Officials endorse plan to beautify town entranceways

By JEANNA BAXTER

The Chapel Hill Planning Board and Community Appearance Commission have endorsed a plan to beautify and preserve the entranceways into Chapel Hill, said Chris nator for Chapel Hill.

The enhancement study, conducted by Paton-Zucchino Associates of Raleigh, focuses on identifying the landscaping assets and liabilities of each entranceway and developing a master landscaping plan for their protection and improve- patterns. ment, she said.

"The community in general places tion of older urban forms that are

a high value on the treatment of still intact and rehabilitation of those directional and informational signs entrances into Chapel Hill and wants to take measures to insure their preservation," she said.

The Chapel Hill entranceway and corridor study said as Chapel Hill has grown in population and geographic Berndt, long-range planning coordiarea, the traditional charm of the town has slowly given way to more conventional urban forms.

This old charm is one of Chapel Hill's great assets, the study said. The proposal attempts to apply this charm to the entranceways that have taken on more conventional development

The study recommends preserva-

which have been neglected. Areas that are too intensely developed to preserve the traditional Chapel Hill form will be landscaped to provide a unified appearance.

The planning board also plans to establish a special appearance district 250 feet along the rights-of-way, Berndt said. These districts will be subject to additional design requirements and thus will improve the appearance of the rights-of-way.

The study devised a landscaping plan tailored to accommodate the diversity of each individual entranceway.

The study suggests that public

should be consolidated and incorporated into major intersection landscape treatments.

According to the study, Chapel Hill should also adopt a long-term policy of placing new and renovated utilities underground.

Berndt said the improvements may also be conducted under the Capital Improvements Program (CIP), which does a number of community beautification projects.

The CIP would develop and implement a detailed plan for the placement of trees and shrubs and the

installation of medians, she said. The enhancement program will be

partially funded by allotments from Berndt said. the CIP, which is appropriated \$500,000 annually, she said.

Over the next five years, the CIP will be budgeted \$175,000 for beautification projects, Berndt said. This money will be used to fund entranceway improvements, downtown landscaping, tree and shrub placement and the landscaping of a town parking lot.

Funding may also be obtained from the 1986 bond referendum which designated \$1.5 million for parks, recreation and open space, she said.

The specific dispersal of this money

The entranceway and corridor study closely reflects the feelings of the planning staff and others who have worked closely with the plan, she said.

The idea of enhancement originated in 1983 when the town council appointed a task force to study entranceways and their protection. In December 1984, the task force recommended that a more detailed study be done. The enhancement study, which began last summer, resulted from this recommendation.

The planning board and appearance committee will advise the city will be decided over the next year, council to endorse the plan May 9.

Residents express support for tree preservation ordinance

By WILL LINGO

People expressed general agreement with the purposes and goals of a tree ordinance proposed for Chapel Hill at a public hearing Monday night.

The ordinance is designed to regulate and protect trees, vegetation and soil within Chapel Hill's planning jurisdiction as Chapel Hill continues to grow and develop.

Walter Trott, a self-proclaimed "tree hugger," said the ordinance will do what individuals or small groups have not been able to do in the past preserve trees.

With increased involvement in the an excellent idea. development process, the town can

help preserve large numbers of trees, Trott said.

"I have seen more trees destroyed by ignorance than by chainsaws," he

And overall, the staff has created a good ordinance for the town, Trott

"It may need fine tuning, but this is a good ordinance," he said. "It accomplishes what people have wanted for many years.'

Derek Green, an arborer, said the requirement that a trained supervisor be on a construction site at all times to insure the preservation of trees is

"Construction is the number one

tree killer in Chapel Hill," Green said. "Often people want to do everything right, but all you have to do is turn

your head and the damage is done." Another arborer, Joe Burch, also said development was having a serious effect on the trees in Chapel

"Development is taking an enormous amount of trees," Burch said. "Not just a tree here and a tree there."

Ruth Lyle, of the Research Triangle Sierra Club, said her group also supported adoption of the ordinance. The ordinance is fair and environmentally protective, she said.

The Sierra Club is concerned with both the environmental and aesthetic

effects of continued development, but this stance does not mean the group is against all development, Lyle said.

"We are not against development," she said. "We are against careless construction activities.' Jim Hough, of the Chapel Hill

Alliance of Neighborhoods, said his group was "very pleased with the looks of this ordinance." The University should not be

exempt from the ordinance, however, as proposed in the draft version of the ordinance, Hough said. "The University is not a sacred

cow," he said. "They should play a positive role in implementation (of the ordinance)."

