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Vote still set on bus issue

by Mary Newsom
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill will hold a referendum on Jan. 23 to vote on the proposed community-wide bus system, as scheduled.

The Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen decided Monday night to hold the referendum, even though Carrboro, which was originally included in the plan, vetoed the idea at its aldermen's meeting last Tuesday.

A student referendum, scheduled for later this month, has been postponed until January as a result of Carrboro's action.

The bus system, proposed in August by the Chapel Hill Transportation Commission, provides for buses running through the town and campus, subsidized by municipal bonds and possibly a tax levy, and also by a \$5 student fee, paid each semester and allowing students unlimited rides.

The referendum in January will allow Chapel Hill citizens to vote whether they wish the town to subsidize such a system in the proposed manner.

The Carrboro aldermen voted against holding the referendum, citing lack of community support and more important priorities as reasons.

The original plan is being revised by the Transportation Commission, the UNC Student Government and the University administration, partly due to Carrboro's action. That new plan, or proposals for a plan, are to be revealed at 4 p.m. today, according to Lee Corum, student member of the transportation commission.

Before discussing the bus referendum, the aldermen argued for approximately 40 minutes whether developers of apartments and subdivisions should be required by ordinance to turn open space recreation areas, required by law, to the town.

Alderman Joseph Nassif pointed out that the board is in favor of the open space ordinance as such, but that they were looking for one which would be acceptable to everyone involved.

A committee, headed by Nassif, was formed to study the matter.

The board also discussed an ordinance to recommend by the town Planning Board calling for screening of commercial establishments built in areas already containing residential establishments.

Alderman R.D. Smith expressed concern for residents living in such areas who must live with commercial establishments right next to the walls of

their homes. He asked the board to take such situations into consideration.

Town Planner Van Opendenrow explained the Planning Board's position to the aldermen, saying that if two businesses on either side of a residence were forced to set their buildings back from the property line, then the residence could sell its property to a business who would not need to set its buildings back from the other two businesses. This would be unfair, he said.

The board referred the matter to a committee to study the situation.

'Buttons' directive defended

by Cathey Brackett
Staff Writer

University Personnel Director Jack H. Gunnells said Monday the provisions of a recent memorandum, criticized by members of the local chapter of the Association of American University Professors (AAUP) last week, comply

The memorandum, entitled "Questions and Answers About Political Activity For University Staff Employees," was sent by the personnel office on October 27.

The AAUP complained that the memo, which prohibited staff employees from engaging in political activities on the job, and highly discouraged the wearing of campaign buttons, denied these employees the freedom of expression granted to the other University employee classifications, student and faculty.

Gunnells emphasized that the memo was not a directive or an "infringement upon employee's rights" but merely informal in nature, "with the possible exception of the portion dealing with the wearing of campaign buttons to work."

Of the latter activity, Gunnells said: "The memorandum's advice on this subject reflects my judgment and experience; while such button-wearing may not be prohibited by the law, it is, in some cases and for some persons, not at all conducive to the harmonious and effective employee-employee and employee-supervisor relationships."

Gunnells cited a state statute which specifically applies to state employees subject to the State Personnel Act, prohibiting such employees from engaging in political activities while at work for the state as well as from using the authority of positions, state funds, supplies or vehicles to secure "support for or oppose any candidate, party or issue in a partisan election."

'We have much to consider'

by James Cuthbertson
Staff Writer

The leaves were bright, but the gray overcast sky set the stage for a gloomy day. About 100 students gathered at Silent Sam to begin a commemoration march for three slain black men.

The procession began and continued up Franklin Street, turned left on South Columbia and left again on Cameron Avenue. The solemn marchers cut across McCorkle Place, headed for the Student Union and the Great Hall where commemoration speeches were scheduled.

The slain blacks which the march and the speeches eulogized were James Cates, Denver Smith and Leonard Douglas Brown.

Cates was killed outside the UNC Student Union last November in an incident with a Durham motorcycle gang called the Storm Troopers.

Three members of the all-white gang were arrested and charged with the stabbing

death, but were acquitted by an 11 man, one woman, all-white jury in Hillsborough after five days of testimony.

Smith and Brown were killed in an incident with police Thursday at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. Southern students were occupying the University administration building when police were called in by the University president to clear the building.

After a pitched battle, the two students lay dead in front of the building, killed by gunshot. Investigation into the incident is continuing.

With two cries of "Power to the People!" by Black Student Movement (BSM) Chairman Warren Carson, the commemoration service began in the Great Hall.

The BSM Gospel Choir provided music.

After a moment of silence for Cates and the Southern University students, Carson said, "We have much to consider. The attempts on black lives have not ceased, as indicated by the killings at Southern University and the developments in Dallas (N.C.)."

Carson was referring to the deaths of six blacks killed in the past week in that town. "Our lives are constantly in danger," he said. "James Cates was just a bystander. His murder is not an isolated incident. We must adopt liberation for all black people and work collectively. One day is not enough. We must dedicate our lives to what those slain black people stood for."

President of the UNC Student Body Richard Epps was the next speaker. Epps began with the statement: "We are again assembled to mourn the death of America's future."

He felt that the Southern students only demanded a full-time campus physician, books that could be sold back to the campus bookstore and a reading room open when it was convenient to students.

