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Chapel Hill voters approve bus plans

by Ken Allen
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill voters went to the polls Tuesday in light numbers to give their approval to the proposed Chapel Hill-University bus transit system.

The bond issue passed with a two-to-one margin, while the tax levy was approximately one and a half to one. The city wide total for the bond was 3366 for, 1739 against; tax—3242 for, 1856 against.

The voters decided two issues Tuesday. One ballot was for the issuance of \$350,000 in bonds as capital for starting the system. The other ballot was

to allow the Board of Aldermen to authorize up to a 10 cent tax levy to underwrite the bus system, which is expected to lose money the first year.

Approximately 30 per cent of the voters eligible to vote in this election turned out. Both the bond issue and tax levy passed in every precinct.

In the Country Club precinct, where most of the University students vote, the total was: for the bond—643, against—127; for the tax—627, against—234.

East Franklin precinct, another precinct with many students, went for the bonds—537, against—238; for the tax—516, against—257.

Eastside, for the bonds—183, against—127; for the tax—170, against—141.

Kings Mill, for the bonds—112, against—78; for the tax—108, against—81.

Northside, for the bonds—265, against—71; for the tax—261, against—79.

Colonial Heights, for the bonds—154, against—138; for the tax—149, against—144.

Glenwood, for the bonds—269, against—113; for the tax—258, against—122.

Ridgefield, for the bonds—309, against—205; for the tax—293, against—212.

Estes Hills for the bonds—509, against—367; for the tax—488, against—388.

Westwood precinct for the bonds—384, against—188; for the tax—372, against—198.

The bus system would operate 15 buses with a seating capacity of 30 passengers each, plus two 20 passenger buses for campus service to fringe parking lots.

The bus routes would cover all areas of the city-campus community at 15-minute intervals during peak travel times and 30 minute intervals at other times. The buses would run from 7 a.m. until 1 a.m.

Costs per trip on the system will be 15 cents for townspeople, and 10 cents for University students. Passes may be purchased which will allow the bearer an unlimited use of the system without paying a trip-by-trip fare.

Carrboro has decided to hold a referendum, but no date has been set as yet.

Living-learning draws opposition

by Gary Fulton
Staff Writer

The Committee on University Residence Life (CURL) failed to choose a dorm for a living-learning center at its meeting Tuesday, despite a declaration at its last meeting that it intended to do so.

Representatives from the six dorms that CURL had selected for consideration all expressed negative feelings on placing a living-learning center in their residence halls. The six dorms selected by CURL were Connor, Joyner, Parker, Spencer, Teague and Winston.

The objections of the various dorms included disunity in the larger residence colleges, interruption of intramural programs and displacement of residents.

Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton, who attended the meeting, expressed his surprise at the reactions of the students in the six residence halls. "I keep wondering if I'm at the right University," said Boulton. "People should not be at this meeting to defend their dorms against living-learning proposals."

Boulton said that he and Dean Gaskin of the College of Arts and Sciences, who co-chaired a special committee to study living-learning, would withdraw their support of the committee's proposals if the dorms continued to take negative attitudes towards the proposals.

"We want to implement programs that the people in the dorms want. The proposed living-learning center in one building is only one possible suggestion to help improve the learning experience in

each residence hall," Boulton said.

Boulton stated that the purpose of his committee was to help any interested group establish programs in its dorm to enhance the total living-learning experience, and that each program would be tailored to the needs and desires of the individual residence halls.

"Displacement and exclusion will not be a part of any proposal," he said.

After much discussion with the representatives of the six dorms, the members of CURL decided that the committee's recommendations should not affect the proposal concerning a single living-learning center in a medium-sized dorm. CURL recommended that all interested groups meet with the Boulton-Gaskin committee to make suggestions.

The committee also passed a motion to guarantee space for a center if one is established, no matter what the size.

Any group interested in establishing a living-learning program in their dorm should attend today's meeting of the Boulton-Gaskin committee at 4 p.m. in Steele Hall to talk about their ideas.

Weather

TODAY: Sunny, high in the 50s.
Fair tonight, low in the upper 20s.
Almost no chance of rain through tonight.

UNC faculty women organize

by Susan Case
Special to the DTH

"You don't need a committee to find out women are discriminated against around here," commented one faculty member at a meeting of UNC faculty women Tuesday in the Dey Hall faculty lounge.

Nearly 50 women, most of them members of the UNC faculty, met to discuss the findings of the Faculty Council's Committee on the Status of Women. In order to study the issue more thoroughly and urge the University to take affirmative action, the group tentatively named itself the Women's Group of the University of North Carolina. It was not determined whether the membership of the group would include non-academic employees and staff members.

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Department presented statistics obtained from the faculty secretary which indicated that the more prestigious academic positions are being withheld from women.

Martha McKay and Florrie Glasser of the North Carolina Women's Political Caucus addressed the group on what kind of legal action could be taken against the University, if necessary. The National Organization of Women (NOW) and the Women's Equity Action League brought a suit against the University in 1970 charging the University with discrimination against women.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) began an investigation a year later, and the University is to

present a plan of affirmative action by April 1973. McKay cited higher education as the institution most resistant to change. She also stated that there were only two female high school principals in North Carolina and that there were no women making educational policy decisions in Raleigh.

