

Search for chancellor prolonged

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Holiday delays have set the UNC Chancellor Search Committee schedule back as much as six weeks, raising the possibility that an interim chancellor may have to be appointed when retiring Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor steps down Feb. 1.

Search Committee Chairman Ralph N. Strayhorn said the committee may be unable to make its final recommendations until mid-February because of time lost due to meetings canceled during the Christmas break.

UNC President William C. Friday said Tuesday that an interim chancellor would be appointed if the committee does not submit its recommendations for Taylor's successor by Feb. 1. Friday declined to speculate on who the interim chancellor might be, however.

"I haven't made that decision yet," Friday said. "But no one being seriously considered for chancellor would be appointed acting chancellor."

Claiborne S. Jones, executive assistant to the chancellor, served briefly as interim chancellor last summer when Taylor was hospitalized following a June 7 heart attack.

Taylor announced Dec. 14 that his resignation would become effective Feb. 1 regardless of whether a successor had been named.

Strayhorn said that although the committee hopes to complete its work as quickly as possible he does not think the committee members will be pressured to meet the Feb. 1 deadline.

"We don't have a definite deadline for



Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor

when we hope to have our work completed but I feel like and I hope, that we'll have our task completed sometime in February," Strayhorn said. "I have talked to President Friday and he has assured me that he does not want the committee to rush its work to meet the original deadline."

The committee would not be involved in naming an interim chancellor, Strayhorn said. That decision would be entirely up to Friday.

The committee has narrowed the number of candidates to approximately 15, Strayhorn said, adding that the committee may recommend as many as eight to the Board of Trustees. The trustees then will recommend at least two candidates to Friday, who will make the final recommendation to the UNC Board of Governors.

If the committee recommendations are not made until mid-February, the Board of Governors could make the final appointment as late as March or April.

UNC gets 70-day trial delay in HEW case

By JIM HUMMEL
Staff Writer

A 10-week delay granted by the court in the University's desegregation dispute with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare should give UNC lawyers enough time to prepare their case, University officials said Tuesday.

Judge Lewis F. Parker on Monday postponed until May 19 the hearing originally set for March 10. The University had asked that the hearing be delayed until June 9.

"We didn't get the full 90-day delay (requested by the University), but it's certainly better than what we had," UNC lawyer Richard Robinson said Tuesday.

The additional time will allow lawyers for the University to secure statements from the 88 witnesses for HEW listed by lawyers for the government. The number of witnesses has mushroomed from a preliminary tally of 27 last fall, prompting the University to ask for the delay.

"The number of witnesses came as a surprise to us," Robinson said. "The original date (of March 10) didn't leave us much time to run all over the country to see all the witnesses."

Parker wrote in his ruling: "The government's listing of 88 potential witnesses does create a problem if (UNC) plans to depose most of them. I will delay the beginning of the trial to the date suggested by the government (70 days)."

The government's witnesses include the student body presidents of the five predominantly black schools in the UNC system and professors from universities around the country as well as UNC employees.

"Taking depositions from here to California will take a substantial amount of time, so the delay is welcomed," UNC President William Friday said Tuesday.

Senior Deputy State Attorney General Andrew A. Vanore and Washington lawyer Charles Morgan, will handle many of the depositions. "We will take depositions from as many of the 88 as we feel necessary," Vanore said. One University official said he felt almost all of the potential witnesses will be contacted by UNC lawyers.

Parker also ruled that HEW would not have to file exhibits until May 19. The exhibits, which include letters, charts and other statistics, were due Jan. 7.

UNC also filed a motion that the government bear the

cost of transporting witnesses to give statements, but Parker denied the request.

"Apparently Parker felt that since we wanted to take the depositions, we should bear the expense," Robinson said.

Since the University first contacted Morgan's law firm last spring it has paid over \$400,000 in fees. The figure does not include the time and expense invested by University officials and other lawyers working for UNC, Robinson said.

