

Search Committee Narrows Field

A Brunswick Community College committee searching for the school's next president has narrowed the number of applicants to seven.

Kelly Holden, search committee chairman, said the committee received 77 applications, of which 60 were complete. The seven remaining applications will be reviewed again "with a fine-toothed comb," he said.

Also, an administrative assistant to Department of Community Colleges President Bob Scott will meet with committee members to discuss interviewing procedures before any candidates are interviewed.

The State Board of Community Colleges, meanwhile, delayed any action last week concerning a potential revision in the presidential selection process.

Kathy Restivo, public information coordinator with the state Department of Community Colleges, said a joint recommendation from members of the State Board and representatives of the N.C. Association of Community College Trustees will be presented to the State Board next month.

She said the full board will discuss, and possibly act on, the proposal during the April 14 meeting at Wilson County Technical College.

Under a proposal discussed briefly by the State Board last Thursday in Raleigh, local trustees would lose some power in the selection process since they would be required to submit three names, in order of preference, to the president of the state Department of Community Colleges.

The president would then recommend one person to the State Board of Community Colleges or request additional nominees from local trustees.

The BCC Board of Trustees voted last month to oppose this proposal and endorse the current selection process, which requires only one recommendation for approval by the State Board.

Since that time, the college has received letters of support from three other community colleges.

The search for a new college president began last September, following the dismissal of BCC's founding president, Dr. Joseph Carter. Since that time, William Michael Reaves has filled in as acting president.

Reaves confirmed earlier that he had applied for the permanent position. However, Holden could not provide details concerning the remaining applicants.

College Says End To Phone System Hassles In Sight

BY SUSAN USHER

An end to problems with Brunswick Community College's telephone system is in sight, according to President Michael Reaves and Business Manager Ben DeBlois.

Meanwhile, last Wednesday night Reaves urged college trustees to, "Tell the public to please bear with us."

"There's not a day that I don't talk with someone complaining about our phone system," he added.

Reaves told trustees the college is looking to replace its current system, which consists of four incoming and eight outgoing lines. Only one more line can be added to the existing switchboard.

Business Manager DeBlois said the college is investigating the purchase of a used system that would triple the current capacity to 12 incoming and 24 outgoing lines. "Atlantic Telephone is holding it for us," he said, while the purchase is discussed with the Department of Community Colleges.

The college is also considering addition of a Leland line, so that residents throughout the county can call BCC toll-free.

Once the new system is installed, switchboard personnel at the college will undergo training.

Chapter Closes

An adjustment to the college's state budget Wednesday night in effect closed an embarrassing chapter in its history.

The board approved a reduction of \$14,131 in state funding for the current year, based on an audit of the continuing education department for 1985-86. Funding for programs is based on FTE's, full-time equivalents, calculated on the basis of students and the hours for which they are enrolled.

"Based on the audit there were fewer students taking fewer hours than we reported," DeBlois explained later.

The audit—and similar ones at several other community college campuses, was prompted following unveiling of fraud in the program at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington. The local investigation closed with indictment of one continuing education instructor, Bertie Faye King, on a charge of fraud. She pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor one count of and received a 30-day

suspended sentence.

DeBlois said the reduction was small, considering the amount of publicity given the audit.

Because of the state audits, all community colleges were required to adopt new in-house procedures for continuing education classes. Also, said DeBlois, he expects FTE production to be an area auditors examine more closely in future years.

Self-Study Presented

Gerry Shaver, director of research and planning, presented and summarized the college's completed self-study report. She chaired the steering committee for the year-long study, required as the college seeks reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The study involved committees consisting of most of the college's employees.

A team of educators representing SACS will visit the college campus May 9-12. That visit will be followed by a letter of recommendations. The college must prepare a formal response or explanation for each recommendation, she said.

The college was initially accredited five years ago. From this point on it will undergo a reaccreditation self-study every 10 years, with an interim report at the five-year mark.

A decision on reaccreditation should be made by September; if the college is approved, it would receive accreditation at the SACS annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in December.

