

City and State

Elections board to recount ballots for town council

By JULIE CAMPBELL

The election for four seats on the Chapel Hill Town Council was held two weeks ago, but the race is not over yet for one of the positions.

Alan Rimer, a member and former chairman of Chapel Hill's planning board, edged out Mayor pro tem David Pasquini by only nine votes in the official tally.

But Pasquini said there would be a recount of the election results at 9 a.m. on Thursday at the Orange County Board of Elections.

"If the recount turns out in my favor, I'll probably take the rest of Thursday off, and I might be at The Cat's Cradle

myself."

Pasquini requested the recount on Friday, and the Board of Elections approved it Monday morning, he said.

"My supporters wanted a recount, and I knew everyone would understand my reasons behind the request. There are no personal attacks involved here because we (the candidates) are all friends."

Pasquini said he thought the recount would show a difference in the number of total votes, but he was not sure if the difference would affect the election results.

Rimer won with an official total of 2,400 votes, and Pasquini received 2,391 ballots. "A recount is worth the

effort because there were so many votes cast," Pasquini said.

Bobbie Strickland, supervisor of Orange County Elections, said the only difference between the original election's count and the recount would be the location. The board will hold the recount at the Orange County Board of Elections in Hillsborough offices instead of at the precincts in Chapel Hill.

The candidates and the general public may attend the recounting process, she said.

"Mr. Pasquini has not indicated any suspicions of irregularity in the counting process. He has just recognized the potential for human error."

Calendar to feature town historic, artistic aspects

JENNIFER FOSTER

The Chapel Hill Historical Society published its 13th annual calendar, "The Arts in Chapel Hill," to promote continuing interest in the history of the town.

The calendar features both town and campus pictures combined in a single theme, said Jerry Cotten, a UNC Photo Archivist at Wilson Library and chairman of the Historical Society Calendar Committee.

Cotten said many of the pictures on the calendar were donated by the N. C. Historical Collection, which is

located in Wilson Library. He added that most of the pictures in the collection were donated by UNC alumni.

The calendar contains historical photographs and information about several memorable UNC alumni, such as author Thomas Wolfe, Fredrick Koch, founder of Playmakers Theater and Paul Greene, author of "The Lost Colony" and Pulitzer Prize winner.

Budd Gambee, treasurer of the society, said the theme of this year's calendar was theater, arts, crafts and writings of the area. This theme was selected to express the diversity of Chapel Hill.

Gambee said the University was

involved in the project because the calendar notes the first and last days of classes, football games and basketball tournaments.

A non-profit organization, the Chapel Hill Historical Society collects and preserves archival material, presents historical publications on the Chapel Hill area and conducts fall and spring tours of local historical sites for society members and the general public.

"The Arts in Chapel Hill" is available for \$5 in the Bull's Head Bookshop on campus and at other stores in Chapel Hill.

Carrboro aldermen establish leash-free area for dogs

By SHEILA LONG

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Carrboro's Board of Aldermen voted unanimously Tuesday night to allow a leash-free area for dogs in Community Park on N.C. Highway 54.

Dogs will be allowed to roam in a 1.2 acre area to the left upon entering the park.

In early September, the board

adopted an ordinance requiring pets on town property to be on a leash. At that time, the board asked the town staff to determine whether a leash-free area could be established.

Richard Kinney, the recreation and parks director, said the parks commission decided to recommend the chosen area because of the pine trees that border the area on three sides.

"This border won't keep the animals in, but it provides a physical area to allow owners to know when the animal leaves the area. Animal control (dog catchers) could also enforce easily from the parking lot."

The parks commission examined using the lake area but decided against recommending it to the aldermen.

"A leash-free area around the lake

just wouldn't work," Kinney said. "Use of the lake area would take away from other people's use who don't have dogs or prefer to leash their dogs."

Alderman Hilliard Caldwell, who voted against the leash ordinance, said he was personally caught in the situation because he took his dogs to run at the park. He questioned whether a number of dogs running loose might

cause a problem on the one-acre site.

"I have to admit that my own dog has gone out there many times. I can see 50 dogs out there at one time. What's going to happen?"

Alderman Randy Marshall quickly responded. "They're supposed to be under their owner's voice control."

A motion that the town staff evaluate the leash-free area in six months was

defeated 4-3.

Alderman Frances Shetley said she did not think the board had resolved the question of dogs swimming in the lake.

Alderman Tom Gurganus said he opposed any further action on the ordinance. "I'm not in favor of opening up the issue of letting dogs swim in the lake again. That would undo everything we just did."

Project slated to widen 15-501

By ERIK ROGERS

Staff Writer

Traffic jams and traveling behind slow drivers on U.S. Highway 15-501 will soon become memories as a result of plans to widen the highway from two lanes to four lanes.

The two-year project is scheduled to begin in 1996. It will cover 15-501 from Chapel Hill to Pittsboro. Officials say it will cost \$32 million to complete the project.

N.C. Rep. Joe Hackney (D-24th District) said the project might occur sooner than the anticipated date.

Danny Rogers, highway planning engineer for the N.C. Department of Transportation, said between 16,000 and 17,000 cars traveled through that section of highway each day.

"That is the maximum number of cars a two-lane highway is supposed to have."

Rogers said traffic was heavy in the area because it was the main route to Duke Hospital and North Carolina Memorial Hospital. He said the area also had heavy commuter traffic.

Rogers predicted environmentalist groups would not be too concerned

about the project because it only involved widening a highway that was already in existence.

But Chapel Hill Town Council member Julie Andresen said she did not like the idea.

"I'm not sure if the money is there to get the project started. I'm glad to see that we're getting money for the roads in this area but we need to look at the big picture."

Andresen said widening the highway would cause more traffic congestion for the town of Chapel Hill. "This area is going to be clogged."

