

# Vote dims chances for Pittsboro Street extension project

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The controversial plan to extend Pittsboro Street received another setback when the Chapel Hill Town Council voted not to include the project in the Capital Improvement Process (CIP).

Town officials said it was important to find a solution to the problem of traffic flow through Chapel Hill even though there has been controversy surrounding the extension plan.

"We need to figure a way to move traffic in the north-south direction," town council member David Godschalk said. "If this project doesn't become reality, we need to figure out something else to get traffic around the bottleneck on Columbia Street."

Last week, the Chapel Hill Planning Board voted to recommend that the town council remove the project from the overall thoroughway improvement plan.

At Monday's meeting the proposal was not removed from the thoroughway plan but was removed from the CIP.

The CIP is used by the town council to determine how town funds will be used for capital improvements, like the thoroughway plan.

Council member Joe Herzenberg proposed to delete the fifth level of improvement plans from

the process.

Godschalk said: "There are five different priority levels for requesting funds from the state government. The first level is the only level to ever receive funding; so removing the fifth level, which includes the Pittsboro Street extension, was simply a symbolic measure."

The only practical aspect Monday's decision had on the proposal was that the plan is no longer considered for state funding, Godschalk said.

Even though the project was removed from the CIP, Mayor Jonathan Howes said the Pittsboro Street proposal was still under the town council's consideration.

"The important thing to remember is that the proposal still remains on the thoroughway plan. As long as it (the road extension plan) is there, it is still being considered."

Howes said the town would draft a specific thoroughway plan and discuss the problem of travel through Chapel Hill.

"My expectation is that while the town is considering the thoroughway plan they will discuss north-south travel in Chapel Hill, especially at the Columbia Street corridor. Although if we find a better alternative we'll be glad to consider it."

# Double benefits pay off for recyclers

## Volunteers can earn profit, delay closing of landfill

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Time is running out for the landfill in Orange County.

In hopes of delaying the landfill's closing, several Orange County residents are recycling materials and in some cases making money at the same time.

Blair Pollock, solid waste planner for Chapel Hill, said the Orange County landfill would be full and would close in 1997.

In an attempt to slow down the landfill's closing, resident volunteers like Craig Gammarino, a former consulting engineer on energy conservation projects and an environmentalist, recycles materials he collects.

Gammarino, who lives outside Carrboro, collects recyclable materials weekly to keep these materials out of the landfill.

About five months ago, Gammarino began collecting newspaper, aluminum cans and glass from 35 homes at The Trails, a subdivision at Dods Crossroads outside of Carrboro, he said.

At those homes, Gammarino collects around 350 pounds of newspaper, 400 to 500 pounds of glass and a few pounds of aluminum, he said.

For the newspaper he collects, Gammarino receives one penny per pound. For each pound of glass he picks up, he receives 2.5 cents, and the few pounds of aluminum he collects he gives to the Boy Scouts to recycle.

About a month and a half ago, Gammarino began a second project

that required picking up office white paper from four Chapel Hill copy centers and publishing companies: Colonial Press Inc., Copytron, Kinko's Copies, and Universal Printing and Publishing Co., he said.

Every week he takes the 250 pounds of paper that he collects from the centers, plus 100 pounds of paper that he collects from FGI, an advertising agency in Eastowne Office Park, to Schwartz and Sons Scrapyard in Durham, Gammarino said.

At the scrapyard he gets five cents for each pound of paper he brings and earns about \$18 a week, or \$72 a month, for his efforts.

Extended office paper recycling is more profitable, Gammarino said. "There is potential for somebody there to make a living."

