

CAMPUS AND CITY

Grounds committee to suggest BCC site soon

By Jennifer Talhelm
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Debate about a free-standing black cultural center will resurface in the next few weeks, but it might be a month before any decision about the new building is reached, UNC officials say.

Although discussion about whether to build a new BCC and where it should be located was heated in March and April, BCC supporters have been relatively quiet for more than a month as they wait for the administration to take the next step.

On Wednesday, Chancellor Paul Hardin's Buildings and Grounds Committee met in a closed meeting to dis-

uss the possible location for a new BCC. The results of the meeting will have a profound effect on which way the administration will take the issue.

And June 24-25, the Board of Trustees will meet for the first time since March. The BOT has agreed to discuss the BCC issue although they aren't scheduled to vote on the issue until they hear the chancellor's report on the BCC.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will recommend a site for the new BCC to Hardin. The chancellor then will bring his proposal to the Board of Trustees.

"I'd like to have the report ready by July," he said. "If there's anything controversial about the BCC that happens

before then I may wait until the students get back so I can meet with them."

Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairman John Sanders on Monday said he didn't expect the committee to be able to give the chancellor a recommendation for the next few weeks.

"We're not aiming to have something in the chancellor's hands in time for the June meeting," Sanders said.

The possible site for a new BCC has been an emotional issue during the past few months. Two locations are being considered — one between Coker Hall and the Bell Tower and the other between Wilson Library and Dey Hall. UNC officials have not endorsed either location, but BCC supporters say they

only will accept a BCC built on the Wilson-Dey site.

The Wilson-Dey site, however, is in demand by other departments. The science departments have claimed the site is the best location for a physical-science library.

At their Wednesday meeting, the Buildings and Grounds Committee assessed a report issued by the Facilities Planning Committee, which was commissioned by buildings and grounds to evaluate the two sites and decide which was more suitable for the planned library.

At press time, Sanders said committee members would discuss the issue at the Wednesday meeting. Sanders will

write a report based on the committee's decision.

"I hope the committee will be ready to make some decision," Sanders said.

University officials have come under fire from BCC supporters who claim the administration is trying to delay the issue as long as it can.

The recent freeze put on the BCC's funds by Donald Boulton, vice chancellor for student affairs, has caused BCC supporters to question the University's motives again.

BCC Director Margo Crawford, who has called the freeze a "witch hunt" to single her out for criticism, said she thought the administration was trying to make the BCC look unstable before

the June BOT meeting.

"I think they're trying to defame the cultural center," she said. "I think that it's quite obvious the University does not value the black cultural center at any extent or my contribution to it."

"I think my contributions have been used — and this is not the first time — to degrade the fine work we're doing here."

But Hardin said Crawford's claims were "not well grounded." He said he planned to meet with the trustees before he gave his report to try to convince them that the new BCC was necessary to the University. "I hope that we can make a case for the value of a black cultural center."

Council to trim departments in future budgets

By Kelly Ryan
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After two and a half hours of plugging through the 1993-94 town budget, the Chapel Hill Town Council decided Tuesday that it would try to trim departmental budgets next year to make the town more efficient.

At a budget work session, town council members Joyce Brown and Mark Chilton told the council that the town could have proposed a budget without a tax increase if it had streamlined individual departmental budgets.

Chilton said he thought the council should have asked the town employees who were most intimately connected to a department to suggest ways to reduce costs.

For example, about \$2,000 is included in this year's council budget for catering council and Stormwater Management Committee meetings, he said.

"With all due respect to the Stormwater Management Committee, I'm not sure we need to cater their meetings or our own," he said. "Few would suggest that the Town of Chapel Hill is at its most efficient."

Brown and Chilton recommended 5

percent cuts in all departments. The memo they drafted for the council's consideration says the council should try to eliminate waste, rather than eliminate services.

Although council members agreed that Town Manager Cal Horton should involve the town staff in recommending departmental cuts, most said they thought it was too late to make such amendments to the 1993-94 budget.

The council must adopt a budget or an interim budget by July 1 when the fiscal year begins.

Council member Alan Rimer said because the council was two weeks away from adopting a budget, it was much too late to ask each department to study its programs.

