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President Bush plans to appoint the controversial Carol Iannone to the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, according to Charles Blitzer, the center's director.

The Woodrow Wilson Center, a federally supported research institution, has a board appointed by the President. No Senate confirmation is required.

Ms. Iannone, a teacher and administrator in the Gallatin Division of New York University, was the subject of a bitter political battle last spring after the President nominated her to a seat on the National Council on the Humanities, the advisory board for the National Endowment on the Humanities.

The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee killed her nomination in July. NEH Chairman Lynne V. Cheney decried Ms. Iannone's rejection, saying she had been rejected because of her conservative political views.

Opponents of the nomination said they had fought the nomination because she did not have a distinguished record as a scholar.

Last week, some critics of Ms. Iannone privately said they believed that the Administration had awarded her this appointment as a "consolation prize." They also said Mrs. Cheney, who is a member of the Wilson board, had played a role in persuading the Administration to select Ms. Iannone for a post that could not be blocked by the Senate.

Ms. Iannone was unavailable for comment. A spokeswoman for Mrs. Cheney said she had played no role in the appointment, adding: "If Lynne Cheney is doing all the things that everyone accuses her of doing, then she'd have no time to run the endowment. If she was such a superwoman, I'd send her my laundry."

Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice set off a controversy last week when he said he would call out the National Guard if the U.S. Supreme Court ordered improvements in the state's historically black colleges that would require a tax increase.

Mr. Fordice, a Republican, made the comments in response to a question while speaking at the Governor's Justice Dept. at 19 Colleges

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By SCOTT JAS

The Justice Department's letters to 19 colleges and institutions of higher learning instructing them that they were under investigation for possible violations of federal antitrust laws.

Officials at the college

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By THOMAS J. D

College officials expect to seek meager increases and biomedical research increases for some other research programs when he requests for fiscal 1993.

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Mr. Bush announced last week, indicating that he will probably not make the promise made at the "Summit" in Charlotte.