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The zoning policy's rules about occupancy raise questions of illegality and discrimination.

The zoning policy does not discriminate constitutionally against protected classes of people, said Bob Hornik, a Carrboro town attorney with Brough Law Firm.

But Hornik added that the policy's exclusivity could be discriminatory under the freedom of association granted by the First Amendment.

"It doesn't seem to violate any of those protected class status, so I don't think the regulation will be subjected to any high standard," Hornik said.

The Chapel Hill Planning Board was

unable to be reached for comment.

Because of zoning regulations, Solie envisions the house as a "new-style frat house."

He said the old problems associated with maintaining a fraternity house stem from the difficulties that come with students running the house.

He said damage that has accumulated throughout the years remains unrepaired because the responsibility for the damage cannot be attributed to any individual.

Solie said he believes holding individuals responsible for their actions and having a landlord who is responsible for making sure damages are repaired are the keys to keeping a clean and working house.

"I think the difference is, as the owner, I can hold the (residents) respon-

sible."

The response to the property has been overwhelming, Solie said. He is looking into purchasing more fraternity houses, fixing them up and renting them back to the fraternities.

"The response from the frats has been wonderful," he said.

Solie declined to comment on the cost of renovating the former fraternity house, but he said he has heard of fraternity houses spending as much as \$2 million on repairs.

Benefits from fixing up fraternity houses appear to outweigh any costs Solie might incur. "I wish there was more of this on campus," he said. "I wish I had 60 of these places."

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**3rd High School to Cause More Redistricting**

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Not long after Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools finishes up redistricting for the new Rashkis Elementary school, it will embark on a high school redistricting process.

With figures projecting an extra 1,500 high school students in the district in the next few years, school officials and residents see the third school as a necessity.

School system spokeswoman Kim Hoke said Chapel Hill High School and East Chapel Hill High School both have about 1,500 students.

The new high school, which has not been given a name, will hold 1,000 students and have the capability of expanding to 1,500 students, Hoke said.

The school board said Monday that the new high school most likely will not be completed until 2006. It was originally expected to be completed in 2005.

Board member Lisa Stuckey said she wishes the school could be built by 2005. If Stuckey's wish is granted, she

said, the redistricting process would likely take place in the summer months before the new school opens.

Stuckey said that there is some money allocated in the budget for redistricting purposes and that the process is not particularly pricey.

"It's not a tremendously expensive effort," she said.

Stuckey also said the high school redistricting process probably would be easier to conduct than the elementary school process has been.

"We're talking about three different zones instead of nine," she said. "That should make it less complicated."

The elementary redistricting process also takes students from three neighborhoods in the northern part of the district from CHHS and sends them to ECHHS.

Both of these high schools are located on the northern edge of the district, and three of the four sites the school board is considering for the new high school are in the southern part of the district. The northern site already is owned by the county, which makes it a cheaper alter-

native. It is also the largest proposed site for the school.

In spite of those conveniences, Stuckey would rather the high school be constructed in the southern part. "I would prefer if the high school was built on the southern part of the district," Stuckey said.

"The community has been fairly clear in expressing the opinion that we need a high school in the southern part of the district," Hoke said.

Residents of the school district argue that a closer high school would cut down on traffic volume and decrease their driving distances.

Resident Lloyd Melnick, who lives in the southern part of the district, agrees that it would be convenient for him when his child enters high school but said he is not overly concerned about the location of the new school.

Melnick said, "It would be great for us to have it in the south, but that doesn't strike me as a big issue."

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"We're doing this because of elections and to show that we are in complete support of their democracy," Krusch said. Tuesday's election marked the fifth time in 10 years that Israelis went to the polls to choose a new government.

Many students came out to show their support of the elections. Krusch said that the turnout was amazing and that Jewish as well as non-Jewish students were voting to show their support of democracy.

"No matter how people feel about Israel, the fact that they can criticize in

Israel and not be killed for their views is what democracy is about," he said.

Krusch said that because he recently has returned from Israel and has seen the political turmoil there, he thought the elections were important. The elections could influence Israel's ongoing conflict with Palestinians, a possible U.S. attack on Iraq and the global war on terrorism.

Dave Miller, a senior journalism and mass communication major, said he was not aware of the number of political parties. "I didn't know much about Israel's political system, but it's amazingly diverse."

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and that he was, according to police reports, "concerned about the children's safety."

The suspect also said he wanted to return his children to the United States.

The friend then contacted the police department in his area, which later alerted the Carrboro Police Department.

Carrboro police communicated with the suspect by phone and arranged for the return of the children to U.S. officials.

On Jan. 12, the children were flown back to North Carolina and returned to their mother.

Perez turned himself in to U.S. Customs Service officials at the U.S.-Mexico border. He was taken to Orange County Jail in Hillsborough on Monday, where Carrboro police investigators served him an arrest warrant.

The suspect is being held in Orange County Jail on \$35,000 bail.

He is awaiting a probable cause hearing Feb. 6, and he declined to comment on the matter when approached Monday.

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replace or buy each new piece of equipment," Perlmutter said. "I don't think that would be the best way to do things."

Technology issues also are prevalent in Pickett's platform. Pickett wants to expand wireless zones so that students can access the Internet using their wireless cards throughout campus.

He also plans to initiate a program where students can print their work from their laptops in these wireless areas to designated printing areas throughout campus.

ATN directors Bruce Egan and Jim Gogan said that Pickett's ideas are technically possible but that they could be problematic when instituted. "From a networking standpoint, his ideas are feasible," Gogan said. "The printing administration and implementation would be tricky, though."

But Pickett said the implementation issues could be avoided as long as available money is used efficiently. "We have made sure that everything in the platform is doable," he said. "There are grants sitting there that can be used, and we will find a way to do this."

Environmental policy also is an important issue for Pickett, who grew up in a home powered by solar energy. He proposes a thorough examination of UNC's environmental policies. "Basically, we want to make sure that we are saving the most money while allocating the money we have appropriately," he said.

Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus services, said Pickett's energy ideas correlate directly with the Feb. 11 referendum that would increase student fees to support alternate energy sources. "The solar energy issue is dependent on the referendum," she said. "It is technically feasible, and it can be done. It's not like it's a pie-in-the-sky-type thing."

Senior Brad Overcash, Pickett's campaign manager, said Pickett is a strong candidate on multiple fronts.

"One of my favorite things about Ben is that he hasn't groomed himself solely to be student body president," said Overcash, who ran for the same position last year. "Yet he's still a very qualified, common-sense guy, and with his background in the Honor Court he has a very good knowledge of the inner workings of student government."

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