

# Council OKs land purchase for park development

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The Chapel Hill Town Council has approved the purchase of a 36-acre tract of land that will be added to existing land and developed into a park.

The town council authorized the purchase of the land for \$20,000 at its meeting Oct. 24. Funds from the 1986 Open Space Bond will be used to make the purchase.

The property borders Little Creek and lies next to the Briarcliff and Oaks subdivisions. It will be added

to a 16-acre town-owned tract of land adjacent to it to form a 52-acre park.

The property is now owned by the heirs of E.N. Richards. Richards was a major figure in the development of Chapel Hill and helped develop University Mall.

Richards had wanted to donate the property to the town, but he died before any agreement could be reached.

The co-executors of the estate did not feel the heirs had the authority to donate the property. The value of

the land was set at \$35,842 for Orange County tax purposes, but the heirs are asking the town for only \$20,000.

Kathy Harris, chairman of the Greenways Commission, said she supported the purchase. "It's a bargain price," she said.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, the Greenways Commission and the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department will work together to plan the best use of the land, Harris said.

The area would have facilities for passive recreation activities such as

exploring, walking and sitting, as opposed to active recreation facilities such as ball fields, she said. It would be a place for families and children to walk and observe nature, she said.

The park will be constructed as soon as possible, Harris said. The organizations involved have to meet, talk and have the land surveyed to determine what kinds of construction would be appropriate.

The area also could be used to add another link to the greenways system by establishing unpaved paths through the property, Harris said.

A greenway is a linear path connecting neighborhoods, towns and parks that allows people to walk from one part of the town to another.

Benches, picnic tables and raised wooden walkways are other possibilities for the park, she said.

The combination of the two tracts would make this area as large as Cedar Falls Park, located in the northeast part of Chapel Hill.

"It would be a big enough park so that someone could get far enough away from the sound of traffic they could have a restful time," she said.

The residents in adjacent neighborhoods could not be happier to have the land turned into a park, Harris said.

Assistant Town Manager Ronald Secrist said he hopes the town will close on the property within 30 days.

Creation of the park could take two to five years, depending on how detailed the development was, he said.

This area will preserve a wetland area for wildlife and will preserve hardwood trees, Secrist said. "It will enhance the environment," he said.

# Blind Dates to bring original 'muscular pop' to the Triangle

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The Blind Dates, a female trio from Charlotte, will be playing tonight at Magdalena's La Terraza.

The Dates, who have been playing together in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida for about two years, have released a self-produced tape and had a song featured on a N.C. compilation tape.

"We shy away from categorization," said Penny Craver, the band's drummer. "If we have to describe our music, we like to say that it's smart, muscular pop and roll. Pop doesn't mean the Bangles, but many of our songs are danceable."

All it takes is one listen of their tape to agree with Craver; the Dates'

music, with its bright, strong guitar work, striking lyrics and innovative harmonies, doesn't fit a mold.

"We are proud of our music and our lyrics," Craver continued. "It was a must that we have the lyrics in the cover of our tape, even though it meant extra money. They are very important, especially to Gina Stewart and Deanna Campbell, bassist and guitarist respectively, who write all of our songs."

The group is signed with OVO Productions, whose manager, Mark Williams, is also manager of Reflections Studios, home of REM. They are hoping to sign with a record company soon.

The production of their first 10-

song tape *Lucky Shot* was something of a fluke, she said. The group won a band contest in Charlotte, and the prize was eight hours of recording time at Reflections Studios.

The group has since sold over 800 copies of the 10-song tape, impressive sales for a self-produced tape, she said. Both School Kids Records and Record Bar in Chapel Hill have copies of the tape.

One of the songs from the tape was included on a N.C. compilation tape for the New Music Seminar in New York City this summer. Only a few thousand copies were made of the tape, which was produced by four Raleigh studios, and almost all of those copies were given away at the

seminar. "It's like pulling teeth to get a copy of that tape now," Craver said.

The Veldt and Satellite Boyfriend are among the other groups featured on the tape.

The band members' music backgrounds and tastes are very different from each other, Craver said. She said Campbell grew up with folk music, Stewart with country and she with the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and rhythm and blues.

Stewart also played with Fetchin' Bones but stopped to finish school, Craver said.

"The differences are really good because that's what makes us what we are," Craver said. "You can expect to hear anything when we play, and it's all original."

The Dates will be taking time off in December and January to write more songs and produce a stage show, Craver said. "We want some-

thing really different," she said.

Craver said the group has not broken into the Triangle yet, but is beginning to target the area. The band enjoys playing for college towns and has found audiences to be receptive, she said.

The Blind Dates will be playing at Magdalena's La Terraza, 508 W. Franklin St., at 10 p.m. Tuesday. For more information call 967-3277.