Some council members also ques-

tioned the exclusion of the University from the ordinance.

Planning Director Roger Waldon said the ordinance does not exempt the University completely, just the area of the central campus.

"The beauty and maintenance of the central campus indicate the University's ability to properly handle (tree preservation)," Waldon said.

Council member Nancy Preston agreed that the University was a good steward, but she said the council should still consider including it in the ordinance.

Council member Julie Andresen also said the University had done a

but she said increased development in other areas was a concern.

"There are areas of campus now with so much building that a tree could not possibly survive," Andresen

But council member Art Werner said the council should not focus too much attention on that isolated part of the ordinance.

"We don't need to get hung up over it," Werner said. "That issue could cause the ordinance to languish if we get hung up on it.

"The University has done a good job," he said. "The tree ordinance is not the proper way to express our good job preserving Olde Campus, concerns with their development."

Flaws in campus elections addressed

By APRIL CARR

Elections Board members and former candidates for campus offices pollsite tenders, length of campaigns election night. and district distribution.

Wilborn Roberson, new Elections Board chairman, said Monday the biggest concern board members expressed at the meeting was finding a more efficient system for running campus elections than the current punchcard system.

Roberson said he suggested the board start using a scanning system similiar to the one used to grade computer sheet exams.

The scanning system could help make the voting process more accurate and less confusing, Roberson

A missing persons case had a happy

ending when authorities found a

Carrboro man in Efland Monday

morning after searching for him for

By WILL LINGO

more than a day.

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won't buy its own scanning system, Roberson said. Board officials are met Thursday to discuss several talking to companies who have the meeting that the election process break to avoid the problem. problems in the election process, scanning systems, asking them to lend should be better organized so that including vote counting, lack of a system to use to count votes on

> Anita Gillis, a former candidate for senior class vice president who attended the meeting, said Monday that the Elections Board would like to use the University's scanner, but probably will not be able to.

The board wants a more accurate system that is affordable, Gillis said. "Resources are limited, so we must find the best solution," she said.

Roberson said the Elections Board has had a problem finding people to tend polls in recent elections. An "Adopt-a-Poll" program that would have campus groups not affiliated

The search for Oleson began

Sunday morning after police received

an accident report from a friend of

Oleson's who had been looking for

with a candidate be in charge of The Elections Board probably manning one pollsite could solve this problem, he said.

candidates cannot display campaign posters until they return petitions to the board, Roberson said.

During the spring elections, some candidates displayed posters during drop-add, before petitions were distributed to candidates, Gillis said. She also said some students and

faculty had removed the candidates' posters, which added to the cost of campaigning.

Roberson said he does not want to see this happen in future elections. "I want to put a stipulation in the election rules that no posters can be put up until the petitions are in," he

Student Body President Kevin Martin said there should be an informational meeting held for poten-Several former candidates said at tial candidates before Christmas

> Roberson also cited problems with voting districts and the distribution of Student Congress representatives.

> For example, he said, Cobb and Joyner residence halls are in different Residence Hall Association districts, but are in the same voting district.

> Also, since the opening of Carmichael Residence Hall, 600 new students have come into the Scott Residence College area without any change in the number of congress seats, Roberson said.

And despite the renovations on North Campus residence halls, there has been no change in the distribution of representatives, he said. Police find missing Carrboro man

Police Roundup

Police reported that two men had been fighting in the Top of the Hill parking lot when a Top of the Hill employee tried to break up the fight and was assaulted.

The subjects ran to the lot behind University Square, where they were apprehended by police.

David Leon Barber, 25, of 65 Park-n-Stay Court, and Mark Stephen Browning, 33, of Route 7, Chapel Hill, were then arrested and charged with assault in connection with the incident.

An unidentified man threw a rock at a car owned by a Durham man in the parking lot between Ham's and Fowler's Saturday night. The rock hit the right door of the car and caused \$150 worth of damage. The man also threw a rock at the right rear window of the car and broke it, causing \$170 worth of damage. The complainant and a witness tried to catch the suspect, but could not.

A Hector's employee reported Saturday that approximately \$150 in change was taken from the cigarette machine in the restaurant. No damage was done

to the machine. ■ A Columbia Street resident reported Sunday that a vehicle that she did not recognize was parked in her flower bed. Upon investigation, police could not locate the driver of the car.

