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Weather: mild



Staff photo by Howard Shepherd

The current period of warm weather makes for a return to the games of summer. A walk through the arboretum, dangerous by night, can be enjoyable by day.

CCH endorses six alderman candidates

by Richard Whittle
Staff Writer

Citizens for Chapel Hill (CCH), a local political coalition endorsed Tuesday night six Board of Aldermen candidates for the Nov. 4 municipal elections.

The endorsements followed recommendations made Monday night by the 12-member CCH Executive Committee. The six endorsed candidates are Charles Beemer, William Bayliss, Douglas Holmes, Jonathon Howes, R.D. Smith and William Thorpe.

There are only five Board of Aldermen seats to be filled in the nonpartisan Nov. 4 elections. But CCH Executive Committee member Beemer said the committee believed it would be unfair to limit its endorsements to five since there are 14 candidates in the

race. He added that the six on the list might not be the only candidates CCH endorses this fall.

"Out of the six, if we hadn't endorsed someone it wouldn't be fair to him," Beemer said. "And of the remaining names on the list of announced candidates, none were absolutely excluded, with the exception of one or two."

Beemer, who resigned as CCH chairperson Monday after announcing as an alderman candidate last week, said he was out of the room during the Monday night Executive Committee meeting while the members discussed endorsements.

Citizens for Chapel Hill was formed over the summer to support Board of Aldermen candidates from more conservative elements in Chapel Hill's generally liberal political structure.

The group has maintained that it would

not run a slate of candidates in this fall's municipal elections. But group spokespersons have long been promising that the group would endorse candidates it sees as fiscally responsible and interested in governmental efficiency.

Besides Beemer, the only alderman candidate who belongs to the group is Douglas Holmes. Executive Committee member Frank B. Mooers had filed as a candidate but withdrew Tuesday.

Bayliss is an attorney who has previously served two terms on the Kalamazoo, Mich., city council.

Holmes, also a lawyer, has twice run unsuccessfully for the mayor against current Chapel Hill Mayor Howard N. Lee.

Howes is chairperson of the Chapel Hill Planning Board.

Smith, the only incumbent running this

year, has served on the board for the past 10 years—the longest of any current board member—and is mayor pro tem.

Thorpe, a state Department of Labor employee, served as vice-chairperson on the Chapel Hill Charter Commission and has worked with the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

Chapel Hill municipal elections are nonpartisan, so there will be no primary to narrow the field of 14 candidates before the general elections Nov. 4.

CCH has received publicity by its strong opposition to the mayoral candidacy of Chapel Hill Alderman Gerry Cohen.

While CCH spokespersons have made no public statements on the mayor's race, insiders say the coalition will back Cohen's opponent, N.C. State University professor James C. "Jimmy" Wallace, in the Nov. 4 election.

A&T's Dowdy unhappy with vet school site

by Dan Fesperman
Staff Writer

North Carolina A&T University Chancellor Lewis C. Dowdy expressed disappointment Monday with recent federal approval of locating a state veterinary school at predominantly white North Carolina State University instead of N.C. A&T.

Also, several NAACP officials said Thursday they may challenge the approved location in court.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare approved locating the proposed veterinary school at N.C. State during a meeting last Thursday with University of North Carolina system President William C. Friday. A&T Chancellor Dowdy said in a statement issued Monday, that he is disappointed that HEW "has reversed itself on a strong stand that was previously taken to correct some of the inequities and injustices of the past."

"By changing this stance, HEW has missed a golden opportunity to achieve its own announced objective of assuring wider opportunities and integration for the predominantly black colleges and universities."

Both the HEW and the NAACP had indicated before Thursday that they favored locating the vet school at predominantly black N.C. A&T in Greensboro.

A March 25 letter to Friday from William Thomas, regional director of HEW's civil rights office, stated that a veterinary program of similar stature and attractiveness must be established at N.C. A&T before doing so at N.C. State.

On Aug. 1, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Inc. filed a court motion that, if accepted, would require HEW to enforce stricter desegregation measures at the consolidated university.

In part, the 115-page court motion stated, "The decision to locate the new (veterinary) school at a traditionally white institution rather than at Agricultural and Technical University (A&T), the traditionally black land grant college in Greensboro, provides a clear example of the intransigence of

dualism in the system."

