Board approves proposed ban on animals

By MARK ANCONA

After a discussion that lasted for more than two hours Tuesday night, the Orange County Board of Commissioners approved one of eight parts of a proposal to ban from Orange County all animals considered non-domestic.

The portion approved is a request for the North Carolina General Assembly to consider more extensive legislation concerning undomesticated animals. And along with five other parts to the proposal, the board delayed a decision on whether to ban or to regulate the animals until the next meeting.

If a ban were passed by the board, animals used at the University for laboratory and research work would be exempt.

Orange County Manager Kenneth Thompson, who prepared the recommendation, said that a ban would be easier to administer than any regulatory proposal.

"These animals have the propensity to be dangerous," Thompson said. "Danger exists when wild animals are in captivity. The risk to the public would be entirely eliminated if a

"With regulation we would have to train personnel for inspection purposes, and it would cost money to administer all phases of a regulatory plan. We would have to employ inspectors, animal controllers and have some clerical assistance and

some administrative time spent on regulation." William Sheffield, an attorney from Durham, said that the report makes the issue more complicated than it really is. Sheffield represents an owner of wild animals in Chatham County and said he would like to see regulatory action taken.

"I see three choices," Sheffield said. "You can regulate across the board or you can prohibit some animals — the large and apparently dangerous animals - or you can enforce an out and out ban on non-domesticated animals."

Sheffield suggested that the board prohibit the importation of these types of animals into Orange County until a feasible solution could be agreed upon.

Tim Greene, a Chapel Hill resident who owns two leopards and two tigers, said that problems could arise if a ban were en-

"If you're not careful with a ban, you're going to drive a lot of owners underground and you will have problems that you have never seen before," Greene said. "Regulations are easier to deal with than a ban.'

Lori Stephenson, a Chapel Hill resident who lives a quarter of a mile from Greene's property, said that a ban was the only

alternative open to the board of commissioners. "A small percentage of our population owns these animals," Stephenson said. "Why should taxpayers pay money to regulate these animals? Why should we let a privileged, elite group keep these animals when there is a chance that these animals can

Sheffield said that many supporters of the ban have unwar-

"It's not your (the commissioners) job to alleviate all the fear within the county," he said. "You must alleviate only the reasonable fear. Some people are afraid without a reasonable

The board also voted on whether or not to require the animals to be registered. This part of the proposal was not passed, because a unanimous decision was not reached. The dissenting vote was cast by commissioner Shirley Marshall.

"People are not going to register their animals until they know what we are going to do as far as banning or regulating,"

In other action, the board refused a request for changes in the special use permit granted in September to build Midway Air-

The airport is being built to replace Horace Williams Airport. John Northern, the attorney representing Buck Mountain Development Company which is constructing the airport, presented a letter to the board requesting a change in the building permit. Northern requested the following changes: decreasing the required length of the approach-departure zone from 5,000 feet to 1,100-1,500 feet; allowing for a greater number of accessory uses such as a snack bar, a restaurant and a sales office; deletion of a required access road to the airport; deletion of a requirement that limits flight training to half the total operations at the airport.

The board will address these requests at a public hearing to be held by the commissioners in March.

IFC seeks to integrate the fraternity system By STUART TONKINSON "Fraternities at UNC ... building the in-

dividual." This is the motto of the Interfraternity Council, the organization made up of representatives from each of the 28 fraternities. The IFC is responsible for ensuring that the fraternity experience at UNC is a helpful one.

The IFC, under the leadership of 1982-83 president Brian Hunnicutt, is seeking to integrate the fraternity system in a number of

"We start introducing pledges to the fraternities with the pledge convocation," said Steve Hutson, assistant dean for fraternity affairs. "There, the pledges and their pledge educators are able to meet the officers of the IFC."

Hunnicutt said the organization tried "to describe to the pledges what it means to be in a fraternity, what responsibilities come with being in a fraternity, and what the hazing policy of the University is." The convocation helps the new pledges

realize that they are really part of a much larger system; they are part of the whole fraternity network, Hutson said.

During the IFC's organizational meeting Tuesday, the new officers were introduced to the council. They are:

· Art Shepard, public relations assistant from Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, who will work on the IFC-Panhellenic Council newspaper, The Carolina Greek, which will cover activities of fraternities and sororities.