48 county residents arrested for drug-related activities

By CAMERON TEW

Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials netted 48 drug-related arrests early Tuesday morning in a countywide roundup that followed six months of undercover work.

About 60 officers from five area law enforcement agencies began making arrests around 1:30 a.m., going to the homes of suspected drug dealers. The

police attempted to serve 68 warrants to Orange County residents charged in 220 undercover drug deals.

Chapel Hill Police Planner Jane Cousins said the majority of charges were for selling cocaine, marijuana or hashish, including seven crack charges.

"There were only a minimal amount of drugs recovered during the arrests, and two guns were found."

Cousins said the arrests were part of

a six-month interagency operation involving the Chapel Hill Police Department, the Carrboro Police Department, the Hillsborough Police Department, the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the State Bureau of Investigation.

The investigation took more than 1,500 hours and cost the departments \$31,332 in drug purchases, Cousins said.

Martin chooses new state chief-of-staff

By JULIE GAMMILL

Staff Writer

Gov. Jim Martin has appointed a new chief-of-staff to his administration, replacing his present chief who is entering the private sector.

Martin hired Nancy Temple, now the assistant secretary of community development and housing in the N.C. Department of Economic and Community Development, to succeed Phillip Kirk, the present chief-of-staff.

Although Temple will not take over the position until Dec. 1, she and Kirk are conducting daily meetings to make the transition easier, Kirk said.

Kirk, who has held the position since February 1987, said he was leaving

state government to become president and secretary of N.C. Citizens for Business and Industry. The private organization is the equivalent of a state chamber of commerce, Kirk said.

He will also serve as publisher of the organization's magazine We The People of North Carolina, he said.

As the new chief-of-staff, Temple will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the governor's Raleigh office, including his phone calls, letters and schedule, she said.

She will also oversee his eastern and western N.C. offices and another office in Washington, D.C.

The fact that Temple is a woman had no bearing on the search and selection

processes for the job, said David Prather, Martin's deputy director of communications. Temple is the first woman to serve in a chief-of-staff-type role for a N.C. governor in recent memory.

The governor chose her for her abilities, not her gender, Temple said. However, she added that Martin and the Republican party had given females a lot of opportunities to prove their abilities in government.

"My goal is to work hard and be judged on my abilities," she said.

Temple's management of the governor's office will be similar to Kirk's style, she said. "He and I have worked together before. At this time I don't foresee any changes."

Temple entered state government in 1985 when Kirk, then secretary of the N.C. Department of Human Resources, hired her as his chief assistant, Kirk said. She was soon promoted to assistant secretary of administration in the department. After Kirk moved to the governor's office in 1987, Temple became deputy chief-of-staff under him, he said.

In September 1988, Temple became assistant secretary for parks and community resources in the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development and moved into her present position when the state reorganized the department in September 1989, she said.

Task force to review state food stamps program

By KARI BARLOW

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The Division of Social Services in Raleigh has formed a task force to determine why the number of North Carolina households participating in the food stamp program has decreased from 192,365 to 151,860 since 1980. The task force consists of about 30

members and was formed in direct response to charges made in N.C. House bill 1123, said Delores Mcleod, assistant chief of food stamps section.

The House bill gave the task force the responsibility of examining the trends in North Carolina's food stamp rates among Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) house-

holds and compared to other states, Mcleod said.

The group will also consider any barriers that prevent eligible people or groups from receiving food stamps, she said.

"(The decrease) is not unique to North Carolina," Mcleod said. "Across the nation there have been decreases in the food stamp program."

The eligibility requirements for receiving food stamps are based on income, household expenses and the number of people who live in the household, she said.

Groups such as the elderly and the working poor will be targeted for examination, said Albert Thompson, chairman of the task force and assistant director of regional administration at the Division of Social Services.

The group wants to determine why so few elderly people in North Carolina are receiving food stamps and if there are any significant reasons for the low participation, Thompson said.

When elderly people also receive social security, the amount of food stamps they can receive is often very small and not considered to make a big difference, Thompson said.

Transportation that enables the elderly to actually go and pick up the food stamps has also been cited as a possible barrier, he said.

The task force has not determined any reasons for the decrease in recipients, but members hope it has something to do with the improving economy in the nation as well as in North Carolina since 1980, Thompson said.

"We don't know this for a fact, but we would like to think there is a direct relation between the status of the economy and the rate of participation in the food stamp program," Mcleod said.

The task force is required to submit recommendations to the General Assembly by April 1, 1990, Thompson said. The group held its first meeting Nov. 3 and plans to meet once a month until April, he said.

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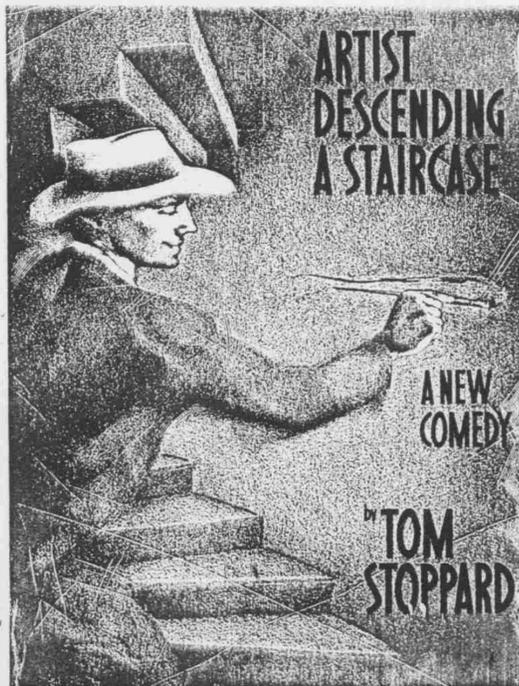
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