Professor Ria Stambaugh presented statistics in the Faculty Committee's report that showed the University to be 17 points below the national average in the percentage of women on the faculty. These figures also revealed that one out of 10 faculty members were women in the full professor, assistant professor and associate professor categories, but two out of three faculty members were

women in the instructor, lecturer, research assistant and associate categories.

Out of 31 departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, 15 do not have any women on the faculty. Some concern was also expressed for those employees and staff holding jobs whose classification was in limbo.

The Women's Group of UNC will meet again at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the Dey Hall lounge to further consolidate their efforts and prepare for the Faculty Council meeting on March 23 when the report from the Committee on the Status of Women will be formally presented and discussed. Student support and input is especially encouraged. Interested students should contact Dr. Elaine Hilberman.

Pollution lawsuits

Citizen action voted

by Jody Meacham
Staff Writer

The N.C. House of Representatives passed a strong environmental protection bill Tuesday that would enable citizens to sue state environmental agencies to make them enforce their own standards.

The House had passed the bill on its second reading Monday night, but the third reading was postponed until Tuesday. The bill finally passed by a vote of 64 to 49.

The bill was a committee substitute for an original bill introduced by Representatives Norwood Bryan, D-Cumberland County, and Thomas Harelson, R-Brunswick County, on Jan. 15.

Debate on the bill took up most of the session Monday night. Most of the opposition centered on the possibility that the bill might cause a rash of suits which could clog the courts.

"This seems to me to put too much power and too much authority in the hands of too many people. This is too far out in left field," said Rep. Samuel Bundy, D-Pitt County.

Alamance County Rep. W.S. Harris called it "a very conservative, very cautious bill," adding that he "would rather have clogged courts than clogged air, clogged water and clogged soil."

Rep. Bryan defended the bill by pointing out that several steps had been taken to prevent court congestion.

The bill states that "the plaintiff must have given at least 90 days written notice of his intent to bring suit by registered mail, to the defendant, identifying the standard which is claimed not to have been enforced and describing the alleged failure of enforcement."

Bryan said that this provision would allow the matter to be cleared up before the suit reached court.

The bill limits suits to environmental standards which have been in effect for at least one year. In addition, the bill is set to expire Sept. 1, 1976, at which time the General Assembly may judge its performance.

However, any suit which is started before the expiration date will be allowed to be concluded even after the law itself expires.

by Linda Livengood
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen met with Police Chief William Blake and police consultant Norman Promrenke in a closed session Monday night to learn the outcome of an intensive investigation of the Chapel Hill Police Department.

Promrenke was hired to investigate the department after the dismissal of two police officers last fall.

Promrenke cited inadequate physical facilities, police training and pay scales as immediate and serious problems in the department. The administration of the police department was also criticized.

Recommendations for the construction of a new police building or complete renovation of the present facility were presented. The lack of adequate parking facilities and the

inefficient layout of the interior of the building were mentioned in the report.

The report suggested requiring a psychological examination for those persons applying for positions with the department.

Promrenke was critical of the procedures for giving raises in the department. According to the consultant, raises are given on a "discriminating and rather arbitrary basis."

In order to streamline administrative tasks, Promrenke suggested that an administrative assistant be hired to head the general administration, education and training, and personnel.

The duties of offices on different shifts should be clarified by establishing a written directive system. This would serve as a written guideline of the

responsibilities of each officer on the force.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. Monday and voted to establish the Consumer's Utility Corporation to provide utility services for the residents of Chapel Hill.

The non-profit corporation will have authority to advance bids or other proposals for acquisition of University utilities.

Alderman Joseph L. Nassif, former mayor Roland McClamroch, and John L. McKee, chairman of the Mayor's Utilities Task Force, were named as the initial directors of the corporations.

Three Chapel Hill citizens, Jane Wicker, former alderman George Coxhead, and the Rev. Charles Helton, were appointed to a special committee to assist the aldermen in their search for a new town manager.

Police changes advised



Up the ladder one goes, to a place that no one knows. But hark, alas, who's that up there, peering at you from atop the stairs. Poetry is life and rhythm is divine; the words don't matter, anything for a rhyme.



(Staff photo by George Brown)

Run-off election Feb. 28

Leo Gordon, Elections Board chairman, announced Tuesday that the run-off for student body president will be held Wednesday, Feb. 28. This announcement follows the denial by the Student Supreme Court of Allen Mask's challenge to the Feb. 6 campus elections.

Gordon also released the result of Monday's run-off election for the Campus Governing Council (CGC) seat in on-campus District II. Kyle Terrell was certified as the winner over James Streb, 81 votes to 79.

All twenty seats have now been filled in the CGC.

The two top finishers in last month's ten-man presidential field, Pitt Dickey and Ford Runge, have done little campaigning the past week. They do not plan any major public appearances this week, with the exception of a possible debate.

"We're not really planning any obnoxious events this week," said Dickey. "Basically people know where we stand."

Runge could not be contacted Tuesday, but his roommate said the campaign would remain very low-key, relying on door-to-door campaigning and word-of-mouth information.

Both Dickey and Runge have said they are willing to debate, but as of yesterday, they had failed to agree on a location. Dickey would prefer an outside place, so more people can hear and watch, while Runge insists on debating indoors, wishing to avoid possible disruption by the Blue Sky Party.