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Cable franchise

Three firms favored for Village service

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As six companies competed for the Chapel Hill cable television franchise in public hearings Monday and Tuesday nights, three of the companies, each with local ties, were recommended by the Washington-based Cable Television Information Center.

The center's representative, David Korte, presented a report to the Town Council Monday which selected Village Cable, Cox Cable and Vision Cable as the firms best able to meet the town's needs. The other three companies—Alert Cable, Mega Vision and American Cablevision—were not rated as highly by the center, which had been contracted by the town to evaluate the companies bidding for the cable television franchise.

Each of the three companies recommended in the report is affiliated with local interests. The Village Cable company is 90 percent-owned by the Village Broadcasting Co., which also owns WCHL radio and *The Village Advocate*.

The Cox Cable company is controlled by the Atlanta-based Cox Broadcasting Corporation, but 20 percent of the local cable company is owned by influential local figures. Alice Welsh, a former town alderman, former mayor Howard Lee and developer Watts Hill Jr. are among the owners of the local Cox firm.

While Vision Cable is not locally owned, it is represented by state Rep. Trish Hunt of Chapel Hill. Vision Cable Communications Inc. is headquartered in New York.

In the public hearing Monday, Alert, Vision and Mega Vision made their

presentations to the council.

James McHugh, Alert Cable's representative, stressed his company's involvement in North Carolina, and particularly its recently begun service in Carrboro. He said the Chapel Hill system could link up with the Carrboro system.

In contrast to Alert's low-key presentation, the Vision Cable firm put on a multi-media show. The group placed an earth station (a dish-shaped receiver for the television signals) outside Chapel Hill High School auditorium and operated more than a dozen television sets inside.

The first round of public hearings on Monday was capped off with a presentation from Bill Clark, a representative of Mega Vision. In a surprise move, he said his firm would offer the town 15 percent ownership of the cable franchise if it receives the franchise. The town ownership was not part of the group's original proposal.

Council member Robert Epting said he did not believe the council could consider Mega Vision's surprise offer because it was not part of the company's formal proposals.

"Actually I thought there was a great deal of unevenness in the presentations," Mayor James Wallace said.

"The Alert presentation didn't seem adequate to the task. The Mega proposal was a surprise. The Vision presentation was an enormous production."

While he said he could not make a decision until the second round of public hearings Tuesday night, when American, Cox and Village were scheduled to make their presentations, Wallace said he thought that there was a great deal of disparity in the companies' proposals.



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IFC president Tim Lucido at Tuesday meeting

Changes proposed to fight frat racism

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UNC fraternities must make it clear to the University community that racism is not condoned in the Greek system and must begin implementing programming to combat it, members of the Interfraternity Council said Tuesday night.

Responding to a *Daily Tar Heel* article and letters to the editor, IFC President Tim Lucido and Executive Vice President Jeff Beach said they were quoted out of context in their remarks concerning Mark Canady, a black rushee who some fraternity members say was not given a bid to a predominantly white fraternity this fall because of his race. Fraternity members said Tuesday night that Lucido's and Beach's responses did not deal adequately with the controversy surrounding racial attitudes in the Greek system.

"I don't propret that racism is absent from the fraternity system," Lucido said. "Something should be done about it."

"The problem that exists is the same as in the rest of the University," Lucido said, adding that the IFC was receptive to suggestions and programs to deal with racism in the fraternities.

Frank Spencer, IFC treasurer, said Lucido and Beach had a responsibility to be aware and informed about what went on in the fraternity system. The IFC members have a responsibility as representatives of one quarter of the student population to look carefully at why a socially segregated system exists, he said.

"It's not right for us to sit here and let racism go unchecked," Spencer said. "The first step is to be aware about what is going on. We can't go to houses and say that they have to have X number of blacks, but we can say to our houses that a problem does exist."

"I think it came out that we had our heads in the sand on this issue and it came across to the student body that we didn't know what was going on in the system," Spencer said.

"Our heads were in the sand on the whole issue, I'm sure," Lucido said. "Now we are trying to start programs to deal with it and we need suggestions."