· Billy Hobbs, membership development assistant from Sigma Nu fraternity, is in charge of the Pledge Convocation, and he is also putting together a manual explaining the rush process.

· Kevin Jones, minority affairs assistant from Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, will try to

Brian Hunnicutt

coordinate affairs between black and white fraternities by involving the new pledge class in service activities.

· Keith Pitts, fraternity affairs assistant from Sigma Chi fraternity, is responsible for making fraternities aware of alcohol-related

In addition, Jeff Bye, from Sigma Nu fraternity, will serve as executive vice president, and Thomas Kepley, from Kappa Alpha fraternity, will be administrative vice president.

All IFC officers will attend the Southeastern IFC Leadership Conference Feb. 18-20, in order to make the IFC more effective, Hunnicutt said.

Town board to act on apartment construction

By KATHERINE FARLEY

Tomorrow night the Chapel Hill Housing Authority will meet to authorize execution of the contract with the low bidder for the construction of Oakwood Apartments off North Greensboro Street in Carrboro.

Site, Inc., of Greensboro, gave the lowest bid out of eight at \$875,000. After the Chapel Hill Housing Authority approval, the contract will have to be approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Lee C. Biggar, a development officer from the housing authority, foresees no problem about Site getting the bid. Their

duty is to give the bid to the "lowest responsible bidder," he said. "Everything looks proper and straight ahead. Their bid is clean."

Site, Inc., is a well-known company in North Carolina and has constructed numerous complex with HUD assistance. The company just completed community development apartment complexes in Burl-

ington and Greensboro. Biggar said he thought Site, Inc. would have no problem receiving approval from

The construction company granted the contract will have a nine-month construction period. With allowances for the possibility of hitting rock and for excess

bad weather, the 30-unit complex should be completed by Feb. 1, 1984.

Mary J. McCallister, manager for Multi-Family Housing Programs, said there were 316 people on the waiting list for public housing. More people are eligible for public housing than there is housing available, Biggar said.

The Chapel Hill Housing Authority will require 80 percent of the families living in the complex to have an income that is less than 50 percent of the median income for

Biggar said that the housing authority has money allocated for the construction of two more low-income complexes in

Chapel Hill. One complex, to be located at Church and Caldwell streets will have 52 units and will be rented to the elderly. The second complex, to be located on Piney Mountain and Eastwood roads, will have 32 units and will be rented to families, he

Bids for the construction of these two complexes will be taken in about four months, Biggar said. Theoretically, students can live in these complexes if they meet the requirements for family and income, Mc-Callister said. However, because of the long wait, students probably will have graduated by the time their names come up on the list, she said.



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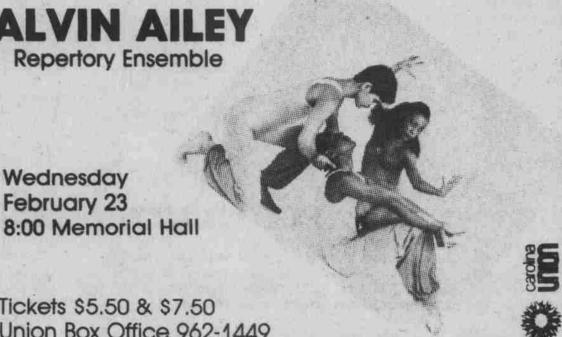
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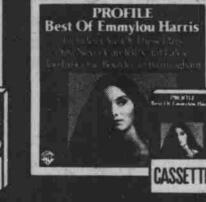
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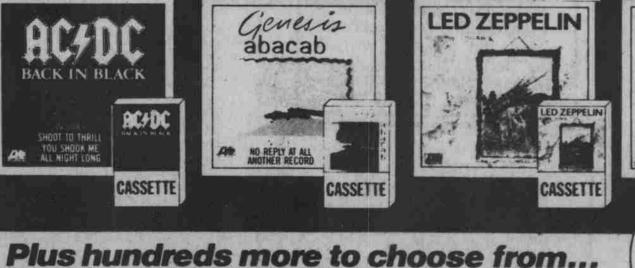














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