

Gubernatorial veto primary concern of N.C. House bill

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A bill that would give N.C. citizens a chance to vote on the gubernatorial veto issue is making its way through the House Judiciary Committee.

A similar bill has already passed the Senate.

The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Election Laws and Constitutional Amendments met Wednesday to decide what will be included in the House bill, which will be sent to the full judiciary committee for another vote before it reaches the House floor.

The subcommittee voted Wednesday on a ballot legislators hope to make available to voters in November, said Rep. Walter Jones, D-Pitt, subcommittee chairman. The ballot may include other issues besides the veto issue, such as four-year terms for representatives, limited two-year terms for the speaker of the House and election of the governor and lieutenant governor as a team.

Rep. Beverly Perdue, D-Pitt, proposed a bill that would give the governor veto power but not on local bills or on bills involving reapportionment. Her proposal would give the governor an absolute veto over appropriation bills rather than a line-item budgetary veto.

The General Assembly would be able to override a veto with a three-fifths vote according to Perdue's proposal. Perdue expects a version of her proposal to come before the House in the fall, she said.

"The veto is Governor Martin's issue," said Tim Pittman, the

governor's press secretary. "He began what has become a five-year battle for gubernatorial veto power.

"He would like to see a line-item veto and a two-thirds majority override, but the governor is hopeful that the veto remains intact and that it will apply to him at some point in his second term."

Arthur Pope, R-Wake, the judiciary subcommittee's vice chairman, said he is concerned about the other issues that could be linked to the veto bill — especially the four-year term for representatives.

Pope believes the public would not support a term-extension bill on its own. "In 1982, a referendum to extend the terms of representatives to four years was defeated 3-1."

The veto bill that has already passed the Senate is not linked to any other bills.

There are many problems to be worked out before the issue of the gubernatorial veto can be presented to the public for a vote, said Larry Justus, R-Henderson. "I personally think that if we get things snarled up with four-year terms for legislators — if we put too much in the package — the voters won't accept it. Also, I personally will not vote for a bill that is a veto in name only."

Justus was referring to a move by Democratic representatives to make the override requirement as small as possible.

"The gubernatorial veto issue is alive and well," he said. "I think we're relatively close (to getting the veto established)."

Students meet with arts school head

By **SANDY WALL**
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Two student leaders at the N.C. School of the Arts met with embattled Chancellor Jane Milley for about an hour Wednesday, according to student government officials there.

"It was a constructive meeting," said Student Advisory Council (SAC) president Josh Mark in a telephone interview. "We will be meeting with her again soon."

Mark and SAC member J.T. Rogers were granted a meeting with Milley after more than a week of student "performance protests."

Although he refused to give details of the meeting, Mark did say the students' demand for Milley's immediate resignation was still as strong as ever. But he did say Milley gave

no indication of an immediate resignation.

"She's going to stay on for the next few weeks," Mark said.

UNC-system President C.D. Spangler announced Milley's resignation effective June 30 on April 13. Students, parents and alumni have since been calling for her immediate resignation from the Winston-Salem school.

Efforts to contact both Milley and her assistant Danny Green were unsuccessful.

Alumni have threatened to stop supporting the school financially until Milley leaves.

Tim Guinee, president of the New York-based Alumni for Immediate Action, said his group is encouraging

all alumni in New York to stop supporting the school until Milley leaves.

Guinee said he met with Green for about an hour Wednesday.

"I'm appalled at this situation," he said. "The only thing the woman is doing is denigrating the talent that's been assembled here."

Alumni for Immediate Action hopes that by cutting off contributions, it will force Milley to step down before June 30, he said.

"I think all of the funding will return but not until she's out of here," Guinee said. "I think pressure is really mounting."

The student meeting with Milley follows a Friday meeting in which she met with members of the Parents Association of the N.C. School of the

Arts. "We had been very persistent trying to get this meeting," said Buck Bayliff, vice president of the Parents Association.

Bayliff described his meeting with Milley as constructive but refused to give many details of the conversation. He added that a meeting with Spangler has been arranged for next Monday to discuss the situation.

Mark also has a meeting scheduled Monday with Spangler.

Spangler was out of the office Wednesday and was unable to comment on or confirm either meeting.

Mark said the performance protests will continue when the General Assembly visits Winston-Salem Saturday morning.

UNC recycling director gearing up for fall

By **LYNN GOSWICK**
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UNC's new recycling director has settled into office and is gearing up for several campuswide recycling projects next fall.

Phil Prete, chosen as UNC's recycling director in January in response to town recycling concerns, said the purpose of his position is to begin campuswide recycling and to help reduce the amount of waste that goes into the Orange County landfill.

According to Blair Pollock, Chapel Hill's Solid Waste Planner, the landfill is scheduled to close in 1997.

Last year, the University contributed 22 percent of the waste in the landfill, Prete said. Chapel Hill contributed approximately 28 percent of the landfill waste.