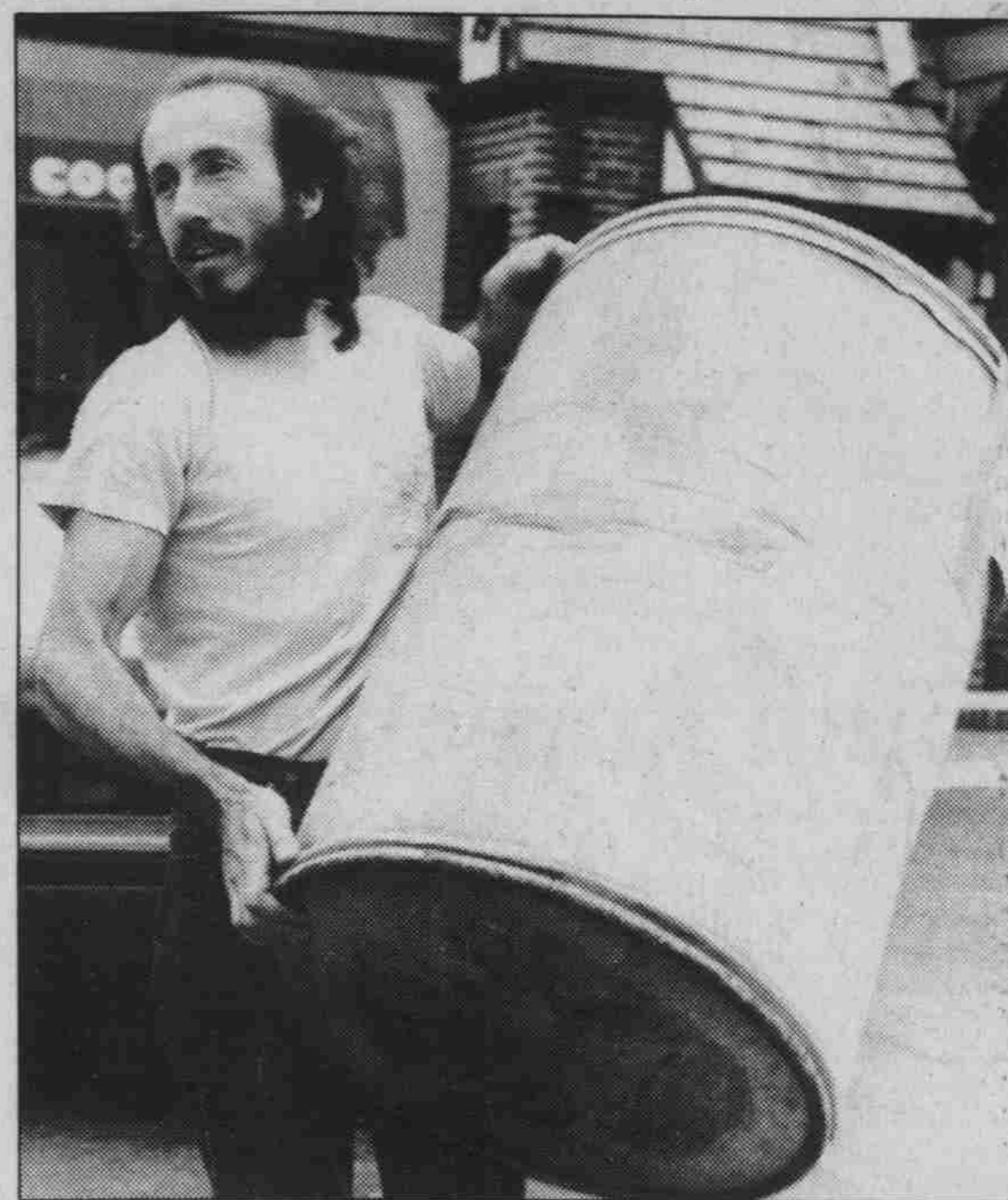
The same is not true of residential recycling, he said. The reason for this is the low prices one receives when one sells recyclable goods to companies.

The United States government sells forest timber for very low prices to housing companies, he said. The woodchips left over after the trees are cut down are donated to paper mills.

If paper mills do not have to pay for woodchips to make new paper, they are not going to pay for old paper to recycle, Gammarino said. This is why newspaper recycling is less profitable.

Another reason Gammarino makes more money recycling white office paper is the white paper is quality paper, he said. Newspaper does not have the same quality.

John Kessler, general manager at



Craig Gammarino picks up paper from Kinko's Thursday. DTH/Regina Holder

Copytron, said employees were enthusiastic about Gammarino's recycling program, and he tried several years ago to get a program such as Gammarino's started.

A lot of the problem of starting such a program was finding someone who would come out and pick up the paper and take it to the recycling

centers, Kessler said.

Pollock said it was crucial to have volunteers collecting recyclable materials in order to keep the landfill open.

Since October, Chapel Hill has sponsored curbside recycling programs in which glass, aluminum and newspapers are picked up weekly to be recycled.

