

New chancellor search narrowed to five finalists

by Latisha Edwards

Interim Chancellor Dr. Mickey Burnim is among the top five candidates selected by the committee searching for a replacement for former Chancellor Jenkins.

The other finalists include the president of a college in Minnesota, a vice-president for student affairs at a university in Cincinnati, Ohio, the president of an HBCU in South Carolina, and the vice-president for academic affairs at a university in Georgia.

Two of the candidates have served as interim chancellors at HBCU's, according to search committee chairman Stanley Green.

"I am thrilled to have been selected as a finalist," Burnim told *The Compass*. "I am still hopeful that I will be able to continue to provide leadership for the University."

After their January meeting the committee narrowed a list of 60 applicants to ten using the criteria previously established by faculty, staff, students, community members and administrators. The committee further stiffened the competition by evaluating the candidates' administrative experience, earned degrees and fund-raising ability.

"We looked at their involvement with technological programs and projects," said Green. "We were concerned about how they felt about eastern N.C. and the students ECSU generally attracts."

Greeks

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Antoine Frize, a member of Phi Beta Sigma, said he believed black Greek organizations should be open to everyone because "the law says you can't discriminate against race, color or creed."

Added Frize, "If you have a person interested in your organization you should not shun them because of the color of their skin. If we exclude whites from our organizations we are just as guilty of racism as they are. If they are willing to go through what it takes to be part of your organization you should take them in."

A white student, who wants to join a sorority said she believes black Greeks should admit whites.

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According to Green the five finalists "all hold earned doctoral degrees, and are currently working in academia. The doctoral degree is one of the main criteria the university desired in a new chancellor."

Green says the committee was able to make a well-informed decision. He is pleased with the candidates from whom the new chancellor will be chosen.

"We had a wide range of applicants from all over the country," he said. "I think we had a good applicant pool to pick from with applicants from as far west as California, and as far north as Massachusetts. Many of them had involvement with historically black colleges and universities and had reached top job performance in their fields."

After an extensive background check the committee plans to examine the five candidates carefully and select two to recommend to the ECSU Board of Trustees.

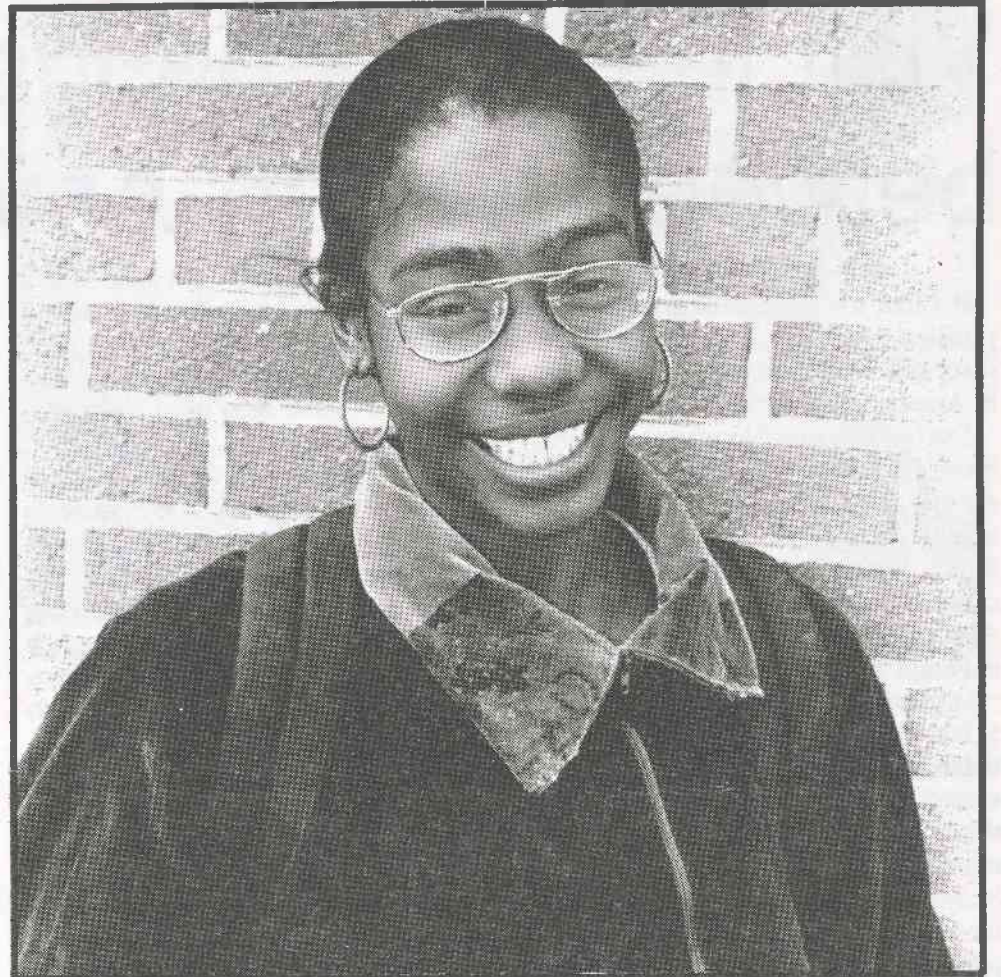
"When we present the two candidates to the Board of Trustees, hopefully we would have done our homework. If the Board of Trustees accepts them, (UNC-system) President Spangler will review them and select a candidate for the position. He will then present this person as his recommendation to the N.C. Board of Governors.