The Orange County landfill serves Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough,

Orange County and the University, Prete said.

Most of the University's waste is made of ash and paper, Prete said.

"We throw away tons of paper a day," Prete said.

Between 60 percent and 70 percent of the University's waste is paper, Prete said, and much of the paper comes from administrative and computer centers.

Approximately 25 percent of the University's waste is made of ash from the university's physical plant, he said.

The plant, which is located on Cameron Avenue, generates steam and electricity for the university, Prete said. The plant operates 24 hours a day and produces approximately 7,000 tons of ash each year.

Prete said he is gathering informa-

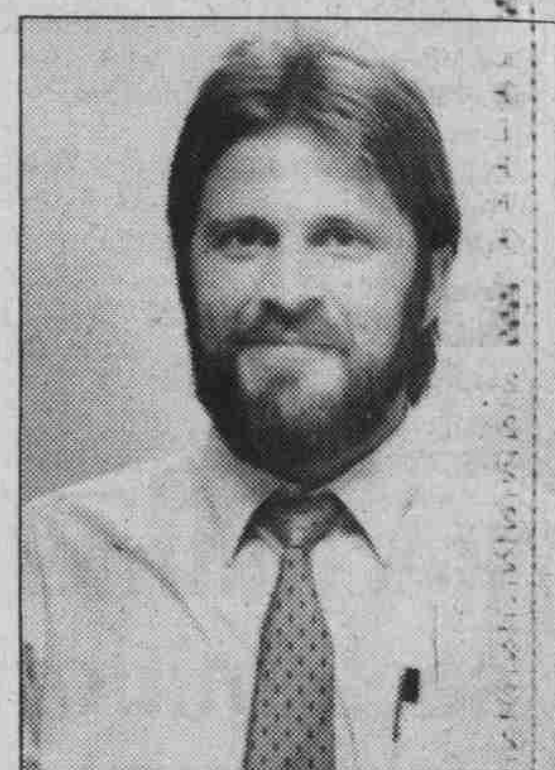
tion about some student-initiated recycling programs.

In the fall, Prete plans to begin programs that increase campus awareness of recycling and also plans to work on recycling programs with the offices that produce a lot of waste paper.

Prete said he has worked with some groups that have begun their own programs.

The departments of City and Regional Planning and Computer Science and the law school, in addition to many other departments, have begun collecting recyclable materials such as paper, glass and aluminum all on their own, he said.

Prete also mentioned the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) which sponsors the Adopt-a-Bin program.



Phil Prete

Merchants call for parking improvements

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Following Monday's announcement that developers of the Rosemary Square project have abandoned the parking and shopping complex, merchants are requesting immediate action to alleviate the lack of down-

town parking.

Jack Tomkovic, owner of The Gold Connection, said the five years wasted on Rosemary Square had severely hurt downtown business.

"Foister's is gone, Logos is gone, Burger King can't sell burgers and Taco Bell can't sell tacos. If that

doesn't tell you that we're in economic hell, I don't know what does."

Few people realize how bad the situation is for downtown businesses, Tomkovic said. "I've been going to the flea market on the state fairgrounds in Raleigh, and I'm making the same money in 16 hours there that I make in 44 hours downtown."

Margie Haber, co-director of the Downtown Commission, said the commission's plans would carry on. "Our projects were not directly related to Rosemary Square."

The commission will not act on an alternative to Rosemary Square until the town officially initiates a plan, she said. The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Downtown Commission was established to promote downtown revitalization.

The \$30 million Rosemary Square project was originally designed to serve as a remedy to downtown parking problems and to assist in revitalization.

Daniel Fox, president of the Downtown Chapel Hill Association, said the association would like the town council to build a parking deck as quickly as possible.

Fox said he would not favor a parking deck that included plans for retail stores because these take longer to install and finance. If the plan were for a parking deck alone, then it could be financed easily with revenue bonds.

Chuck Helpingstine, owner of Johnny T-Shirt, said he estimated that his business would increase 10 percent to 15 percent if the downtown parking problem were eliminated.

Other businesses, which do not rely as heavily on students, could gain even more than 15 percent if the parking problem were solved, he said.

Helpingstine said the town should stop worrying about things like vendors and put 100 percent of its effort on parking.

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The gay organization at New Hampshire received recognition after suing the university in 1978, she said.

In 1980, a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Texas A&M University must recognize Gay Student Services, a homosexual student organization, Garthwait said.

Virginia Commonwealth University was similarly forced to recognize a gay student organization in 1976, she said.

Gay organizations are guaranteed recognition by the rights of freedom of association, speech and equal protection under the law — even if

state laws prohibit homosexual activity, she said.

"Just because you have a law that says homosexual activity is illegal doesn't mean that homosexual groups can't have programs and activities on campus."

Arnold's bill clearly violates the Constitution, Pollitt said.

"This is a problem of free expression, of free association. No public university can bar any student group unless that group does something that is destructive. I'm very much opposed to any interference by the legislature in student rights."

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