

CAMPUS AND CITY

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**UNC Board of Governors** met in Chapel Hill on May 17. The board will vote on the University's controversial power plant on Cameron Avenue. The board also will vote on the University's proposed expansion of its cooling capacity. The board also will vote on the University's proposed expansion of its cooling capacity.

**BOG approves bond money for power plant**

The UNC-system Board of Governors voted this month to appropriate \$22 million in revenue bonds for renovations to the University's controversial power plant on Cameron Avenue.

In the past, Chapel Hill town officials and residents who live near the plant have complained that it pollutes the environment and disturbs the neighborhood by generating loud noises.

University officials requested \$6 million for continuing work on the plant's nearly completed replacement boiler and cogeneration facility, and \$16 million for further expansion of its cooling capacity.

According to a memo distributed at the BOG meeting, the 1992 bonds would be "issued under the same general terms and conditions" as the 1986 bond issue of \$99 million for utilities replacement and expansion. The 1992 bonds, like those passed in 1986, will be paid for from service charges associated with the plant.

The chilled water system requires expansion to accommodate new facilities now under construction on South Campus.

**Interim dean named head of nursing school**

Cynthia Freund was named dean of the University's School of Nursing at the UNC-system Board of Governors' May 8 meeting.

Freund, who received her master's degree in nursing from UNC, has served as interim dean since August 1990. She was appointed to the interim position after Laurel Archer Copp resigned to concentrate on teaching and research.



Cynthia Freund

A native of McHenry, Ill., Freund received her bachelor's degree from Marquette University and earned her doctorate at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

From 1974-1978, Freund served as an associate professor of nursing at UNC, and in 1984 returned to Chapel Hill after three years as an assistant dean at the University of Pennsylvania. Before being named interim dean, Freund served as chairwoman of the Department of Social and Administrative Systems.

**UNC lecturer/author to teach at Harvard**

Local author and UNC lecturer Jill McCorkle will be leaving the University to teach at Harvard University, effective this fall.

McCorkle, a popular lecturer in the English department's creative writing program, taught English 29W, an honors writing course for incoming freshmen, and English 99W, an honors course for seniors.

The author of five novels, including "Ferris Beach," "Tending to Virginia," and her most recent "Crash Diet," McCorkle is leaving Chapel Hill because her husband, a doctor, has taken a position in Massachusetts, according to Frances Coombs, secretary of the UNC creative writing program.

**Community reacts to King case, L.A. riots**

By Anna Griffin  
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While Los Angeles burned, the University community and Triangle residents searched for their own ways to vent frustration at the acquittal of four white police officers for the beating of black motorist Rodney King.

**Students, faculty demand change**

The King verdict came down while many students were busy studying for final exams.

Nevertheless, on May 1, students and faculty members vented their anger and discussed what could be done to improve race relations in a forum in the Sonya H. Stone Black Cultural Center. After the seminar, about 100 members of the University community, led by Black Student Movement President Michelle Thomas, marched to Silent Sam where they heard speeches from University leaders.

"Justice has had its feathers ruffled," said Marion Phillips, an associate dean in the School of Medical Administration. "But that's better than having them plucked, and it is far better to have them plucked than singed."

Students heard from Phillips, Chuck Stone, Walter Spearman professor of journalism, and Daniel Pollitt, a retiring Kenan professor of law.

UNC Chancellor Paul Hardin, who has faced heavy criticism recently from a student coalition for not supporting a free-standing BCC, received lukewarm applause from the crowd.

Hardin pledged his solidarity with the crowd in opposing the not guilty verdicts. "We have witnessed a terrible miscarriage of justice," he said.

Although the chancellor did speak to the group, thanking them for the peaceful nature of their protest and expressing anger at the verdict, Thomas later said his appearance was merely an effort to avoid further criticism.

Hardin spent much of the hour-long demonstration away from the group, speaking to faculty members, she said.

"He claimed he had to catch a plane in half an hour," Thomas said. "He then spent the next hour talking to professors."

"If he was really showing solidarity he would have taken a more active part in the protest."

**Area students march in Durham**

Amid chants of "no justice, no peace", an estimated 400 people marched down to the steps of the Durham County Judicial Building during a May 1 rally organized by students at N.C. Central University.

Harold Jones, a senior at NCCU, said the point of the protest was "to show the police we mean business."

"We have to stop the brutality of the police," he said. "We're trying to get the point across that we're not going to stand for the Rodney King beating and all that."

Durham citizen Wayne Alston pointed to his shirt, which showed former black leader Malcolm X above the words "my lethal weapon, my mind".

"I have no education at all, but I know the black man is coming together," Alston said.

Hikeem Hason, a Durham citizen, agreed and expressed his support for the slogan on Alston's shirt.

"Your mind is your lethal weapon," he said.

Once downtown, student leaders from various schools including UNC, Duke and NCCU addressed the crowd.

Michelle Thomas, who attended the demonstration with about 15 other UNC



About 100 local residents march down Franklin Street May 5 during a protest over the verdict in the Rodney King beating trial.

students, said the marchers were demanding justice.

