

Alert proposes additions to Carrboro cable service

By LISA BRANTLEY
Staff Writer

A cable television committee composed of 10 Carrboro residents is seeking citizen input on a franchise proposal by Alert Cable TV of North Carolina, Inc. to upgrade the town's cable TV service.

Committee chairman Donna Mitchell said the advisory body, which was appointed by the aldermen last month, tentatively plans to send out about 100 questionnaires to Carrboro cable subscribers to get citizen reaction of existing service and rates.

In addition, the committee plans to advertise in local newspapers such as *The Chapel Hill Newspaper* and *The Village Advocate*, in the form of a small clip-out survey to gauge general citizen reaction to the level of Carrboro cable service, Mitchell said.

Although the committee had originally scheduled four

meetings before presenting their recommendations to the Carrboro aldermen in April, after two meetings Mitchell said that more will probably be needed. "We'll definitely go over the ones we had originally planned," she said. "We really haven't gotten into the meat of the proposal yet."

Alert proposes to expand its 24-channel system to 35 channels within a period of nine months if the Board of Aldermen approves, in April, an eight-year franchise extension it petitioned for in December. According to Alert official Pete Pettis, the extension would give the company more time in which to recoup its investment.

Eventually, should the extension be granted, Alert proposes to reopen its studio to provide local-based programming and expand to 54 channels if there is enough programming available.

One local channel, according to the franchise proposal, would make live coverage possible of regularly-

scheduled Board of Alderman meetings, allow for an hour per week of current issues or special events programming provided by the town, and perhaps make programming possible from the Carrboro Art School.

The proposal would also provide for a "community billboard" informational channel to allow public interest announcements to be made via the cable system.

According to Mitchell, what Alert is proposing is "a standard." Some committee members have an interest in checking and comparing Alert's service with that offered by Village Cable which serves Chapel Hill and Orange County and presently operates a local studio.

Currently Alert, which is the 22nd largest multiple-system cable operator in the United States, serves 160 communities including 2,500 customers in Carrboro and Hillsborough.

Town Council discusses Chapel Hill budget

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Town Council members voiced different opinions Monday night concerning the proposed 1984-85 budget for Chapel Hill.

The budget, which contains a new pay plan for town employees, should also include pay raises for members of the Town Council, a council member suggested.

During a public forum on the interim budget, member Winston Broadfoot recommended that annual pay for the nine council members be raised \$1,000, which would increase salaries from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

This would put Mayor Joe Nassif's

salary at \$8,000.

Council salaries have not been changed since June 1976, when they went from \$2,000 to \$3,000, Broadfoot said.

According to a survey by the N.C. League of Municipalities, if salaries were raised by \$1,000, the council pay scale would be on par with other municipalities its size, Broadfoot said. He added that it is appropriate for Chapel Hill to keep pace with what other towns are doing and that the heavy workload merits additional pay.

Council member Jonathan Howes was pleased with Broadfoot's suggestion. "I think the logic he offers is sound," he said.

Howes said there had been an increase

in the public hearing schedule of the council and that was justification for a pay increase.

Council member William Thorpe said he was not in favor of the proposed plan. He said he would try to make amendments in the final budget. "I want to get that on the record very early on," he said.

A spokesman for the Animal Shelter of Orange County was the only speaker during the public forum. He asked the Council to consider \$15,000 in the budget for the operation of the animal shelter. He estimated that 85 percent of the animals received are destroyed because of financial restrictions.

In other activities, Chapel Hill Planning Board member Lightning Brown

said that Chapel Hill should adopt some standards for apartments being converted into condominiums. As it stands now it is unregulated, he said.

Brown expressed concern for the protection of buyers and the tenants who already live there. He said apartment residents should be given ample time to adjust to any change in the buildings, and that building standards should be set for those living in the condominiums.

Other activities were a resolution to provide up to \$16,670 for expenses of a National Sports Festival to be held in the Triangle area and a discussion of the proposed Cable Telecommunications Act of 1983.

Flaherty

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have the first woman gubernatorial candidate in this state and have four women seeking seats for council of state officers," Flaherty said. "The Democrats have none. We have appointed more women to federal cabinet positions than any other previous administration. We appointed the first woman to the U.S. Supreme Court. And who are the women in the U.S. Senate? Republicans!"

During a question-and-answer period, Flaherty said General Assembly redistricting to provide better chances for black representation would help the Republicans. "Adding blacks to a district removes 20 percent of the Democratic general vote," he said. "Even though it will help us, we support single member districts because it makes legislators more accountable to their constituents."

money

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look real closely to make sure there is no needless spending."

