

# Friday detects new trend in N.C. Assembly

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Consolidated University President William C. Friday detects a new trend in the attitudes of North Carolina state legislators toward the University as a result of the many actions taken in the recently completed biennial session.

"There seems to be a growing attitude of looking to the trustees, the administration, the faculty and students to deal with the problems of the school," Friday commented in an interview following the close of the long legislative session in Raleigh.

Friday indicated that he felt the actions which the General Assembly took on the Allsbrook bill on DTH funding, on visitation and on a resolution condemning campus morals pointed to a growing feeling among the legislators to avoid direct involvement in the day-to-day affairs of the University.

"The legislators are interested and want to help," he explained, "we may disagree at times but no one wants to harm the University."

The rise in out-of-state tuition and the uncertainties over the effects of President Nixon's wage-price freeze were also discussed by Friday.

After failing to persuade the Legislature to delay the increase in the tuition for one year to allow time to notify incoming students of the change, he said the University attempted to mitigate any harsh effects of the change and to clear up the ambiguity surrounding the bill.

Since the bill was passed and signed into law, Friday mentioned the efforts of Consolidated University officials to have the section of the bill which exempts certain students from out-of-state increase clarified.

The bill exempts from the increase students who have been recruited to come to the University from outside North Carolina on the basis of special talents which they possess. The exact application of this clause of the bill is not yet definite, according to Friday, and is still in negotiation with the N.C. Attorney General's office and the State Budget Office.

But, for all students who could not possibly come under this clause, the rise in tuition is definite, he added.

There was some question of whether the increased tuition would be allowed after Nixon announced his economic policy freezing wages and prices.

A specific opinion of the U.S. Treasury Department however, exempted the UNC tuition increase from the freeze, Friday said.

An already agreed upon and funded five per cent increase in wages and salaries for employees and staff of the Consolidated University is now the main concern of the University with regard to the freeze.

"We have not received any formal instructions from the Budget Bureau," Friday said in connection with the proposed pay increase.

Current over-enrollment at the Chapel Hill campus and the expansion pressure on the entire state university system was another topic discussed by the University president.

A rise above the normally expected percentage of admissions acceptances was the reason he cited for the unexpectedly large freshman class at Chapel Hill, the second in as many years.

Pointing to the large increase in enrollment at UNC-Charlotte in the past year, Friday explained that more than one school was going to have to bear the burden of University expansion.

"We are trying to find ways to get more qualified students into college — but not just one campus or two campuses can do it; everyone must help," he emphasized.

Commenting on the role of student governments in the administration of the Consolidated University, Friday made three points.

"First, we need strong student government organizations on all the campuses.

"Second, now that they (the student body presidents) are trustees, I have taken steps to involve them in the workings of the board.

"Third, I have tried to broaden the base of student participation in the decision-making process in this office," he explained.

He went on to say that he had found no resistance to this involvement of students in the decisions of the University, but that delays in getting the students into the proper positions resulted from setting up the machinery for the involvement.

President Friday does not see a general trend toward the liberalization of visitation rules in the universities of the state. He pointed out that the trustees of Wake Forest University and East Carolina University have both recently rejected proposals for visitation at their schools.

The development of new academic programs for a number of the University's campuses was also an item on the president's list of priorities for the coming year at UNC.



William C. Friday

## Sitterson promises 'no lame duck' Chancellor's assistant is Claiborne Jones

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Regardless of what change the General Assembly makes in the University of North Carolina in its special October session, at the close of the fall semester of this year another era at Chapel Hill will be completed.

At the end of the fall semester, Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson will leave the post he has held for almost six years.

His return to his first love at the University, the teaching of history, will have been delayed for a semester, due to the confusion over the deconsolidation controversy. Consolidated University

President William C. Friday asked him to remain as chancellor beyond his announced Sept. 1 retirement date to see the campus through the restructuring fight.

Thus, this is his last semester as the chief administrator of this campus.

Sitterson declared that, although he is a "lame duck" chancellor this semester, he would not hesitate to take the actions and to make the decisions required of his office.

