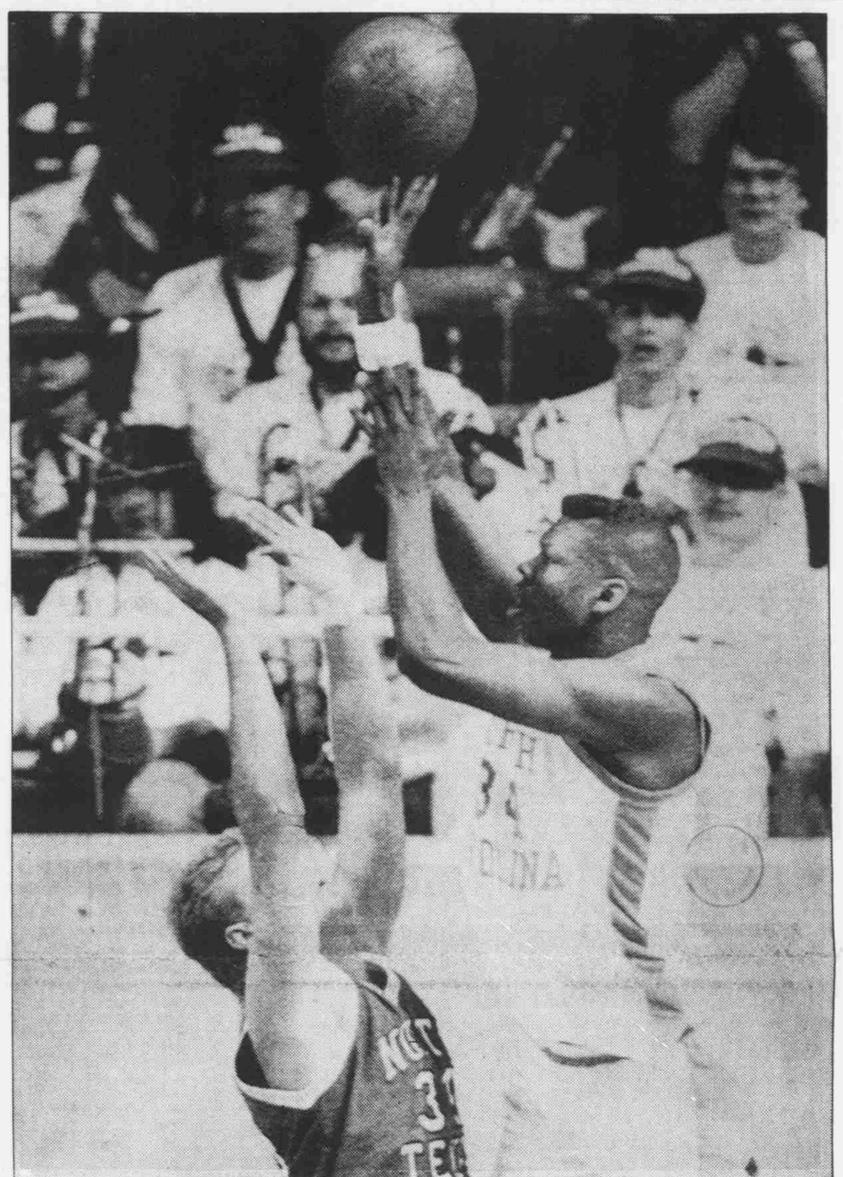
According to several sources, the list of candidates for the Michigan position is down to Swofford, Wolverine hockey coach Red Berenson and Clayton Wilhite, a St. Louis advertising executive and Michigan graduate.

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John Swofford



AP Laserphoto

J.R. Reid shoots over North Texas State's David Whittington in Thursday's 83-65 Tar Heel win

Reid hits for 29 to lead UNC to first-round win

By JAMES SUROWIECKI
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SALT LAKE CITY — North Texas State tried to stop J.R. Reid Thursday by playing behind him. That was the Mean Green Eagles' first and biggest mistake.

Reid poured in 29 points to lead No. 7 North Carolina to an easy 83-65 win in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Actually, NTSU's real mistake was taking the floor for the first-round West Regional game. The Green Eagles, who finished their season at 17-13, were too small and too undisciplined to challenge the Tar Heels, who moved to 25-6 on the year. Only the superior quickness of NTSU's guards kept the score reasonable.

