

COMMITTEE

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public universities, he said. Members wanted the next chancellor to feel like-wise.

As the lone voice for students on the committee, Cunningham said he looked for a candidate who would be involved in campus and student events.

During interviews Cunningham said he asked, "Tell me how, in your last job, you opened your door to students?"

Cunningham said he also wanted a commitment from candidates to make UNC friendly to minority students. He wanted the next chancellor to support a freestanding Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center, which recently received complete funding through the \$28.6 million bequest from UNC alumnus David Clayton.

George Battle, who served on the committee as student body president before Cunningham, said he looked for a chancellor candidate who valued student opinions.

"I wanted somebody who would be genuinely interesting in making the University a good place for students, where they would be treated as equals - not subjects," he said.

Because the search process lasted 14

months, it spanned three student body presidents' terms.

Each one sat on the committee during his time in office.

Dr. Bill Jordan, a member of the current committee and an ex officio member in 1994-1995, said awareness of the workings of the UNC system, including being politically savvy about the connection between the campuses and UNC-system General Administration, helped candidates.

"All things being equal, having a Carolina connection of some kind is important," Jordan said.

"Of all the state universities, probably there are none who have more of a loyal feeling among people who are associated with it," he said. "The place engenders a tremendous amount of pride and loyalty."

He said such passion would help the chancellor tackle the difficult job ahead.

Snags in the Process

The main problem was knowing where to begin and how to start, Battle said.

"This was the first time that many of us were serving on a committee like this," he said. "With something like that, you have to kind of reinvent the wheel."

But although he said the group's size helped facilitate open debate, some

members said the committee was too large to be efficient, causing factions within the group to develop.

"The group was so large," Jordan said. "It's impossible to have a body that large without having some factions that may be more interested in a part than the whole."

The different interests pitched by committee members included fund raising, academics, a UNC connection and alumni relations, Jordan said.

Though the factions promoted their own constituency, Stone said the committee never had any serious tensions.

At different times, though, tension did exist between the committee and the campus.

Of 22 members, only one - the sitting student body president - was responsible for student representation.

"At first we started out, and we were concerned that I was the only student on the board," Battle said.

As student body presidents, both Cunningham and Battle addressed campus protest about student representation on the committee.

"I don't think any major student organization wasn't a part of (the protests)," Cunningham said, explaining the campus backlash against single student representation.

Thirteen campus groups, including

the Black Student Movement, Campus Y and the Carolina Athletic Association, held a news conference on Feb. 24, 1994, demanding the addition of six students to the committee. By mid-March, the movement gathered 2,600 signatures petitioning for more student representation.

But committee Chairman Johnny Harris told The Daily Tar Heel in a Feb. 21, 1994, article that there was no better representative for students than the student body president.

An editorial, "Disrespecting Students," that also appeared in that edition stated, "By appointing only one student to the committee, Harris sends the message to the UNC Student Body that students just aren't important or mature enough to be included in helping determine the future of the University."

"This is an outrage and a slap in the face to the entire student body that should not be tolerated," the editorial stated.

Leaks in the Dam

Local newspapers reported in November 1994 that University of Georgia President Charles Knapp, University of Iowa Provost Peter Nathan and University of Florida Provost Andrew Sorenson actively sought the job. Richard McCormick, then UNC

provost, was also mentioned as a top candidate.

On Nov. 28, Harris denied the reports that the four topped the candidate list.

But two days later, Knapp and Sorenson withdrew their candidacies, while Nathan stated he had already resigned his candidacy in September.

The leaks flew in the face of the committee's attempts to ensure confidentiality under the provisions of the N.C. Open Meetings Law.

After losing a candidate because of the 1988 open process that eventually led to Hardin's selection, University Counsel Susan Ehringhaus advised the 1994-1995 committee to publicly announce meetings but discuss candidates in closed session.

David Whichard, BOT chairman in 1994, said the breaches in confidentiality were among the main obstacles the committee faced.

Many candidates were already in top administrative and teaching positions at other universities, Whichard said.

"Most of the people we wanted to talk to wanted to make sure it was in a confidential way," he said.

The same principles guide the current committee in their search, keeping them silent to protect the confidentiality of today's candidates.

From 180 to One

The committee finally narrowed the field when it gave two names to then UNC-system President C.D. Spangler. The candidates were Michael Hooker, then the president of the University of Massachusetts, and University Provost Richard McCormick.

"Hooker was clearly the leading candidate," Stone said.

Committee members saw in Hooker the man who would be the total package, and UNC officials agreed.

"However we muddled along, we came to a terrific decision," Jordan said.

That decision took the committee 14 months to make, nine months longer than the current committee's self-imposed goal.

"We didn't want to shortchange the University because we wanted to finish in a certain time frame," Battle said.

The current committee declared in August that it would complete the process to find Hooker's replacement by mid-December of this year. Battle said the short process was a good idea but could be detrimental. "Having a time table is good, (but they must) make sure they're getting the best chancellor for the University."

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VALLILA

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By high school she was spending her afternoons on her toes, teaching tap and ballet to younger kids. Now Vallila taps with the campus group Carolina Style.

When the cast was posted, Vallila saw another outlet for her passion as well as a niche to fill freshman afternoons and help her meet new people.

"I was excited," she said. "I was excited about being able to dance."

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nesses." The Community Kitchen and Family Services Emergency Food Pantry receive the benefits of Chapel Hill patrons. Both programs are affiliated with the Inter-Faith Council.

"I am so proud this works out so well," Briggaman said. "These are people going out and spending a normal amount. Restaurants don't have to do anything they don't normally do."

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Republicans, Clinton Mull Budget Compromise

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Hoping to break a major budget logjam, White House and congressional officials discussed a deal Sunday night under which President Clinton would accept limits on some U.S.-subsidized abortion activities abroad in exchange for nearly \$1 billion for unpaid dues to the United Nations.

Under discussion at the Capitol was a plan in which federally supported groups would no longer be able to lobby

for liberalized abortion laws overseas, said a congressional aide who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The president would be able to waive the restriction, but if he did, there would be some reduction in the \$385 million the United States plans to spend this year for foreign family-planning programs.

An administration official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the abortion language was linked not only to U.N. dues but to an administration

effort to let the International Monetary Fund expand its role in providing debt relief to poor countries.

Depending on its details an agreement to limit overseas abortion activities could be a major political victory for anti-abortion forces and could help cement conservative support for a final budget deal. Clinton revoked a long-time ban on overseas abortion advocacy shortly after taking office in 1993 and for years has fought off conservatives' efforts to reinstate it. Any agreement to

do so, even if the president can waive it, might anger abortion-rights groups and many congressional Democrats.

It also might affect Vice President Al Gore's presidential campaign and Hillary Rodham Clinton's expected candidacy for the New York Senate.

In recent days Clinton and several administrators have emphasized the importance of paying the U.N. dues. Unless the United States pays a portion of the money by Dec. 31, it would lose its vote in the U.N. General Assembly.

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