"What that forces each department to do is to look at each of their programs," Rimer said. "I would not ask them to do that at this point in the budget cycle. That would be a herculean task which frankly results in inefficiency in looking at the programs."

Horton said it would take several months to study ways to cut departmental budgets, but Brown said she hoped

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School board election attracts four residents

By Kristen Laney
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Although only two candidates officially have announced their plans to run for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, four more have expressed interest in one of three open seats.

Grainger Barrett, a local attorney and parent, announced Saturday his candidacy for the Nov. 2 election. Barrett, a longtime resident of Chapel Hill, is a member of a blue-ribbon task force charged with studying the performance of black students in the school system.

Barrett also is a Little League baseball coach and president of the board of directors of the Chapel Hill Freedom House, an alcohol detoxification facility.

"The key to success in life is to have the philosophy that you learn something new every day," Barrett said.

The school board seats of Doug Breeden, Ted Parrish and Chairwoman Mary Bushnell are open. Breeden and Parrish already have announced that they will not run for re-election.

Mary Bushnell said she still was not sure whether she would seek another term. "I probably will run, but I am not announcing yet," she said.

Parrish said he was not running because the issues he was interested in already had been considered by the board. "Sixteen years is enough public service for anyone," he said.

University student and parent LaVonda Burnette, 22, who graduated from Chapel Hill High School, announced her candidacy in March.

Several other prospective school board candidates attended an orientation meeting June 9, but none said they were sure if they would run.

The four additional Chapel Hill residents who attended the informational meeting are:

■ Alan Belch, who said he was waiting to decide whether to run so he would have time to make a responsible decision;

■ Richard Kryder, a parent and former 5th grade teacher at Estes Elementary School, who said he attended the informational meeting to understand the intricacies of the school board;

■ Mark Royster, chairman of the blue-ribbon task force, who said he thought the school system should be a school for all students, parents and teachers; and

■ Leon Peace, a longtime area resident, who said he thought he would run after learning what the job would entail. Peace said he also was considering running for a seat on the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Barrett said he planned to concentrate on pursuing the success of black students, spending educational money wisely and exploring innovative classroom programs.

"We can't teach our kids the way we as parents were taught," he said.

Educational money should be concentrated in a couple of areas to make certain programs very strong, Barrett said.

"This means that we may have to simplify rather than diversify our program offerings," he said.

Burnette said if she were elected, she would pursue a plan to guarantee a first-rate education for all students who attend the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. She added that she wanted to increase community involvement in the

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N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Jim Exum, far left, swears in new BOG members, including UNC law student Mark Bibbs, third from left

BOG swears in 15 new members Friday

By Yi-Hsin Chang
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Fifteen new members of the UNC Board of Governors, including UNC-CH second-year law student Mark Bibbs, were sworn in Friday by N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Jim Exum although their terms officially will not begin until July 1.

The swearing-in makes Bibbs, 22, by far the youngest BOG member. The next youngest member, Sam Neill, 43, had been the youngest on the board for the last eight years.

"I think that my age is an asset for me," Bibbs said. "I hope I can represent a different view than most of the people on the board."

Bibbs, who majored in political science as an undergraduate at UNC-CH, had served as an ex-officio member of the BOG for the past two years as president of the UNC Association of Student Governments.

Derrick Griffith, a graduate student

at UNC-Charlotte and current ASG president, was not present Friday but will take Bibbs' place as an ex-officio BOG member in July.

Of the 18 members elected by the General Assembly in February and March, only one — John Garwood of North Wilkesboro — was not present for the swearing-in ceremony.

Two members — former Gov. Jim Martin and Winston-Salem resident Valeria Lee took their oaths of office at the May meeting. They were appointed to open seats, and their terms will expire in two years.

Only half of the 18 new members are really new to the board. Nine were re-elected to four-year terms: Garwood, Neill, Roderick Adams of Durham, Lois Britt of Mount Olive, Wallace Hyde of Raleigh, Jack Jordan of Mount Gilead, Ellen Newbold of Rose Hill, Maxine O'Kelley of Burlington and Harold Webb of Raleigh.

The nine members beginning their first elected terms are: Martin, Lee,

Bibbs, Irvin Aldridge of Manteo, John Cecil of Biltmore, Bert Collins of Durham, Helen Marvin of Gastonia, Wayne Peterson of Raleigh and H.D. Reaves Jr. of Fayetteville.