Elizabeth Watson, IFC representative from St. Anthony's Hall, said the Interfraternity Council should represent all campus fraternities and interests. "Tim Lucido's and Jeff Beach's comments concerning members of minorities involved in

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Authorities arrest 17 on drug charges

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Authorities arrested 16 Chapel Hill and Carrboro residents and one Mebane woman Tuesday on 61 drug charges stemming from a four-month investigation.

Those arrested, ranging in age from 16 to 55, were "connected through basically the same supplier," said Ben Callahan, Chapel Hill Police Department administrative assistant. None of the arrested persons were UNC students, but several were local high school students, he said.

One police spokesman said the arrests "will definitely pull down the availability of drugs to some degree" in Chapel Hill.

The spokesman said the arrests probably will be followed by increases in the street sale prices of marijuana, cocaine and LSD over the next several months. The 17 arrests are important, he said, because "this is just not that big an area."

The Chapel Hill and Carrboro police departments, Chatham and Orange County deputies, State Bureau of Investigation agents and the Alamance County Sheriff's

Department Vice Squad were involved in the investigation. Detectives purchased drugs from suspects during the operation, Callahan said.

One man, James Cuthrell Sr., of 414 Whitaker St., was charged with 14 drug counts and one charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond, Callahan said.

Charges against Cuthrell include two charges for sale and delivery of cocaine; two for possession with intent to

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Open space proposal

Candidates differ on bond issue

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While one of three bond referenda on the Nov. 6 Chapel Hill ballot has produced differing views among the mayoral and Town Council candidates, most of them agree on the other two.

The \$300,000 bond referendum on the acquisition of open space land has sparked considerable discussion among the candidates. But the \$2.6 million downtown parking facilities referendum and the \$450,000 bond for the construction of a fire station seem to be backed by all the candidates.

The land acquisition bond calls for the purchase of 70 acres of land in the Ridgefield area near Bolin and Booker creeks. The land will be used for open space and will remain undeveloped.

The proposal to buy the land was first submitted to the Town Council several months ago by Ridgefield residents who wanted the town to buy 10 acres of land where a proposed subdivision was to be built. After a study by a mayor's task force, the proposal was expanded to 70 acres.

After several conflicting votes, the council decided in September to put the open space referendum on the ballot. The council also approved the construction of subdivision on 10 of the 70 acres.

Town Council member and mayoral candidate Gerry Cohen said he felt the issue should be submitted to the voters, but he said he has not yet decided whether he will vote for the land acquisition.

Council member and mayoral candidate Robert Epting said the Ridgefield referendum is premature. Throughout the council's debate on the proposal, Epting argued against it. He said he feels the town should first complete its comprehensive study of open space, and then propose specific land purchases.

Council member Jonathan Howes, who is running for re-election, also voted against putting the referendum on the ballot, but he now says he will vote for the land acquisition.

"In the end, I can't vote against any funds for open space. But I still think to tie it to such a specific acquisition and to offer it to the people without sufficient planning is wrong," he said.

Unlike Howes, Mayor James Wallace, who is running for the Town Council, had been a consistent advocate of the Ridgefield land

purchase. "My own personal feeling is we should save all the open space we can," he said.

Incumbent R.D. Smith, who is seeking to retain his council seat, also said he favors submitting the open space referendum to the voters.

But challenger Bruce Tindall said he is opposed to the Ridgefield purchase. As a member of the town transportation board, Tindall was part of the mayor's task force that studied the proposal.

He said the council approved the referendum despite the recreation commission's recommendation against it. "The whole process (of approving the referendum) didn't look very good," he said. "Among voters at large it

probably won't do the incumbents any good."

University physics professor Joseph Straley, another Town Council candidate, also said he was not comfortable with the open space referendum. But he said he would not actively work against it.

Town Council candidate Joe Herzenberg reflected the split on the issue when he said he would vote for the land acquisition referendum despite his feelings that the issue was not properly handled. He said the referendum presents a no-win situation for the proponents of open space acquisition.