"We're here for every king and queen who's been denied justice, who's been killed by police," she said. "We're here to correct the system, to give our people a voice."

**Town residents search for solutions**

Just two days after the student protest, about 150 area residents met at the Chapel Hill Post Office to discuss and protest the verdict.

The protesters then marched down Franklin Street and Airport Road to the town hall, where they gathered in smaller groups to discuss the problem of race relations.

The Chapel Hill protest was organized by the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, headed by James Brittain.

Although most of the protesters said they were there to search for practical solutions, some still had angry words for the all-white jury's verdict.

"For me today isn't about changing

things," said Michelle Polzine, a Carboro resident who described herself as a proletarian. "I'm still angry. That's why I'm here today."

As an expression of her anger, Polzine carried a sign that read "Hang the Jury."

Rosa Brewster, who was staying at the Inter-Faith Council homeless shelter, said the King incident was just another example of violence and intolerance against the poor and minorities.

Brewster, who is white, said that in America, poorer people of all races are considered "people of color."

"The city of Chapel Hill sees us all as niggers," Brewster said. "They lump us all together."

"We put all the blame on black men and on the poorer people."

But Brittain and Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun agreed that although racism presents a problem locally, it is not as bad as in other parts of the United States.

"In Chapel Hill, we don't have the same type of people who live in Simi Valley, California," Brittain said. "The philosophy of racial harmony exists with a lot of people here."

**Police to ticket for parking on Chapel Hill sidewalks**

By Dana Pope  
City Coordinator

Football fans and churchgoers will receive citations if they park on Chapel Hill sidewalks during Saturday games and Sunday services this fall.

At its May 11 meeting, the Chapel Hill Town Council voted unanimously to pass a resolution authorizing police to ticket cars parked on town sidewalks.

"Parking on sidewalks is a tradition enjoyed by visitors to Chapel Hill and citizens," Town Manager Cal Horton said. "In many instances it forces persons to walk in the street."

In mid-August, Chapel Hill police will begin issuing citations on Sunday mornings to cars parked on sidewalks, particularly those on East Franklin

Street. Football fans will receive citations for the same violation beginning with the Oct. 3 game against Navy.

Although council members discussed starting the Saturday ticketing at the beginning of football season, North Boundary Street resident Tom Nuzum urged them to start issuing citations midway through the 1992 football season.

Nuzum suggested that the town issue warning tickets and place signs and leaflets on cars during the first three games of the season to publicize the new parking policy.

"By the end of the season, people would know what was expected," he said.

Council member Art Werner questioned the effectiveness of the policy,

which gives police the power to ticket but not to tow illegally parked cars. The policy will have little effect on out-of-town football fans, he said.

"When people are in a strange place...the fear of towing works better," Werner said.

Interim Police Chief Ralph Pendergraph said about 500 cars were parked on sidewalks during home football games last year.

Horton suggested the town post signs, place leaflets on cars and work with the University community, to implement the plan.

"The police department has been tolerant out of necessity," Horton said. "We think it would be possible in a decent and gentle Chapel Hill way to discourage and eventually extinguish

the practice of parking on sidewalks."

Council member Joe Capowski said event sponsors should take responsibility for finding adequate parking.

"Churches can have a transportation management plan, just like downtown businesses," he said. "We have to do what we can before cars swallow Chapel Hill up."

Phillip Sullivan, a member of the University Presbyterian Church Board of Trustees, urged council members to delay ticketing churchgoers until the new Rosemary Street parking deck opens.

"On Sundays, it becomes a problem to find parking," Sullivan said. "To park anywhere near (the church), members have found they have to park on sidewalks."

**Local police more cautious after verdict**

By Dana Pope  
City Coordinator

Several local police officers said they were surprised at the acquittal of four white Los Angeles officers in the Rodney King beating case, and some said they would be more careful as a result of the decision.

"It surprised me like I think it surprised everyone in the nation," said University Police Lt. Clay Williams, who attended a campus rally sponsored by students protesting the King verdict.

Williams said he thought the federal government would make a different decision in a civil rights case pending against the Los Angeles police officers.

"Right now, I feel like it will be rectified at the federal level," he said. Williams, who has been with the University Police since 1986, said when the incident was videotaped, it brought the issue of police brutality to the forefront.

Williams said most officers are aware of statutory limits concerning excessive force and brutality.

Interim Carboro Police Chief Ben Callahan said he was surprised by the King verdict. "I would have thought based on the film that they would have been found guilty," he said.

Callahan said he thought the events surrounding the King case would make all police more careful. "The whole situation should make us realize how much in the public eye police officers are," he said.

Investigator J.G. Booker of the Carboro Police Department said he also was surprised by the verdict.

"I have never seen anything like (the beating) on video," he said. "I have not ever seen anything on TV like that."

Sgt. C.W. Ashworth, also of the Carboro Police, said officers probably would be more careful a while, but added that things eventually would return to normal.

Callahan said incidents similar to the King case could happen anywhere. "If you go around saying, 'It can't happen here,' then you're in trouble," he said.

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