

Committee to search for Friday's successor

From staff reports
The Board of Governors Friday gave Chairman Philip Carson the power to appoint a search committee to find a successor for President William Friday, who will retire in 1986.

In a closed session, the board unanimously appointed Carson to choose nine of the 32 BOG members to serve with him on the committee. Carson has also been given the power to set the times

and places for the committee's public hearings, and he will be the spokesman for the committee during its search.

A panel of 16 advisors will be selected by Carson to aid the committee.

Carson said he was ready to begin the search and planned to appoint the committee early next week with the first meeting next weekend. The advisory panel will be established soon after the committee's first meeting.

Under the procedures for selection, established by the BOG in a closed session last November, Carson will appoint to the advisory panel four of the system's 16 university chancellors; three faculty members from a list nominated by the system's Faculty Assembly; and not more than seven people from the system's Board of Trustees, alumni associations and citizens interested in the university. The panel will also include James L. Smith,

chairman of the system's Faculty Assembly, and Kenneth Cagle, president of the N.C. Association of Student Governments.

Friday announced Sept. 14 that he would retire in July 1986 just before his 66th birthday. He had planned to retire in July 1985 but agreed to stay when board members said they needed more time to find a replacement. He has been president since 1956.

Mandatory sprinklers will be studied by committee

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Sprinkler systems may be required in the future for Carrboro businesses and multi-family residences, depending on the findings of a soon-to-be formed committee.

Carrboro Fire Chief Robert Swiger said he wrote a memorandum a few months ago to Carrboro Town Manager Bob Morgan asking the board of aldermen's permission to seek legislation from the N.C. General Assembly requiring such sprinkler systems. Morgan and Swiger decided to create the committee because they believed citi-

zens needed to be involved in this process.

Swiger said he wanted a mixture of people on the seven-member committee, including a resident, a builder, a manager and an insurer of multi-family dwellings.

The committee's duties will include finding ways to offset the costs of sprinkler systems. The committee will also decide whether builders should be allowed lighter construction requirements in exchange for installing sprinklers.

Sarah Williamson, Carrboro town clerk, said committee members had not been appointed, but several people had written letters expressing interest in serving on the committee, although there isn't widespread interest yet.

Swiger said the idea did not receive a good response when the committee was first advertised. "We re-advertised

and got the local media, including *The Durham Morning Herald* and *The Chapel Hill Newspaper* to help get the committee together," he said.

Swiger said that North Carolina was in the "Burn Belt," which is composed of southeastern states.

In the Burn Belt, "more lives are lost in fires on a per capita basis than in other states," he said.

Citing national statistics, Swiger said that 80 percent of fire deaths occurred in residential properties. Of these deaths, 20 to 30 percent occurred in multi-family dwellings. Swiger said the Carrboro Fire Department responded to 202 calls in 1984, which resulted in one death and \$187,000 in damages.

"There has never been a life lost in a building fully sprinkled, if the system was working properly," Swiger said. He added that sprinkler systems are 98.6 percent effective and that the 1.4 percent

of error occurred because of poor maintenance, including frozen pipes and valves that had been turned off.

Swiger said the N.C. Chiefs' Association and the State Fire Commission had discussed proposing legislation to require sprinkler systems. "I would like to see it (sprinkler systems) become a trend," Swiger said. If Carrboro got an ordinance requiring sprinkler systems, it might be a little easier for other towns to follow, he said.

In Chapel Hill, every building over 50 feet must have sprinkler systems. In addition, the town recommends sprinkler systems for anyone who is building.

Everette Lloyd, Chapel Hill fire chief, said every house and every apartment should have a sprinkler system. Lloyd gave his support to Carrboro's decision to move toward requiring sprinklers. "It's the only real way to protect buildings from fires," he said.

Swiger said he hoped the committee's report would be finished by March. The Carrboro Board of Aldermen will then ask the state legislature to approve an amendment to the state building code which would allow Carrboro to adopt an ordinance requiring sprinkler systems.

Sanford to vie for Party chair

From staff and wire reports
RALEIGH - Duke University President Terry Sanford declared his candidacy Saturday for the position of chairman of the Democratic National Committee, urging Democrats to adopt new ideas.

"The New Deal has run its splendid course. New thinking for new direction is the Democratic Party's opportunity," he said.

Sanford said he would try to rebuild the traditional Southern base of the Democratic Party and overcome divisive special interests.

"The Democratic Party cannot do without a strong base in the South," he said. "I've never been a regional person. I've been accustomed to doing things from a nationwide point of view."

News in Brief

Missile accident investigated
HEILBRONN, West Germany — U.S. Army experts Saturday began their investigation of how the motor of an unarmed Pershing 2 missile ignited, killing three American soldiers and sparking a new political furor over the rocket deployment.

Two groups of American investigators — a 15-person team from the army's U.S.-based Missile Command and another from the U.S. Army Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Ala. — arrived in Germany to study Friday's accident. U.S. authorities based in West Germany began a separate inquiry.

Three U.S. soldiers were killed and 16 others injured — three critically — when the solid fuel in the first-stage motor of a two-stage Pershing 2 missile ignited at the Waldheide U.S. missile training ground, near Heilbronn, 50 miles north of Stuttgart, army officials said.

Honduran, Salvadoran aid up

WASHINGTON — Honduras and El Salvador have replaced the United States as key sources of aid to Nicaraguan rebels, according to Reagan administration officials and members of Congress.

They said Israel had also increased its aid to the rebels, providing more weapons and advice.

Although the three countries began assisting the rebels several years ago, the level of their support and its importance to the insurgents increased as assistance from the United States diminished and eventually ended during 1984, the American officials said.

The support has raised questions in Congress on whether American arms and other supplies sold or given to Honduras, El Salvador and Israel are being diverted to the Nicaraguan rebels. That is barred by both foreign aid legislation and a specific ban on American aid to the rebels.

Talks agreement criticized

WASHINGTON — Senior Reagan administration officials said Saturday that the Geneva agreement to begin three sets of arms negotiations had left unresolved the key question of whether a failure in one set of talks could derail progress in the others.

As a result, officials said, the new negotiations could be imperiled even before they start by a disagreement over "linkage" — with progress on the American goal of reducing nuclear weapons possibly held hostage by a Soviet insistence that the United States agree to halt its program of research into space weapons.

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