When the administrative hearing starts, government officials estimate the trial will take at least six weeks. Both sides will present evidence to Parker, who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of HEW for a final decision. If the secretary rules against the University, the action will sit before Congress for 30 days. If no action is taken, UNC still will be able to appeal the decision.

"It's difficult to know what could happen in Congress because this has never happened before," Robinson said. "We'll worry about that then if we get that far."

If UNC loses the case it could lose up to \$89 million it receives annually from the government.

Stone case appeal set

By ROANN BISHOP
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Following a Dec. 14 request of the Board of Trustees, Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor has appointed a special seven-member faculty committee to rehear the tenure denial case of Dr. Sonja Stone, assistant professor and former co-chairman of the African and Afro-American Studies Curriculum.

The committee, headed by Professor George V. Taylor of the history department, is to report to the Board of Trustees by its Jan. 28 meeting.

The committee includes three women and two blacks. The black committee members are Slayton A. Evans Jr., an associate professor in the chemistry department and Bernadette Gray-Little, an associate professor in the psychology department. Other committee members are Duncan MacRae Jr., a Kenan professor in the departments of political science and sociology; Elizabeth A. McMahan, a zoology professor; Louis D. Rubin Jr., English professor; and Barbara H. Wasik, a professor in the School of Education.

The Board of Trustees, after hearing the report of a special three-member trustee committee which reviewed the case Nov. 30, ruled that there was "reasonable doubt as to the objectivity of the tenure review committee in its consideration of Dr. Stone's qualifications for tenure."

Carrboro annexation includes Tar Heel Manor Apartments

By CINDY BOWERS
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The town of Carrboro grew while UNC students were away for the holidays. On Dec. 19, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted to annex 220 acres northwest of the town, including Tar Heel Manor Apartments.

The annexation, which went into effect Dec. 31, means that residents of the area will be assessed for town property taxes when they file tax returns on Jan. 31, said Carrboro Planning Director Sonna Loewenthal. These town taxes will be due for the first time on Dec. 31, 1980.

Apartment dwellers do not pay property taxes directly, but the cost usually is included in rents.

"But (annexation) also means (residents) will get all municipal services," Loewenthal said. These services include town police, instead of only the county sheriff, use of town recreation facilities, full street maintenance and garbage pickup. Annexed residents no longer will pay an extra tax for protection by the



Concerned black students await Stone tenure case decision. A seven-member committee has been formed to review case

The board cited the fact that several members of the original committee appointed by Arts and Sciences Dean Samuel R. Williamson to consider Stone's tenure case were concurrently involved in several overlapping investigations, also ordered by Dean Williamson, of a Rockefeller Foundation grant which Stone was administering and the Southeastern Black Press Institute of which Stone was administrative head as reasons for the ruling.

However, the board ruled that there was no "pattern of discrimination in tenure matters by Dean Williamson by reason of the race of sex of the faculty member being considered for tenure."

The board cited Williamson's past record in tenure decision cases up to the time of Stone's case. Of the 60 tenure

cases in which Williamson had participated as head of the College of Arts and Sciences, 36 (60 percent) of the cases were granted tenure. Female faculty members were involved in 24 of these cases, 14 of which (58 percent) were granted tenure. Males received tenure in 22 cases (61 percent). The board stated the "decisions reached in cases he (Williamson) has handled overall are clearly non-discriminatory."

The board also stated that "the record does not establish that in orchestrating the consideration of Dr. Stone for tenure for her made by the faculty tenure review committee, Dean Williamson either denied or caused Dr. Stone to be denied tenure because of personal malice or because of her race or sex."

Buses adapt to rush hour

Chapel Hill Community Transit began bus and shared ride services on a new route on Jan. 2. The new A route serves northern Chapel Hill, including Airport Road and several residential areas.

The route extends south to the intersection of Manning Drive and North Carolina Memorial Hospital Drive, and north to Carol Woods.