"I think what we've seen in talking with some student organizations is that they've exercised some financial responsibility," said Reggie Holley, CGC speaker. "What I mean is rather than padding their budget as is thought the organizations do, they've said, 'What can we cut in each category?'"

Holley said that he was disappointed about the CGC's rejection of a proposal supported by the CGC Rules and Judiciary Committee which would have imposed an allocation freeze for the remainder of this fiscal year unless all of SG's assets totaled \$40,000, as required by the Treasury Laws.

"I've talked with some people from my constituency, and a lot of them are concerned about the idea of splurging money. We got carried away. At some point in time you've got to say stop spending money. Again, it's not our choice, but we need to cut back," he said.

"We (the CGC) wanted to make sure we looked good in the eyes of all the people. No, no, no. Of any of the organizations, we are the one that just shouldn't do that," Holley said.

"We've gone seven years without a fee increase, and maybe in the past, people have had more money than they should have had," Parker said. "But I think they're going to see we've finally reached the threshold — no fee increase, no show."

CGC votes on \$40,000 laws

Following are Monday night's votes by Campus Governing Council members, and the districts they represent. (A = Abstention; nothing means they were absent.)

CGC bill 66-16, which would have stopped the CGC from appropriating funds to any organization for the 1983-84 fiscal year unless the combined funds of Student Government cash and the investment exceeded \$40,000 at the Student Activities Fund Office. It was denied, 13-8.

CGC bill 66-27, which exempted the CGC from the treasury law which sets the \$40,000 limit. It passed, 9-6.

Michelle Anderson (Dist. 5)	No	
Bill Barlow (Dist. 4)	No	
Doug Berger (Dist. 1)	No	
Connie Brown (Dist. 21)	No	Yes
Wyatt Closs (Dist. 10)	Yes	Yes
Peter Doyle (Dist. 12)	No	Yes
Ron Everett (Dist. 13)	Yes	No
Dan Hall (Dist. 14)	Yes	No
Kenneth Harris (Dist. 23)	A	Yes
Reggie Holley (Dist. 11)	Yes	No
Thomas Kepley (Dist. 18)	Yes	Yes
Andrew Kutt (Dist. 8)	No	
Max Lloyd (Dist. 15)	Yes	No
Ryke Longest (Dist. 15)	Yes	No
Marshall Mills (Dist. 15)	No	Yes
Tim Newman (Dist. 11)	No	Yes
Paul Parker	No	Yes
Dawn Peters (Dist. 9)	No	
Joseph Pillow (Dist. 22)	No	
John Reed (Dist. 6)	No	
Larry Sink (Dist. 7)		
Carol Solow (Dist. 2)		
Patricia Wallace (Dist. 16)	Yes	No
Sheri Watson (Dist. 14)	No	Yes
A.G. Wood (Dist. 20)		

Ingram

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Senate campaign against Republican Jesse Helms shows. Helms spent more than \$7 million, while Ingram conducted a grass-roots, low-budget campaign with expenditures under \$250,000. Ingram received 46 percent of the vote to Helms' 54 percent.

"I think that speaks pretty highly of his vote-getting ability," Long said.

Ingram's voting block has been a constant shadow over Long's campaign, which has toured 85 counties and logged 25,000 miles. While optimistic of a victory in the May 8 Democratic primary over challenger Billy Martin, Long left no doubt about what he'd like to see happen in November.

"If John runs, he runs," Long said.

"But if he doesn't run, that's so much better."

Brock said no candidate had ever tried to run as an unaffiliated candidate for a statewide office, making it "hard to tell" whether someone could be successful in getting the required 56,000 signatures on the petition.

The only successful statewide petition drive Brock said he could remember was when Alabama Gov. George Wallace visited the state in search of the 1972 Democratic presidential nomination.

"George Wallace got 20,000 signatures in North Carolina in one day on a petition to form a new party, so I can't say that you can't get a lot of numbers (signatures) in a hurry. But it would still seem impossible to achieve," Brock said.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today

2 p.m. Meeting for juniors in Industrial Relations, Sociology, Psychology, History, Geography, African Studies, Am. Studies, Af.-Am. Studies, and Anthropology who are planning to use on-campus interviewing in fall 1984 in 210 Hanes.

5:15 p.m. Lutheran Campus Ministry Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church followed by fellowship meal at 6.

7 p.m. UNC with Hart meeting in Union.

10 p.m. Anglican Student Fellowship Campus Eucharist in Chapel of the Cross.

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