Bulger draws powerful support

Kennedy, Silber, lobby trustees

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sity's medical school to perform preclinical drug testing while his wife served on the board.

Edward G. Fey, whose wife, Grace K., chairs the UMass board, is co-founder and a managing partner of Boston University chancellor John Silber, and other powerful al-
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Sitting where job losses would cut, these executives said. The talk would have been a stock transaction, but price was never discussed in detail, the executives said.

Both companies declined to comment. "We don't comment on rumors in the marketplace," Prudential spokeswoman, Laurita Warner said.

"We don't comment on speculation concerning transactions," a Hancock spokesman, Stephen Burgay, said.

The talks are the latest evidence of Prudential's search for a merger partner. The two insurers were presented with an attractive opportunity to form a possible combination with FleetBoston Financial Corp., New England's largest bank. Those merger discussions, first reported in The Boston Globe last month, were an effort to fashion a hometown financial services giant that could fend off an intruder from outside the region, but failed over fears that the proposed combination could have made one or both companies targets of hostile takeovers before they completed any deal.

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