# Carrington says business expertise qualifies him for secretary of state

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State government employees should represent more vocations than just lawyers, so John Carrington's experience as a businessman qualifies him for the office of secretary of state, the Republican candidate said at a College Republicans meeting Tuesday night.

"Government should be open to everyone who seeks an office, Carrington said. Even though he has not served in state government and is relatively unknown, the electorate should not vote against him, he said.

Carrington built a small business into a major business through hard work, he said.

"I'm not a genius," he said. "The Lord didn't look down upon me and say, John Carrington, you're it. There's only one way I know how to do things, and that's to work harder, more dedication, and discipline — and that's exactly what I did."

Carrington's experience as a businessman selling law enforcement products gives him a way to break into politics without the stigma of inexperience, he said.

"It permits me, if I want to, to take my resource, which happens to be financial, use it to open the door to get in the door and then do the job

I'm trying to do," he said.

Rufus Edmisten lacks the necessary qualifications for the job, Carrington said. Edmisten has served as the state attorney general and was a lobbyist in the General Assembly.

"The office of secretary of state requires a business background, not a law background," Carrington said. "His specialty should be management, and I have a background in management."

Carrington also said his motives were purer than Edmisten's. Edmisten is running because he needs a steppingstone to become governor, Carrington said, adding that he had no such ambitions.

"Rufus is still seeking any office," he said. "I ran for that office to build a base for myself where I could transfer my knowledge of the business world to those people that have an interest in going into business for

themselves. Rufus Edmisten doesn't know a fingerprint from a noseprint. I do."

Carrington said government officials should come from all walks of life, not just legal ones. Edmisten is one of an overwhelming number of government officials who are lawyers, he said. A different background would make the government more representative and more receptive to the needs of its citizens.

"Government must be a cross-section of the population as a whole. A mixture of cultures, classes, races and vocations," he said. "When government becomes one-sided it loses sight of the fact that it is the servant of the people."

In answering questions from the 35 members of the audience, Carrington did not outline any specific proposals that he would enact upon assuming office.

## Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar is a daily listing of University-related activities sponsored by academic departments, student services and student organizations officially recognized by the Division of Student Affairs. To appear in Campus Calendar, announcements must be submitted on the Campus Calendar form by NOON one business day before the announcement is to run. Saturday and Sunday events are printed in Friday's calendar and must be submitted on the Wednesday before the announcement is to run. Forms and a drop box are located outside the DTH office, 104 Union. Items of interest lists ongoing events from the same campus organizations and follows the same deadline schedule as Campus Calendar. Please use the same form.

School of Dentistry, in its Brown Bag Lunch Series. Simmons will speak about "Operation Smile, Manizales, Colombia, Summer 1988," with slides, in 210 Union.

3:30 p.m. **Carolina Economics Association** will have an informal question and answer session concerning graduate school.

**Association of Business Students** will hold a question and answer session with Dean Rizzo in 02 Carroll. Refreshments provided.

4 p.m. **Industrial Relations Association** will meet in 226 Union. Guest speaker Steve Nagle from IBM will talk on human resources.

**Campus Y Resource Center Committee** will meet in the Campus Y lobby.

4:30 p.m. **UNC Ski Team** will practice in Kenan Memorial Stadium. Newcomers are welcome.

5 p.m. **AIESEC** will meet in the Union.

5:30 p.m. **Newman Center** will sponsor student night with the special program, "Personality test — what's your type?" Dinner will also be served.

6 p.m. **Wesley Foundation** will meet for a meal and fellowship.

**UNC Speech Club** will sponsor a lecture by University Career Planning and Placement Services for speech majors.

7 p.m. **Carolina Indian Circle** will meet in the Campus Y lounge. Annual dues of \$2 will be collected. Everyone is invited.

8 p.m. **Union Cabaret** will have the Cellar Door and friends in the Cabaret's first poetry recital.

**Student Government** will have the final debate between UNC Dukakis supporters and N.C. State Bush supporters in Gerrard Hall, with media coverage.

9:30 p.m. **Carolina Men's**

**Lacrosse Club** will practice on the astroturf.

11 p.m. **WXVC, FM 89.3**, will play the new album from Waxing Poetics, "Manakin Moon," in its entirety with no interruptions.

### Items of Interest

**Industrial Relations majors** may sign up for preregistration appointments on the bulletin board opposite 212 Greenlaw.

**Black Law Students Association** will have Minority Law Day, in conjunction with UNC School of Law, Nov. 4, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

**Senior Week** begins Nov. 7 and ends Nov. 11.

**Women's Lacrosse** announces that the Carolina Women's Lacrosse Tournament has been canceled, and there will be no practice this week.

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