"We just never could get going offensively," Green Eagle coach

Jimmy Gales said. "We made a few offensive mental mistakes and took the ball into the corners too much. It's easy to get trapped there, but you have to give a lot of credit to their defense."

UNC coach Dean Smith was happy to have his defense take credit for the win, because the Tar Heel offense struggled for much of the game. The final 10 minutes of the contest were particularly ugly, as the normally reliable UNC guards cracked under the NTSU pressure, and the entire team seemed to vanish mentally.

"We played well until about 10 minutes to go in the game, and then we were just horrible," Smith said. "I was very disappointed with our last 10 minutes. Even King Rice and Jeff Lebo, our best ball-handlers, had problems."

The one Tar Heel who had few problems, at least on the offensive end, was Reid. The 6-9 sophomore showed off his full repertoire of drop-steps and turnaround jumpers, scoring at will against the Green Eagles. Coming off his seven-point performance in the Duke game, Reid was exhilarated to play without two men shadowing him.

"We just wanted to force the ball inside and take it to the basket," said Reid, who was 10-of-16 from the field. "They played behind us, and that made it easy for us. When players play behind us, we can do whatever we want."

The first half was sluggish, though fast-paced, as the Green Eagles hit only 10 of 34 shots, and

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University considers alternate funding sources for parking deck

By BARBARA LINN
Staff Writer

The UNC business and finance office is considering North Carolina Memorial Hospital, the division of Health Affairs and the Educational Foundation (Rams Club) as sources of funding for the proposed \$12.2 million Craige parking deck.

Chancellor Christopher Fordham announced Feb. 19 that he would not forward the Craige deck proposal to the Board of Trustees for final approval because he said it needed more work. But University officials said Wednesday that they are still talking to the groups about funding the proposal.

The parking fee increase proposed for 1988-89 was one option for funding the deck but was not considered by the board because the increase was too great, said Gene Swecker, vice chancellor of business and finance.

"We're still talking to the various groups," Swecker said. "No commitments have been made yet, but something will work out eventually. The more funding we get, the less the permit fee increase would be."

John Stokes, director of institutional relations at NCMH, said the hospital has offered to put \$200,000 toward the deck every year until it is fully paid for, provided certain

conditions are met.

The offer, which was made in the last six weeks, is still being negotiated, Stokes said. He would not speculate on when the hospital might make a commitment to the funding project.

Conditions for the offer include a number of parking spaces for hospital employees and a guarantee that hospital spaces will not be taken away for athletic events, Stokes said.

There are other conditions to the offer, but Stokes would not comment on them.

"Parking is our number one priority over here," he said. "We need spaces for our patients and employees. The location of the

parking deck is not the most convenient, but it is better than none."

Edward Brooks, vice chancellor of health affairs, said the division was very interested in financing the parking deck.

"The deans in health affairs are very sensitive to this (parking situation)," Brooks said. "We are losing staff. If patient access is seriously hampered, it would greatly harm the schools of dentistry and medicine. Patients are almost as important to those schools as students."

Brooks said he had asked the deans of the five health affairs schools to help finance the deck.

"All or most of the schools will be

able to do something if the Craige deck proceeds," he said. "We are considering doing whatever we can to prevent increases to staff, faculty and student permit fees."

The Craige deck is not ideally located to serve the health affairs schools, but the division hopes that by supporting this deck, another deck closer to the hospital will be built, Brooks said.

"Sooner or later we're going to have to have another health affairs deck. There is no question. More and more patients are coming," Brooks said.

Rams Club officials could not be reached for comment.

Mary Clayton, director of transportation and parking services, said although no one has offered a formal proposal committing funds to the project, informal meetings and discussions have been held with the groups.

The University wants to inform students, faculty and staff, as well as generate input, about available parking spaces and fees, Clayton said. Meetings will be held during the next two weeks:

■ Monday, March 21, 1:00 p.m. in Berry Hill Hall.

■ Tuesday, March 22, 3:00 p.m. in

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How can you be expected to govern a country that has 246 kinds of cheese? — Charles de Gaulle