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mer UNC-system President C.D. Spangler in late March and confirmed by the Board of Governors on April 11, 1988.

However, Hooker's selection in 1995 stretched on into a 14-month process. His name was finally submitted to Spangler on April 28, 1995, and he was confirmed May 19, 1995.

Carabelli said a search was normally shorter than these examples.

Whenever the chancellor is announced, the same process of adjustment must begin, officials said.

"Whenever a chancellor comes from outside, it takes a while for him or her to settle in and learn the culture, the players and the problems of the University," said Provost Dick Richardson.

"But I don't see (the delay in this search) as a unique problem."

Richardson, who will retire in June, said the chancellor would face a transition specific to UNC's climate.

"Learning what the current needs are, capital facilities, faculty salaries -- all of these are issues which will be right on the front burner when (he or she) walks in the door."

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Judge Rules Microsoft Violated Antitrust Laws

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Humbling a proud giant of the computer age, a federal judge ruled Monday that Microsoft Corp. violated U.S. antitrust laws by keeping "an oppressive thumb" on competitors during the race to link Americans to the Internet.

In a sweeping verdict against the empire that Bill Gates built, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson said

Microsoft violated the Sherman Antitrust Act, just as Standard Oil and AT&T did in earlier antitrust cases.

He concluded that the company was guilty -- as the federal government, 19 states and the District of Columbia had alleged in the case that began in October 1998 -- of "unlawfully tying its Web browser" to its Windows operating system that dominates the computer market worldwide. "Microsoft placed an oppressive thumb on the scale of com-

petitive fortune, thereby effectively guaranteeing its continued dominance" in the market, Jackson wrote.

The verdict affirms Jackson's previous ruling in November that the software giant is a monopoly -- one that illegally used its power to bully competitors, stifle innovation and hurt consumers in the process. The judge's ruling can be appealed, delaying its impact for years, and Gates said the company would pursue that avenue.

While Microsoft "did everything we could to settle this case, we believe we have a strong case on appeal," Gates said. "This ruling turns on its head the reality that consumers know: that our software has helped make PCs accessible and more affordable to millions of Americans."

The decision opens the door for the federal government to seek drastic penalties against Microsoft.

The options range from breaking up

the company that made Gates a billionaire to forcing it to share its proprietary software code with competitors. Jackson also paved the way for states to seek penalties under their own anticompetition laws. "Microsoft maintained its monopoly power by anticompetitive means and attempted to monopolize the Web browser market," Jackson wrote in a ruling that caused a record plunge in the Nasdaq market even before its release.

POLICY

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region. "We shouldn't use the word growth like it's a cancer," Fetzer said.

Durham Mayor Nick Tennyson said the discussion of urban sprawl for most people involved only one issue -- traffic.

Tennyson said traffic problems needed to be solved to maintain a strong economy. Solutions offered in the past include the Triangle Transit Authority bus system and a rail system connecting major metropolitan areas.

But despite the lengthy debate, none of the panelists could agree on a solution

for dealing with urban sprawl.

The conservative Fetzer said the free-market economy would allow the problem to eventually solve itself. "We need to discard Smart Growth because ... it means nothing and means everything."

He said that as a result of improving technology, commuting in the Triangle would decrease as more people worked from home, using virtual communication. Fetzer also said air pollution would decrease as newer, cleaner-burning cars came to dominate the roads.

But Kinnaird said the government should create solutions to urban sprawl.

Last April, Kinnaird co-sponsored a bill to preserve farm land in North

Carolina. "We need, as politicians, to lead the way into creative solutions, and people will follow," she said.

She said part of the problem could be solved by developing high-density inner cities. Kinnaird also said traffic problems could be relieved by encouraging more people to use public transportation. "Public transportation used to be the first option; now it is the last."

But Fetzer countered, saying more use of mass-transit was unrealistic.

"People are addicted to the comfort and convenience of their automobile."

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PENDERGRAPH

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he held positions in surveillance and support services and also was a crime prevention officer, training officer, captain and the administrative assistant to the chief.

During his eight years as police chief, Pendergraph faced such tragedies as Wendell Williamson's shooting spree on Henderson Street in 1995, the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house fire in 1996 and a suicide at Grey Culbreth Middle School in 1998.

Although he said his job as police chief was fulfilling, Pendergraph said the six months he spent on foot patrol in 1973 marked the most enjoyable time in his career. "They gave us a used uniform, a gun, five bullets and a map," he said. "Then we just went downtown, walked down the street and answered questions."

Pendergraph said the social aspect of his position made leaving difficult. "I'm going to miss most working with folks within the department and within the town," he said. "The day-to-day contact I have with people is an excuse for being part of the town."

Although Pendergraph said he was not sure what the future held for him, he said he definitely wanted to work, spend time with his grandchildren and possibly volunteer in the community.

Pendergraph said he would not work in law enforcement or have any estab-

lished relationship with the department. Until a permanent police chief is selected in the next several months, Maj. Greg Jarvis will serve as interim chief.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Joyce Brown said she was happy for Pendergraph. "He's done a really good job, and I'm sorry to see him go, but I understand that he wants to do other things in his life," she said.

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins expressed mixed emotions about the chief's retirement.

"I'm happy for him because he deserves to enjoy himself, but I'll miss him not only as a chief, but also personally," she said.

Town Manager Cal Horton said Pendergraph's retirement marked a sad day for the department.

"Ralph's been a wonderful police chief," he said. "One of the most important things he's done is continue the tradition of intelligent and compassionate police services, which includes community-oriented policing."

Although college-oriented events like Halloween on Franklin Street did make extra work for police, Pendergraph was quick to include students as part of his positive experiences.

"The most pleasant part of my job is the students," he said. "They are typically not the people that have a serious impact on criminal activity."

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