

Hopeful for CIA job promises objectivity

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Bush's nominee to head the CIA promised Tuesday to shed his political past and provide precise, objective and independent intelligence to the president and Congress.

But he also cautioned it might take longer than the past CIA director's estimate to hire and train all the operatives needed worldwide to combat terrorism and other threats.

"I have made a commitment to nonpartisanship," retiring Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., told the Senate Intelligence Committee at his confirmation hearing.

He conceded that during his 16 years in Congress he might "at times" have engaged in debate with too much vigor.

"Rest assured, however, I understand completely the difference in obligations the position of (director of central intelligence) carries with it and that which the role of a congressman carries," said Goss, who formerly chaired the House Intelligence Committee.

If confirmed, Goss would take

over the agency just months after the CIA's last director, George Tenet, shocked some on the Sept. 11 commission by saying it would take five years to install the kind of clandestine service needed to deal with international terrorism. Tenet blamed the situation on tight budgets after the Cold War.

Goss, however, said Tuesday it would take more than five years to train and place all the clandestine operatives the CIA needs. "I don't believe five is enough," Goss said. "It's a long build-out, a long haul. It's been started."

In his testimony, Goss also outlined a series of commonly cited priorities for the U.S. intelligence community. They included improving human intelligence and analytic capabilities, expanding intelligence sharing with state and local law enforcement agencies and enhancing foreign language capabilities.

A former Army intelligence and CIA clandestine officer, Goss would assume at a tumultuous time the helm of the CIA and the dual role as head of the 14 other agencies in the U.S. intelligence community.

VIRGINIA

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On the move

Public universities have been moving toward privatization and autonomy for several years now.

But Clara Lovett, president of the American Association of Higher Education, said the movement now seems to be accelerating rapidly.

"There is less and less difference in behavior between public and private research universities," she said.

"(The two) are becoming much more alike than different in terms of what they do, what they value and how they support programs."

That change is exactly what critics are afraid of — the devaluing of the public these schools were created to serve.

The main result of a move toward privatization is an increase in out-of-state students.

Many are afraid this shift deters schools from fulfilling their mission of public education.

"If you operate like a private university, you don't have to make any distinction between resident students and those from out-of-state," Lovett said.

In 2003, 31 percent of the undergraduates who enrolled at UVA. were from out of state, bringing the school's entire nonresident enrollment to 38 percent.

UNC-system schools cannot admit more than 18 percent nonresident undergraduates, although there was a movement last September spearheaded by UNC Chancellor James Moeser to raise that cap to 22 percent.

"It's very important to make that distinction between us and UVA," Shelton said.

"We still have a commitment to public education and the education of the children of taxpayers, as opposed to getting as much money from out-of-students as you can by charging them higher tuition."

The other side

The University of California system has taken almost the opposite approach to remedy budget shortfalls. "In the state of California, we've been experiencing a budget crisis over the past four years," said Hanan Eisenman, a UC spokesman.

The system's budget fell from \$2.9 billion in 2003-04 to \$2.72 billion this year, a reduction of 6 percent.

The system's Board of Regents passed a plan in May that outlines the system's funding intentions and goals for accountability during the next few years. Starting next school year, system schools are set to receive budget increases instead of cuts.

"(The plan) ends the cuts, stops the bleeding and stabilizes the state report over the next few years," Eisenman said.

The plan contrasts heavily with UVA's request for a charter. The UC system worked closely with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's office to devise a plan that would appease both school and state officials.

Eisenman also says the system tries to negotiate a budget with the state legislature each year, including tuition and fee rates.

But contrary to UNC-system schools that rely on the state legislature, the UC-system Board of Regents has final say on decisions about tuition increases.

Shelton said universities' tendency to think more like private schools is important as both public and private institutions compete for the same faculty and students.

"We have to work hard so there are great public universities 20 and 30 and 40 years from now. I love the great privates, but you don't want them to be the only ones left in the game."

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PINE KNOLLS

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Ammarell said. "We still have some work to do together," she said.

Ammarell said the meeting helped place the groundwork for future discussions.

The Pine Knolls representatives at the meeting included Ted Parrish, a board member of the Pines Community Center; Catherine Burnett, president of the First Baptist-Manley Estates Residence Council; and longtime resident Rebecca Clark.

"I still feel the same," Clark said after the meeting about her desire not to have the shelter on Merritt Mill Road.

But Clark said the meeting allowed both groups to express their different views.

"It was a conversation, nothing more," she said. "We just talked

mutually."

Clark said she still plans to stick to her goal of keeping the shelter out of her neighborhood.

Citizens from Pine Knolls addressed the Chapel Hill Town Council for the second time at its Monday meeting, asking that the shelter be kept out of their community.

Representatives also asked the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education to take a stand on the issues during the board's Sept. 2 meeting.

At Monday's council meeting, Parrish said the residents would not be moved from their position against the Merritt Mill location.

"If the council doesn't take an interest in this, then maybe Jesse Jackson or the courts will."

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than 64 percent among Latino noncitizens.

Hector Perez, director of non-profit group El Centro Latino, said he is joining Zabala and the new AmeriCorps workers in collecting more comprehensive data on the Latino population and analyzing how current health services fit the group's needs.

"The last thing you want is to use the emergency room as your primary care provider," Perez said. "There's such a need for better health care for people who don't

receive regular health care."

Perez said that he applauds Piedmont's center in Carrboro for being ahead of the game but that there is still a need for similar aid statewide.

Piedmont provides health care on a sliding payment scale. If the patient has no insurance, he or she will be billed based on income, Carey explained.

"We've been evolving over the past 10 years," Carey said. "But we haven't changed our payment scale. We're staying the course."

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as 20 inches of rain in some areas, downed power lines, leveled homes and caused mudslides.

All of this is bad news for a state heavy in agriculture, particularly in the harvest season. "At this juncture, the biggest risk is going to be to the harvest," said Guido van der Hoeven, extension specialist and agricultural economist at N.C. State University.

The quality of crops is a big question, he said, as flooding could deteriorate yields of apples and cotton and in turn hurt sales.

"Now you're going to have lower quality (products)," he said. "So instead of getting full price, you're going to have a 20 percent deduct."

Long-term damage also is a concern, as continued bad weather could mean damaged crops in future growing seasons as well as torn-up fields, costing farmers more in repair

and adding to their debt.

Ivan, which already has left more than 60 dead in its path, has hit Jamaica, Cuba and Grenada, where more than 90 percent of homes sustained damage.

State officials already have begun preparations for Ivan, said Patty McQuillan, public information officer for the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

With such high risk for flooding, she said, an emergency response team including the N.C. National Guard and the Red Cross has met to discuss opening shelters early and evacuating western North Carolina. "The main message that people should know is not to drive in flooded waters," she said.

"If you can't see the line in the road, don't drive through the water."

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the interest equal to the money spent," David Rutledge, Federalist Society president, said during the meeting.

Kris Wampler, vice chair of the finance committee, said members should not debate Keyes' politics when designating funding.

"I think it's obvious that he's a controversial guy and he would generate debate," Wampler said. "We should not question his politics; it has nothing to do with anything."

Parker Wiseman, chairman of

the ethics committee, said appropriating \$7,000 to fund the speech is "a worthwhile expenditure."

Wiseman added that the Federalist Society was thorough in complying with the criteria required for Congress to allocate funding to student organizations.

Rutledge said that students who are not in favor of having Keyes speak at the University will be able to voice their concerns during a question-and-answer session after Keyes' speech.

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