According to its introduction, the college expects many "beneficial spin-offs" from close look at how the college operates. It also notes that the study identifies "a significant number of deficiencies and practices that require correction, reassessment, or implementation."

Some of those changes have already been initiated, others are in the planning stage.

Dedication Set

Dedication of the college's new classroom building will be held Sunday, May 1, with a ribbon-cutting at 2 p.m. and reception and open house afterwards, trustees learned Wednesday.

The new building will house departmental displays as well as demonstrations.

"We really plan to make this a big day," said Reaves.

On a related topic, Business Manager Ben DeBlois assured trustees that the new classroom building "has been under the closest possible scrutiny by everybody under the sun. You have a building you can really be proud of."

Architect Jim Pittman reported that work is proceeding on both the A-L-S (Administration, Library and Student Center) building, with completion expected by August 31. Work is progressing more slowly on the Interagency Program building, which should be completed in November.

After their additional review by a theater consultant and local arts personnel, Pittman said plans for the college's auditorium will be delivered to the Department of Community College on April 30.

Other Business

In other business, trustees:

•Set a board retreat for April 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sea Trail Golf Club, Sunset Beach, in place of the board's April 20 meeting. The agenda is to include discussion of trustee responsibilities and legal liability and a videotaped teleconference on the "Role And Responsibility Of Trustees In Fiscal Responsibility and Planning."

•Accepted, on the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee, a wildlife painting from continuing education student Betsy Jones, contributed to the college in memory of Dean Pearson. Her art instructor is June Brown of Southport. The committee will decide later on an appropriate place to display the work.

•On the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, hired Gina Patterson as a business instructor. She holds a bachelor's degree from Meredith College and a master's degree from Winthrop College.

•Heard from SGA representative Paula Almond that the student government is sponsoring the school's first yearbook or directory this spring and is selling college T-shirts and sweatshirts that feature an original student design.

•Heard from the presidential search committee (see related story this issue).

•Heard a report on the college's literacy program (see related story this issue).



ART STUDENT Betsy Jones (center) presented this painting to Brunswick Community College last Wednesday night in memory of the late Dean Pearson, a longtime BCC instructor who she said had selected

this wildlife subject as his favorite. David Kelly, chairman, accepted the painting on behalf of trustees. Looking on is Jones' instructor, June Brown.

An Interview On . . .

Chiropractic For Ulcers

...WITH DR. VICTORIA E. WEBSTER
Doctor of Chiropractic

Dr. Victoria E. Webster of the Webster Family Chiropractic Center says that spinal defects have frequently been noticed in an ulcer patient. It is for this reason she strongly advocates modern Chiropractic care for ulcer conditions.

Dr. Webster noted that "you can't enjoy life when you are suffering from stomach ulcers." She said that some of the first signs are gas pains, indigestion and a swelling or bloated feeling.

"Operations or diets sometimes bring temporary relief," said Dr. Webster. "But after a while that old ulcer acts up again unless you correct the real cause of the trouble."

Dr. Webster disclosed that pinched nerves of the spine often interfere with the nerves controlling the digestive juices and cause a body imbalance. Ulcers then result when foods are unable to get their normal supply of those digestive juices.

At the present time, tourism in our area is really booming. This applies tremendous stress on the people who help support our community by accommodating these tourists. If the spine is weak already, this extra stress may be enough to cause nerve pressure.

Modern Chiropractic utilizes x-ray and other scientific methods to check for spinal defects. According to

Dr. Webster, the modern Doctor of Chiropractic is a spine specialist and is able to correct such defects without hospitalization. Ulcer trouble generally goes away once the spine is able to function normally.

Dr. Webster was then asked, "What is the major reason sick people fail to seek expert help?" Her reply was, "Most people are concerned with the high cost of health care. However, our policy is to collect from the insurance company first, which offers everyone the opportunity to receive help now, when they need it, not when they can afford it."



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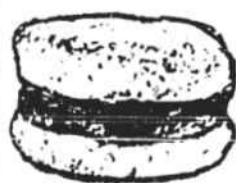
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