A resident of the Phi Mu sorority house on Henderson Street reported early Saturday that an intoxicated person was passed out on the porch of the house. When police arrived, they

the Black Cultural Center," Wiggins

Crawford's salary, Wiggins said the

success of concerted fund-raisers will

have a great impact upon the BCC. "How big the program will be will

be determined by how successful big

Crawford said she will use her six

years of experience as Chicago

Housing Authority's communica-

tions coordinator and grantsmanship writer when seeking public and

private funding for the BCC. "I have visions of linking Triangle businesses

with the Black Cultural Center,"

Crawford said. "The business community must consider what relation-

ship they have with the black culture

fund-raisers are," she said.

Although state funding will pay

found a man lying on the porch. They talked to him and he left peacefully.

Four automobile larcenies were reported this weekend.

A resident of University Gardens Apartments reported that sometime between 4 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday someone took the right front hubcap from her 1977 Ford Maverick.

A Ramsgate resident told police Sunday that someone entered her car through an unlocked door and stole her purse and its contents. The car was parked in the Pizza Inn parking lot.

A Chapel Hill man reported that sometime Sunday night someone entered his car while it was parked in the Northampton Plaza parking lot. The man's wallet was stolen from the car.

A car owned by a Spartanburg, S.C., man was broken into sometime between Thursday night and 10 p.m. Friday in the parking lot beside the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity house. Someone broke out the left rear window and took items from inside the car. Total damage was estimated at \$200.

A Hillsborough Street resident reported Sunday that two intoxicated men exposed themselves in his front yard. He said the men were riding in a white Chevrolet convertible and traveling south on Hillsborough Street.

Police checked the area but did not locate the vehicle. Police said no other descriptions were given

compiled by Will Lingo

Arnold Gold, chief of Chapel Hill him, police planner Jane Cousins police, said David James Oleson, 18, of Estes Park Apartments in Carr-When police responded to the boro, was found "just walking

otherwise fine, Gold said.

scene of the accident at Seawell around" in Efland. Oleson had some School Road, they found a 1977 scratches and looked like he had been Datsun B-210 overturned in a ditch. According to the accident report, the exposed to weather, but he was

car ran off the road, overturned and still had no success locating Oleson, "We're just thrilled, elated and came to rest in the ditch. relieved that he's OK," Gold said.

But officers did not find anyone in the car and found no evidence of injury, Cousins said. When they searched the immediate area, they still could not find anyone, she said.

The search expanded at daylight Sunday, and police questioned people and investigated all possible leads, but for any reason.

Cousins said. But police remained optimistic

about finding him and did not suspect foul play, because they had several reports Sunday from people who said they had seen Oleson, she said.

Police said they had no explanation for Oleson's disappearance. He was not wanted by Chapel Hill police

Petition

Cutting out a large snack bar like of issues on campus come to bear on the Circus Room could remove a large part of net proceeds, Tufts said. Closing the Circus Room, while not necessarily reducing Student Stores' scholarship fund, could even-

tually hurt the ability to pay scholarships, he said. "This is a touchy issue," Tufts said. "Student life, housing, admissions and scholarships are affected. A lot

these questions. After more than \$40,000 of renovations last year, the Circus Room's sales totaled about twice as much as last year's. The increase in sales is an indicator of students' need for the service, Tufts said.

"Student opinion is a form of vote," he said. "People voted with dollars instead of ballots.'

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of North Carolina." and whites. However, Crawford said her duties at the Black Cultural she recognizes the significance of the Center on July 1.

Crawford received her bachelor's degree in education from Chicago State University in 1963 and her master's degree from Northeastern Illinois University in 1970. A doctoral candidate at Northwestern University, she successfully completed her

course work and preliminary exam-

BCC to the campus's black commu-

nity. "The University's commitment

says to black students: 'You came to

UNC with cultural baggage, and we

aim to celebrate that."

inations in 1973. On the basis of a proposed study of how young single mothers and their children may be better served by the nation's social programs, Crawford was awarded a professional Bush fellowship in 1987. She moved from Chicago to Chapel Hill and Crawford and Wiggins said that began her work at the Frank Porter the BCC will enrich every student's Graham Child Development Center. education through its encouragement Crawford will complete the study in of mutual learning between blacks June, just prior to the assumption of

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