HEW's approval of the N.C. State location was partly based on the belief that N.C. A&T was not capable of supporting a veterinary school.

But Dowdy said, "We really wanted the opportunity to destroy the myth that a historically black institution could not establish and maintain a highly qualified professional program."

Drew Days, assistant counsel of school desegregation in litigation for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, said Tuesday, "We are pressing ahead with the court motion. We feel that a lot of the desegregation plans approved by HEW do not do the job. They do not conform with court rulings."

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Dowdy hinted in his statement that the NAACP court motion was N.C. A&T's final hope of securing the veterinary school. "If HEW has reversed its stance, we shall have to await the decision of the courts to resolve this issue."

Despite the surrounding controversy, the veterinary school planning is proceeding slowly because of a lack of funds.

The consolidated university Board of Governors has estimated that the facility's construction will cost approximately \$20 million and will cost \$5 million a year to operate.

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John L. Sanders, consolidated university vice-president for planning, said, "Because of the way that the money is tied up, they're (N.C. State) somewhat stymied."

"The veterinary school is the kind of facility for which there is now no federal money."

DKE house fire definitely arson

by Laura Scism
Staff Writer

Arson was definitely the cause of Monday's early morning fire at the Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) fraternity house, Chapel Hill Police detective Ben Callahan said Tuesday.

But the Sigma Nu party house fire is still labeled suspected arson, pending lab reports from the State Bureau of Investigation, he said.

The smaller fire at the Phi Gamma Delta house on Cameron Avenue was termed a prank, probably set by a fraternity member, Callahan said, adding that a broom and a tablecloth had been set on fire.

The DKE fire was discovered at 3 a.m. Monday by two passers-by. Fraternity members, awakened by the passers-by and members of a neighboring fraternity, extinguished the fire before firefighters arrived.

Firefighters then noticed the fire at the Sigma Nu party house. A small fire was also reported Monday at the Phi Gamma Delta house.

There are no suspects in the arson case yet, but the police are investigating several leads, Callahan said. Fingerprints were found in the DKE house, "but we can't tell whose they are," he said.

But DKE President Bill Freiberg said Tuesday the police suspect a lone arsonist. "We can't think of any group that would want to destroy our fraternity or any fraternity," he said. "Arsonists usually work alone, and the police are looking for one suspect. They don't suspect a group."

Chapel Hill police are investigating the two fires as one case, but the SBI is handling them as two separate cases. Jack Thomas of the Raleigh SBI office refused to comment on either case.

In the DKE house, stacks of telephone books and picture books were burned near two windows in the living room, Callahan said. The curtains caught fire, and the fireproof paint also burned. Telephone wires, which had been ripped out, were also burned, he said.

Police think the arsonist may have entered the DKE house through an unlocked side door, Callahan said. No evidence of forcible entry was found, he said.

Police do not know how the Sigma Nu party house was entered, Callahan said.

He said no motives for the fires have been established yet. But the fire at the DKE house was set near a window where it could easily be seen, so "whoever did it wasn't trying to kill anybody," he said. Cost of the damage is still undetermined, but insurance will probably cover it, he said.

Sigma Nu President Russell Proctor said damages at his fraternity will be estimated today. There was extensive smoke and fire damage to the party house. He said he did not know whether insurance will cover the loss.



Staff photo by Alice Boyle

A bill to request faculty and administrators to ban in-class smoking will go before the student body Oct. 15

Student Body to vote Oct. 15 on smoking ban referendum

by Chris Fuller
Staff Writer

The student body will vote Oct. 15 in the fall General Elections on a referendum advising the faculty and administration on whether or not to ban smoking in classrooms.

In addition, a special meeting for students interested in lobbying for passage of the referendum will be held in room 202 of the Student Union Thursday at 9 p.m.

A proposal to hold the referendum, introduced by Campus Governing Council members Ben Steelman and John Sawyer, was passed by CGC last April.

Steelman said if the referendum passes, it would not actually ban classroom smoking but would only show the administration how students feel on the issue. Any actual ban on smoking must come from the administration. The meeting to be held Thursday is to encourage students to vote for

the proposed ban, Sawyer said. He added that the meeting will encourage students to ask professors to ban smoking in the classroom.

Sawyer said he and Randall Thomas, a graduate student in the School of Public Health, had met with Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor last April concerning the referendum. According to Sawyer, Taylor said the faculty must decide the smoking question.

