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Sunny; mid 60s
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BOG could choose UNC-system president Thursday

Chairman C. Cliff Cameron announced a special meeting Monday.

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Board of Governors members could discuss their nominees for a new UNC-system president at a special meeting Thursday afternoon.

BOG Chairman C. Cliff Cameron

asked officials to call board members Monday afternoon to request they attend the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Joni Worthington, UNC-system assistant vice president for communications, said she heard about the meeting just before 5 p.m. Monday.

"The chairman had asked that a special meeting be called Thursday," she said.

Sam Poole, a BOG member on the search committee to find a new system president, said he could not talk about

what would happen at the meeting, which is closed to the public.

"(The meeting) is to discuss a personnel matter," he said. "It's not for discussion."

Holding a meeting of the full board the day before a scheduled



BOG members could discuss a replacement for C.D. SPANGLER.

meeting is more than a rarity. Several BOG members and staff in the UNC-system General Administration said they could not remember the last time a BOG chairman had called a meeting with such short notice.

"A called meeting is not a typical (one)," said search committee member John Cecil. "I don't know when the last one was called."

Committee members have avoided discussing details about their progress throughout the search process.

The BOG charged the committee,

headed by former N.C. Gov. Jim Holshouser, to review candidates to replace retiring President C.D. Spangler.

Spangler said last August that he wanted to retire by June 1.

Some BOG members said Sunday that they did not expect to vote on a presidential candidate this week because no one had told them names might come up for a vote.

UNC-system Secretary Rosalind Fuse-Hall said that under legal provisions, BOG members could discuss candidates at Thursday's 4 p.m. meeting.

"That (legal) provision allows for that," she said.

The meeting could be about any personnel matter. But BOG members said last year that having a new president selected by their regular April meeting on Friday would help make it easier for Spangler to introduce him to students, faculty and staff at the 16 UNC schools.

Cecil said he could not discuss whether he knew the purpose of Thursday's meeting.

Cameron could not be reached for comment Monday.



Robert Parrish receives enthusiastic applause from the audience at Monday night's Chapel Hill Town Council meeting. Parrish, a member of the Black Public Works Association, spoke about equitable wages.

Carrboro police: public forum on alleged racism unnecessary

BY STEVE MRAZ
STAFF WRITER

Carrboro officials are unwilling to publicly discuss the facts from a February arrest of five black males in which racism was believed to have played a factor.

Junior Anthony Burrow and his father, James, said they wanted a public forum to shed light on the facts of the Feb. 26 arrest.

The five men were held at gunpoint and handcuffed by Carrboro police at Highland Hills Apartments after a woman called police at 4:30 a.m. because she believed the individuals were breaking into a car.

A rash of car break-ins in the area a

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BOB MORGAN
Carrboro Town Manager

few weeks before had prompted the caller to report the males to the police. However, the caller was later found to have been mistaken, but the men still felt they had been victims of racial discrimination.

Town Manager Bob Morgan said the

town attorney told him a public forum with the men would not be appropriate.

"This is an administrative matter that has personnel overtones to it," Morgan said. "This is not an issue you have a public forum about. We have offered to sit down with them as a group or individually and discuss the issue."

Morgan said the personnel issues have to deal with the protection of the officers involved. "I'm not interested in getting into a debate-type issue," he said. "Hopefully, we'll get this thing wrapped up in 10 days to two weeks."

James Burrow said if the town did not agree to a public forum, he and his son would take alternative measures. "If

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BPWA asks for 3-percent raise to approach town's living wage

BY MEEGAN P. SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Black Public Works Association members presented their Freedom Budget, which called for a 3-percent increase in town employees' salaries, to the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday night.

Employees speaking at the public forum said their main concerns were wages, employee treatment, advancement opportunities and workplace democracy.

BPWA Steering Committee Chairman Steve England asked the council to consider the living wage level when allocating funds to be given to public workers.

He said workers' main complaint was the unfair gap between the average salary of the lowest-paid workers and the cost of living in Chapel Hill.

"We just can't afford to live here anymore," England said.