He said that the "nauseating fact about America is that it has no respect for human life." He referred to a statement by the mayor of Baton Rouge after the killings as "the only reaction we get concerning an incident like the Southern killings. The mayor said, 'Two have been shot and there may be more if necessary.'"

"Stay in your place and accept the excrement that America forces down your throat," Epps said, referring to what he thinks white America wants the black man to do. Instead, he urged black people to "unite."

Osalo McDonald, pastor of the Northside Baptist Church in Durham, expressed his thoughts on American society by saying that "whites should not be able to help correlate the black struggle."

"Uncle Tom used to be in our community. We no longer have Uncle Toms, we have Doctor Toms who get honorary doctorates because they've been Tomming real good," said McDonald. "Even the church is a part of the repressive system we have today. Most of us worship the white God."

"I am not an American," he said. "I could be considered an Afro-American. We don't have time to hate white people. We should ignore them and do our thing. It's gonna be a long struggle. We will need a lot more memorial services, but we must get our thing together by ourselves."

Yvonne Burchette of the Black Arts Cultural Center said, "We should not waste time moving the stumbling blocks. We should go around them."

The black students ended the commemorative service with a rousing hand clapping gospel song.

Biracial committee will probe killings

United Press International

BATON ROUGE, La. — Louisiana's attorney general, saying the state's "image and self respect" are at stake, Monday appointed a biracial commission to investigate the deaths of two black students during a battle with law officers at Southern University.

Attorney General William Guste said he would be chairman of the commission of inquiry. He said it would be "above politics and unbiased," would have an equal number of black and white members and include two students.

In a rally at a New Orleans park earlier Monday, the black student president of Southern's campus in that city called the three weeks of student disruptions that led to the killings "a fight against institutional racism."

Guste said at a Baton Rouge news conference that "it is imperative for the well being of our state and the protection of individual rights, that there be a

detailed and thorough investigation to find out who killed these students, how it happened and why this tragedy occurred," he said.

"But more than this, we must find ways to prevent this kind of tragedy from happening again."

The two victims of the violence last Thursday on Southern's main campus at Baton Rouge were Leonard Brown, Jr., 20, of Gilbert, La., and Denver A. Smith, 20, of Morganza, La. They were struck in the head by shotgun pellets and other unidentified pieces of metal in front of the school administration building.

Students said sheriff's deputies opened fire on them during the confrontation. Gov. Edwin Edwards and the parish sheriff denied the charges, but later said it was possible.

"I'm not going to say one of my men didn't shoot them," said Sheriff Al Amis. "I felt like they did not, but maybe we will never know."

Kissinger, Tho smiling

'Final' peace talks open

United Press International

PARIS — Peace envoy Henry Kissinger met privately for nearly five hours with top North Vietnamese negotiators Monday in what could be the last negotiating sessions to end the Vietnam War. The talks were expected to last several days.

Even as Kissinger met with North Vietnamese negotiators Le Duc Tho and Xuan Thuy, the Viet Cong issued a statement denouncing President Nixon and South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu.

The location of Kissinger's talks was supposed to be secret, but newsmen traced the negotiators to a villa in Gif-sur-Yvette, a Paris suburb near Versailles.

The Viet Cong statement said:

"Remarks of the U.S. government that it wants to build a 'equitable and honorable peace for all nations' are only a bluff."

Viet Cong officials described their statement as an official pronouncement by the Viet Cong Provisional Revolutionary Government "and therefore important."

Their attitude raised the possibility that the Viet Cong feared Hanoi may make concessions during the talks which began at an undisclosed place somewhere in the Paris area.

Informed sources said Tuesday's session would be an afternoon meeting.

Kissinger made it clear on his arrival in Paris late Sunday that he would stay as long as necessary in the expectation the talks could bring the war to a rapid end.

The Viet Cong statement said new U.S. weapons shipments into Indochina, in obvious expectation that a peace agreement will be reached in Paris, constituted extremely grave intensification of the war.

"They are new evidence that the United States is preparing to sabotage more seriously what has already been agreed," it said.

Both Hanoi and Washington have indicated they consider the new secret talks as the final meeting.

The talks began at about 10:00 a.m. and lasted until 4:00 p.m. Neither Kissinger nor Tho left the grounds of the villa between those hours.

Both top negotiators took turns walking in the villa's garden during breaks in the discussions.

At the close of the session, members of each party could be seen shaking hands, but individuals could not be identified by newsmen.

As he left the villa, Kissinger was asked how the talks had gone. He smiled and waved but said nothing. Tho smiled and waved in response to the same question when he left a few minutes after Kissinger.

Following the secret talks, Kissinger met Phang Van Lam, South Vietnamese ambassador to the peace talks, a South Vietnamese spokesman said. The spokesman did not reveal how long the two men met.

Earlier Monday, a Viet Cong spokesman demanded that there be no change in the current draft peace treaty. "We want action, not words," Viet Cong spokesman Ly Van Sau told UPI.

He again denounced Thieu as an obstacle to peace and said: "He must resign, and the agreement must be signed as it stands."



Time

A unique sense of time enshrouds one as he walks through old Chapel Hill cemetery. People from many ages reach out to touch you, like two brothers who were killed serving the Confederacy, or ... (Staff photo by George Brown)

Weather

TODAY: Sunny, high in the upper 40's; low in the lower 30's; probability of precipitation 10 percent today, 20 percent tonight.