# Health experts to sponsor Drug, Alcohol Information Day

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Area health professionals, treatment organizations and medical students will participate in Drug and Alcohol Information Day Saturday in the Student Union and the Pit.

The event was organized entirely by UNC medical students, 11 of whom will receive academic credit for doing the research in preparation for the event, said Ed Wrenn, program

coordinator.

The event will feature a symposium on drugs and health in the Union Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be speakers on the extent of drug and alcohol abuse at UNC and across the nation as well as on the health effects of various drugs.

After a reception, displays, handouts and personnel from various groups that deal with the drug problem will be available in the Pit

from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Wrenn said that there were many reasons that the medical organizations decided to present drug information to the University community.

"Substance abuse is a very important health problem in our country," he said. "People have gotten a lot of information about the various drugs from their family and friends. Most of this information amounts to propaganda."

"We want to give out balanced information about the drugs and not just simply preach. We want people

to know the various health effects of drug usage."

Information will also help people make political decisions on how drug abuse should be handled, Wrenn said.

"The government under George Bush has taken it upon itself to address the nation's drug problem. We're concerned that the way they're doing this is going to hurt people's political rights. Citizens should know about the subject of drugs."

One of the purposes of the seminar is to inspire students at other medical schools to hold information days.

"We hope to encourage other medical students to do this," Wrenn said. "We feel that students in AMSA (American Medical Student Association) will get involved after this one."

Students said that they felt drugs were definitely a problem at UNC, but some said an Information Day won't solve all the problems.

"I feel that the drug conditions at UNC are exacerbated by constant pressures that exist because of the competitive nature of students at an academically superior school," said Kim-Kim Foster, a freshman physical

therapy major from Charlotte. "Drug Information Day will probably not solve all the problems. Only a graphic example of the ill effects of drug abuse will change the situation."

Chris Bracy, a freshman criminal justice major from Columbia, Md., said that he recognizes the drug problem. "Yes, I think that there is a problem, and it definitely has to be dealt with. I experience it at frat court all the time. I once had a guy try to sell me some blow (cocaine). I think that students should know about drugs and their ill effects."

## Apply for office space

All officially recognized campus groups may now pick up applications for office space in the Student Union from the Union desk or from Suite C in the Union.

Applications must be turned in by 4 p.m. Friday, April 7. Groups now occupying an office in the Union must re-apply, and groups that have never occupied an office are eligible.

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# Run to retrace route of 1st UNC student

By AMY WAJDA  
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This weekend, to benefit two local charities, UNC fraternity and sorority members will retrace the 131-mile trip Hinton James, UNC's first student, made to UNC in 1795.

Participants in the second annual Hinton James Charity Run, sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, will run in one- or two-mile shifts from Wilmington to Chapel Hill. The runners will start today at 5 p.m. and finish Saturday at noon at the Old

Well.

Proceeds from the run will go to the United Way of Chapel Hill and the Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill. The students hope to raise enough money to contribute \$4,000 to each organization, said Brock Winslow, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha.

When Pi Kappa Alpha organized the first run last year, "we were looking to establish a tradition that would be carried down through the years," Winslow said.

The fraternity asked Alpha Delta

Pi to help with fund raising and organization this year.

The two organizations have been preparing for the run since last September, said Alpha Delta Pi member Charla Price.

"It took a long time to get organized," she said. "It's been hectic getting it together, but it's for a good cause. You realize it's worth it."

Preparations included soliciting students, local businesses and fraternity and sorority alumni and parents for donations.

"It's pretty much a tremendous undertaking," Winslow said. "We're looking very, very hopefully at that goal (\$8,000)."

Runners have also been preparing for the run, said Alpha Delta Pi member Michelle Hoffman.

"I don't run regularly," she said. "I've been running for the last two and a half weeks and going to the track to try and increase my distance. I'm up to about two and a half miles."

Donations for the run can be mailed to either the Alpha Delta Pi house or the Pi Kappa Alpha house, Price said. Checks should be made out to the Hinton James Charity Run.

The run will start at the Hinton James historical marker south of Burgaw, near Wilmington, and continue on N.C. Route 117 to Wallace.

The run will continue west on N.C. Route 41 to Harrells, then follow N.C. Route 421 to Erwin and turn onto N.C. Route 55. At Lowes Grove the participants will take N.C. Route 54 into Chapel Hill.

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