"I am the chancellor and must continue to act as such, regardless of the future appointment of a new chancellor," he said.

In this final term, the retiring

chancellor does expect a relatively quiet semester, in sharp contrast to many he has experienced during his years "in the middle" at UNC.

"It's difficult to predict things about the lull in campus tensions," he explained, "It doesn't mean we won't have dissent — students have just found other ways to express themselves."

Loud and vigorous dissent has marked many of the Sitterson years.

As Sitterson first assumed his post, the speaker ban controversy was at its height, including a large demonstration at the Franklin Street wall to protest the ban. A strike by the black food service workers in the spring of 1969 brought state troopers to the campus to keep the food service centers open. But violence was avoided and most of the food workers demands were settled — at least temporarily.

The student strike of May, 1970, was an anxious time, Sitterson admitted.

"One doesn't relish that, but it was only a momentary uneasiness," he said, "was glad that the student body kept its cool."

But Sitterson is proud of the many changes in all facets of the University life which have come calmly and rationally.

He cited the liberalization of women's rules to the point that there are very few left, the implementation of visitation, student participation in University committees and the flexibility of the undergraduate curriculum.

Visitation, of course, is not a settled issue, still causing controversy as the recent actions of the state legislature indicated.

"I think we've developed a reasonably well-thought out policy of visitation, which I think has campus support," he said. "As far as I can tell it is being reasonably administered and I don't see any reason to alter it at this time."

The question of graduate student government is also an unresolved question which Sitterson hopes to press toward solution in his last semester. An evaluation of the effects of the budget cuts enacted by the General Assembly on the future growth and potential of the University is another item on Sitterson's list of priorities.

The question of adjustment to the role of a teacher and scholar from that of administrator has also been considered by Sitterson, who has been an UNC administrator for 16 years.

"Instead of being in action virtually all



J. Carlyle Sitterson

the time as you are in this position, a lot of my work is going to be back into the kind of lonely work — more reading, more studying than one has time for in this position," he explained.

The retiring chancellor has spent a great deal of his life in Chapel Hill. He graduated from UNC in 1931, received his Masters degree here in 1932 and his doctorate in 1937. He has been teaching on campus for over 30 years, except for two years away from Chapel Hill during World War Two.

Named a Kenan Professor of History in 1961, Sitterson has served as dean of the General College and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

He was serving as vice chancellor for academic and health affairs when he was appointed acting chancellor to replace Chancellor Paul Sharp. The full University Board of Trustees later approved by a unanimous vote the recommendation of President William C. Friday that he be made permanent Chancellor.

The author of several works on Southern history and North Carolina history, Sitterson has continued to teach even as he was filling the demanding role as the overseer of an academic community with 18,000 students.



Claiborne Jones

The "minister without portfolio" of the University Administration is Dr. Claiborne Jones, assistant to Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson.

Dr. Jones' job is difficult to define or limit; on an average day he may chair a committee on the use of University-owned land and reply to a letter from a union leader on the use of a non-union book bindery.

"I act for the Chancellor in any capacity which he requests," Jones said in explaining the many duties which he performs as the chief of staff for the Chancellor.

For example, Jones sits on many standing committees on campus. He heads the University Space Committee, which decides who uses what space on campus, and the University Personnel Council. The campus personnel department also reports directly to Jones. Probably the most important and difficult job which the former zoology professor performs is the research and investigation necessary to give the Chancellor essential information for the executive decisions which guide administrative actions on this campus.

"With problems which will have to make their way eventually to the Chancellor for decision, I will explore the issues, meet with the people involved and be prepared to advise on the problem," Jones said.

The 1935 graduate of

Hampden-Sydney College received both his M.A. and his Ph.D. degrees from the University of Virginia. Following the granting of his doctorate in 1944, Jones came to Chapel Hill to join the department of zoology.

He served in a number of posts on both the faculty and in the administration before being named vice chancellor for academic affairs, the post he held when appointed to his present position in 1966.

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