Bus stops are located at several points along South Columbia Street and Airport Road, and on Dixie Drive, Cynthia Drive and Virginia Drive in North Forest Hills.

The fixed-route bus service is offered 6:45 a.m.-10 a.m. and 3 p.m.-6:20 p.m. weekdays.

Midday service is provided by the North Chapel Hill Feeder Service for Glen Heights, North Forest Hills and Quail Run.

The feeder service also operates in Argonne Hills, Carol Woods, Cedar Hills, Countryside, Greene Hills and Timberlyne 7 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays.

Feeder service provides auto transportation. Auto transportation is supplied by request 6:30 p.m.-midnight on weeknights and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 20-May 15.

Feeder and shared ride service may be ordered by calling 967-8247.

—JOHN ROYSTER

Opening test-tube baby facility could result in legal problems

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—The United States' first test-tube baby project was given the go-ahead by Virginia's health commissioner Tuesday, and doctors at the Eastern Virginia Medical School said they hope to attempt the first pregnancy in March.

But a right-to-life group which believes the procedure raises serious moral and ethical questions said it would challenge the project in court.

Commissioner James Kenley informed officials at the medical school that he would sanction the establishment of a test-tube baby laboratory at Norfolk General Hospital. The laboratory, next door to the hospital's obstetrics-gynecology unit, is near completion. About \$25,000 in hospital reserves were used to renovate and buy equipment.

Kenley said he had decided, after five months of hearings and studies by state and local health agencies, that the clinic would violate no state or federal law.

In the test-tube baby process, an egg is removed from a woman with diseased or deformed fallopian tubes, fertilized in the laboratory with the husband's sperm and reimplanted in the woman's womb.

More than 2,500 women from all over the world have applied to the program, announced in November 1978, a few months after the first test-tube baby, Louise Brown, was born in England.

"We're ready to go ahead now," Dr. Jack Rary, chief of the genetics laboratory at the school, said in an interview Tuesday.

"The only thing we need to do now is get the laboratory completed in the hospital," Rary said. "As soon as we get the instruments calibrated, we'll be ready to go."

But Charles Dean, president of the Tidewater chapter of the Virginia Society for Human Life, a right-to-life group, said he would appeal the decision immediately.

"We'll never give up. That's exactly how we feel," Dean said. "There's a lot of

pressure against it. And a lot more is mounting. This isn't the end of it."

Dean said the controversy had been "clouded by politics... The development and prestige of the medical school has become more important than the medical issues involved."

He said the Virginia Society for Human Life would lead all court appeals, with funds for the appeals coming from individual donations.

Dean has called the test-tube project "uncontrollable laboratory experimentation with human life."

He said there has not been enough experimentation on animals to justify using the process on humans. He also claimed some eggs would be discarded in the course of the procedure and said there was a danger some babies would be born with deformities.

Rary, while conceding it was pure speculation at this time, said it seemed probable the test-tube baby procedure, technically known as in-vitro fertilization, could be performed on about 10 to 20 infertile women monthly once the project is under way.

Dr. Mason Andrews, chairman of the obstetrics-gynecology department at the medical school, and the program's co-directors, the husband-wife team of Drs. Howard and Georgeanna Jones, were pleased with Kenley's decision.

"I never expect anything, but I didn't see logically how it could turn out any other way," Mrs. Jones said.

In a prepared statement accompanying his decision, Kenley said he was certain the laboratory would be well-utilized by infertile couples from all over the United States.

Andrews said the decision would remove some additional trauma from the minds of 11 women now participating in the initial stages of the program.

"We have great confidence that we will win the court battle if it goes that far," he said. The hospital, however, said it had not determined how far it would go in the courts.

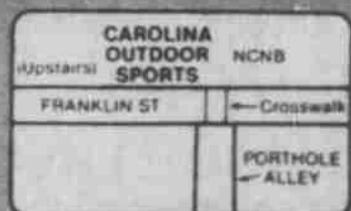


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