England asked the council to increase the town employee salary toward the living wage in Chapel Hill, determined by the town to be \$30,420.

More than 80 percent of black Public Works employees earn less than the living wage, according to the BPWA.

To do this, England said the BPWA proposed a plan giving all town employees a base raise of 3 percent. Any employ-

ee currently earning less than the living wage should get an additional 2-percent raise.

England also said town employees were not rewarded for long service to the town.

BPWA member George Parrish said he worked 20 years for the town without an appropriate increase in salary.

"It's heart-breaking ... to work like that and not get anything for it," he said. "It's pitiful. It doesn't make any sense."

The BPWA also addressed employees' concerns about a lack of workplace democracy. Members said they lacked input in management decisions.

BPWA member Lonnie Degraffenreidt said he felt supervisors made decisions without considering an employee's concerns. "They don't quite see what we're going through," he said.

BPWA member Marion Lyde said he hoped the BPWA's appeal would be reflected in the town budget. "Hopefully, we can eliminate some of the problems we have this year so we can have a better working place," he said.

Town Manager Cal Horton said he would review the proposals presented Monday night and present a recommended 1997-98 budget to the council at its April 28 meeting. Several other special interest groups appeared before the council to request funds.

Congress members oppose resolution

The resolution would condemn a lawmaker's vote on late-term abortions.

BY FORREST ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

A proposed Student Congress resolution that would reprimand Rep. David Price, D-N.C., for opposing a late-term abortion ban could face opposition.

Student Congress Rep. Dan Thompson, Dist. 13, plans to introduce a resolution at the Congress meeting Wednesday that condemns Price for his no-vote on the House bill.

Thompson said Student Congress members at times have to vote on their conscience, and it was his conscience that prompted him to propose the resolution.

"There are many religious and political groups that undoubtedly have stances on this issue," Thompson said.

"It's a way for (Congress) to speak out against this gruesome procedure to (David Price)."

Speaker of Student Congress James Hoffman said Student Congress did not need to involve itself with the issue.

"There is no need for us, with the little bit of power we have, to take up the issue of abortion," Hoffman said.



Speaker of Student Congress JAMES HOFFMAN said Student Congress did not need to involve itself with such an issue.

Rep. Alex Bass, Dist. 15, said partial-birth abortion involved a gruesome process and is illegal in North Carolina.

"Therefore, if it is illegal in the state, how can it affect the University?" he said.

But Thompson said past Student Congress sessions had passed resolutions commemorating events, such as the 50-year anniversary of the United Nations, and had set a precedent for his resolution.

Kristen Sasser, speaker pro tem, said the bill does not affect the student body's everyday lives.

"This is not a bill that should even be going through Student Congress," she said. "This issue is not something students are actively participating in."

Thompson said his previous employer, former N.C. Rep. Fred Heineman, stands to gain nothing from the resolution.



Tarheel Taxi driver C.C. Tann, who has been in the taxi business for 14 years, said more people have called for his service since DWI laws became stricter. Tann says his driving philosophy encourages good conversations.

Driving in circles

BY AMANDA GREENE
STAFF WRITER

At 7 p.m. on a Friday, calls stream into Tarheel Taxi from all corners of Chapel Hill, signaling another night of busy driving and passenger-listening for taxi driver C.C. Tann.

"You wouldn't believe the things I hear driving these streets," Tann says.

The veteran driver, who has been in the taxi business for 14 years, said he had encountered some "crazy stuff."

"I've seen anything from a couple making out in the back seat to stoned customers who don't feel like paying their fare," he says.

"Once, when I was going to pick up this lady, I saw a light in the distance, and as I got closer, I saw that it was a bunch of Ku Klux Klan burning



a cross," Tann says. "I had to drive through it to pick up the lady so she could get to work."

Responding to his first call of the night, Tann pulls the "taxi-van" up to a residence, where he greets the group of regular riders.

"We ask for C.C. nearly every time we need a taxi because he's known on campus," says Donald Lane, a 25-year-old Chapel Hill resident.

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