Aldridge, a 1959 UNC-CH law school graduate, said he was excited and ready to go to work on the BOG. "I hope I'm able to make a contribution to the Board of Governors."

Reaves said he was looking forward to his term on the BOG. "I think it'll be a great challenge, but it's a great opportunity for service."

Reaves said that he had no personal agenda, but that he was concerned about faculty salaries, library cuts and budget restraints. He also wants to help maintain the UNC-system's national reputation, he said.

In other business, the BOG elected Neill as its new secretary. Beginning July 1, Neill will complete outgoing member Charles Flack Jr.'s term as secretary. Flack, a real estate and insurance executive in Forest City, has been

on the board since 1977.

Neill said he was not surprised to be elected secretary. "I'm excited about it." The Hendersonville attorney added that he wanted to focus on the same issues he had been interested in for the past eight years: pushing for a more open selection of university trustees, communicating with each of the 16 UNC campuses and seeking a broader range of representation on the BOG, especially younger people like Bibbs.

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler expressed confidence in the newly-elected secretary. "He'll make a fine secretary of the board. He's faithful on his attendance every time."

BOG Chairman Samuel Poole thanked and presented framed certificates to the seven outgoing members, whose terms officially will end June 30. Of the seven, two — Reginald McCoy of Laurinburg and Maceo Sloan of Durham — have served on the BOG since the board's inception in 1972.

Task force studying fairness of county elections

By Jada Overton
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Elections for Orange County Commissioners could be unfair to residents living in the rural part of the county, according to members of a task force studying the issue.

Rural residents of Orange County can be outvoted by residents from the more urban Chapel Hill and Carrboro, said Marc Marcoplos, a member of the Committee for Fair Representation.

The task force was formed last month to determine whether county elections were unfair to residents from the western and northern parts of the county.

Marcoplos, who ran as an independent candidate for a commissioner's seat in 1992, said the issue had been simmering for years. "The task force is a direct reaction my campaign," he said. "It's probably the best thing that came out of it since I lost."

The task force held a public hearing Wednesday and will hold another today

in Hillsborough to study the issue.

"We want to determine who it's not fair to," said Moses Carey, chairman of the Orange County Commissioners. "We want the committee to make a recommendation on a system that will make it fair."

Marcoplos said 65 percent to 70 percent of the Orange County population lives in the Chapel Hill and Carrboro area, so those residents easily can dominate county elections.

Carey said he thought the task force would have a recommendation in the next two months. "This is something that doesn't take two or three years to study. Either it's fair or it's not."

Marcoplos said the task force planned to ask for an extended deadline. "These folks think that they're going to have two public hearings, meet one time after that and turn in a report which will deal with how we represent ourselves."

Verla Insko, a member of the county commissioners, said she thought the committee would have enough time to

determine if there were a problem. "But it's not enough time for a proposal that would be a solution," she said.

Marcoplos said he thought the board of commissioners should be expanded and its members elected from districts, so that rural residents would have their voices heard.

"If there were a couple of representatives from rural areas at the table, it would open up communication and let people know that they are part of the community," he said.

Marcoplos said he thought there was a disparity between the county's urban and rural residents. "The incomes are lower (in northern Orange County), there's a lot of agriculture and they are politically more conservative," he said.

Marcoplos added that it was these differences that made fair representation important to the people in the rural part of the county. "If we could come up with a fair representation system, the tension level would come down and we could do a much better job of taking

care of issues," he said.

One source of tension between county residents was the 1992 passage of a \$52 million school bond referendum. The bond will pay for a new middle and high school in Chapel Hill-Carrboro, a new Orange County middle school and technology upgrades countywide.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education member Ken Touw said Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools will receive about \$30 million from the bond, while county school will receive \$22 million.

"They feel like they're being cheated in the division of that money," he said.

Touw said Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools needed the new facilities to meet the needs of a growing student population. "Chapel Hill schools are experiencing larger growth than the county school."

Former Orange County School Board member June Haas, who served on the board at the time of the bond's passage, said, "The Orange County school system has never gotten their fair share."

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