Sawyer said the referendum may have an influence on the faculty's decision.

The smoking ban referendum was proposed after a similar referendum was passed by faculty members and students in the School of Public Health. The ban is now in effect in the school.

During last year's debate in the School of Public Health, proponents of the ban maintained that smoking impaired the environmental quality of the classroom and that smoking was inconsiderate to non-

smokers in the class.

Thomas, who initiated the referendum in the School of Public Health, said during debate on the issue, "We don't feel a healthy diffusion of smoke takes place in the average classroom. Also, many students suffer an affliction from tobacco smoke."

Opponents of the bill countered by saying smoking was not a proven environmental hazard, and that a ban on smoking would infringe upon their right to smoke.

A smoking ban in classrooms is now in effect at North Carolina State University and at Appalachian State University.

Even though he said he did not feel strongly for the bill, Steelman said he introduced it for the students who did. Steelman said he believes these students have a right to have their views expressed.

Chancellor Taylor said he could not comment on the referendum since he was not aware of the upcoming elections.

Human services offers free counseling

by Bruce Henderson
Staff Writer

The green house with pink shutters, across from the fire station on North Columbia Street, looks like anything but a city office.

But inside, Chapel Hill's Department of Human Services provides a clearing house for human troubles as diverse as juvenile delinquency, food stamp problems and personal crisis situations. For example:

- A family fight breaks out in west Chapel Hill. The police department takes the call and responds by sending officers and police social workers from human services. The social workers talk to the family, calm things down; the officers leave without making arrests.

- An elderly man calls the department, asking for information on the food stamp program. Human Services teaches him the correct application procedure.

- A welfare mother calls, requesting information on day-care programs. The

department tells her to apply in her child's name for scholarships to be made available in November by federal funds.

The Department of Human Services operating since 1973, acts primarily as a liaison between citizens and the town. Director Connie Grove said recently. A seven-member staff works with an annual budget of \$155,000 from town and federal funds.

Grove, 28, assumed the director's job Aug. 12, replacing Chuck Haywood. She holds a masters degree in social work from UNC and has previously worked as a management intern with the N.C. Department of Human Resources.

The department is divided into several individual components which work with police, public housing and social services.

The police social work unit is a two-man squad based at the police station. The unit, one of only a few of its kind in the state, acts in crime intervention and counseling roles, police social worker Jim Huegerich said recently.

Huegerich, 26, holds a masters degree in education and has experience in child and adult counseling. Vickie Greene 25, his partner, has a B.S. in psychology and directed Switchboard for two years. Both joined the department six weeks ago.

A prime function of the unit is to serve as a mediator between the legal system and citizens, Huegerich said. Referrals come from both police officers and the courts, and the social workers look for alternatives to jail terms. The alternatives involve long or short-term counseling. Social workers sometimes refer people to counseling agencies such as Janus House, a local halfway-house.

The unit is on 24-hour, seven-day call, he said. Domestic disputes are common—about five a week—and the workers accompany officers to calm people who are being arrested and to settle husband-wife arguments.

Another major human services division works with public housing and community development, Director Grove said.

This unit, which keeps close contact with the town Housing Authority, concentrates on social services, giving priority to public housing residents and citizen organizations. Grove said emphasis is placed on providing citizen input for federal housing programs such as the Community Development Plan.

The division also takes calls from people receiving food stamps, Medicaid and employment benefits and refers them to the proper city agency.

A third department division, program coordination, insures that town funds given to community groups are used effectively, Grove said.

These community groups include Summer Involvement for Teens; INFO, an information and referral service; Switchboard, a counseling service; the Orange County Council on Aging; and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

A new child services program, still in the planning stages, has received \$10,000 from

the town, Grove said. The program will hire one full-time staff member and will be concerned primarily with day-care services.

Human Services' phone numbers are 929-1111, extensions 259 (the director), 218 and 250 (housing and community development) and 225 (police social work).

Zoning charges not approved

The Chapel Hill Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the town Board of Aldermen reject the proposal to rezone two areas around East Rosemary Street to exclude multifamily houses such as fraternity or sorority houses.

In its recommendation, the board suggested the aldermen reconsider the issues raised by the proposal when the town establishes a comprehensive zoning plan.