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\$20.4 million bond package up for vote in Orange County

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Registered voters in Orange County will vote Nov. 6 on four separate bond issues in a referendum totaling \$20.4 million, the largest bond package in the county's history.

The four individual bond issues will finance school facilities, public buildings, health care facilities and voting equipment if they are passed by voters.

The bond package would provide \$10,171,000 for the Orange County school system, \$7,629,000 for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school system, \$400,000 for health care facilities, \$2,065,000 for public building projects and \$135,000 for electronic voting equipment.

About 50 capital improvement projects will be completed over a five-year period if the bond issues are approved.

Capital improvement projects for Orange County Schools which would be funded by the bonds include renovations to make buildings accessible to the handicapped, additional space for exceptional children's programs, energy conservation modifications and site improvements, a new elementary school, a vocational education building for Orange High School and a new wing at A.L. Stanback Middle School.

Proposed projects for Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools include either construction of a new school or additions to existing schools to reduce overcrowding, building renovations for the handicapped, kitchen renovations, site improvements and energy conservation modifications. Other projects for individual schools in the system would include development and additions to libraries, air treatment systems and facilities for exceptional children.

Among the public building projects that would be financed by the bond issue are renovation and expansion of the county jail; renovation of existing buildings in Hillsborough which house offices and facilities for human services, criminal justice, recreation, libraries and general administration, and additional office building and renovation of the multi-purpose center in Chapel Hill for county human services, including facilities for senior citizens' activities.

The projects that would be financed by the health care bonds are a new facility for Orange County Industries, which is a sheltered workshop providing jobs and training for handicapped adults, and a renovation project to turn the Old Northside Cafeteria into a treatment facility for emotionally disturbed adults.



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Its bark is worse than its height

The student ID—omnipotent but not everlasting

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"Void unless signed and validated for current term." The ID card is your body's license plate. And you'll have the shock of your life when you discover the face on the card is the one that will be with you for four years, the face of a frightened little freshman.

Without this all-powerful ID card though, you are a non-being. Your social life will go downhill when you can't get cold cash at Student Stores, your grades will suffer since checking out a library book will be literally impossible and your anxiety will slowly rise as each football weekend passes and you don't get your ticket.

The awesome power of a small rectangular card will captivate you. It is your entrance key to UNC, and is supposed to last for four whole years—to no avail for some. These cards have been known to fold, spind and mutilate all by themselves.

But some school officials believe that the carriers of these cards

are co-conspirators in the act. Ross Scroggs, director of photographic services, said the culprit in most damaged-cards cases is the hip pocket.

"The constant flexing in a hip pocket is sure to get to the ID card. We had little trouble with girls' ID cards when most of the female students would carry handbags. But now they even put their ID cards in their hip pocket," he said.

Director since 1947, Scroggs has come across some absurd reasons why the cards crack under the stress of college life. "Laundering to some extent will ruin the card. If the card is left in a pants pocket through even six hot wash cycles, the card will remain in fairly good condition, but one pass through in a hot dryer will do it."

"Once a girl came in and said her dog had gotten hold of the card and sure enough there were teeth marks right through the plastic. We examine each card when it is presented to us to see if the student has abused the card intentionally or if it has been normal wear and tear."

If it has been determined that the card has fallen by the wayside

by normal wear and tear, a replacement is free. The average amount of time a card should last is at least two years. Cards which have been lost, stolen or deliberately broken have a \$5 charge for issuance of a new card.

ID photos are made from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4:30 p.m. Thursdays after the first week of registration in Swain Hall. For spring semester, the photo labs will remain open every day the week of Jan. 6.

Everything that can be done to a card just may have been attempted. And yet some do last for the full four years a student is a Tar Heel, some even seeing graduate school. "But that's with extraordinary good care," Scroggs said.

Approximately 9,030 ID cards are issued each year for freshmen, graduate students and other persons. Of these, 1,400 to 1,500 are remakes. But that figure does not include cards which were replaced free of charge.

"We're here to help the students with their ID cards. It is the student's responsibility to come to us but we're happy to help," said Charlotte Harvel of the photo lab.



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