"Our goal is to have a chancellor in place by July 1st," said Green. "If we don't meet that goal we will be pretty close."

be so (pro) affirmative action, it's not fair for blacks not to admit whites. I want to join a sorority not to be the first white member. It's not a white and black thing. I realize I am not black but I am a woman."

Wood, a junior business administration major, said she was "really happy" with her new status as an SG Rho. "I am very proud of the fact that I was able to go through all that and come out on top."

Warned that she may experience discrimination from other Greeks, Wood said, "I understand that people are going to put me down, but in my heart I know I am truly a Sigma Gamma Rho no matter what color my skin is. It's a part of me and I'm a part of it. I have become a part of something greater than myself."



Kim Jones, ECSU's new Miss ECSU, is a junior mathematics major from Robersonville, N.C. She plans to attend graduate school at N.C. Central and then teach in Savannah, Ga.

New campus queen believes in the power of kindness and joy

by Tamikia Spruill

"One person trying to make a difference"

These are the words, upon which Kimberly Jones, the 1996-1997 Miss ECSU, based her campaign.

"Some people believe that it takes millions of people to accomplish a task, but in some cases one person has to think more complexly, move a lot faster, and fight much harder," says Jones. "To sum it up— it takes one spark to start a fire."

Jones, a junior mathematics major, is a native of Robersonville, NC. She has a concentration in secondary education.

"When it comes to the subjects of education, business, and my welfare I am very serious," says Jones. "However, after those matters are taken care of the crazy Kim that likes to dance and participate in dodge balls games comes out."

Jones has lived by a poem she learned from her grandmother:

"Whatever you be; be noble. Whatever you do; do well. Whenever you speak; speak kindness. Bring joy wherever you dwell!"

Jones believes what sets her apart from past queens is her involvement with campus activities before she was elected Miss ECSU.

"A majority of students, staff, and administrators know me as a person and not just the representative of the campus," says Jones. "They feel more

confident talking to me about academic, social, and campus policy issues."

Jones is a member of the Joint Council of Student Affairs, chairman of ad hoc committee on parking, junior class SGA representative, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

"I hope to accomplish many things as Miss ECSU," Jones says, "But with the support, confidence, and determination in myself and the student, faculty, and administrative body."

Jones feels that students have confidence in her ability to serve them because they have seen her on campus attacking problems head on and wholeheartedly. She has advocated the establishment of "worry free parking," a parking system which will students to park wherever they like instead of being assigned a specific lot.

Jones has assembled a list of ideas and suggestions from students regarding changes they would like see on campus.

During her reign, Jones hopes to implement at least 95.5% of the ideas and suggestions she received.

"I feel optimistic that administrators will see how these ideas will improve the enrollment, the academic life, and the social problems of the University," she said.

Jones plans to attend graduate school at North Carolina Central University and teach at the Georgia Alternative School System in Savannah.