Council favors open space bond

By DANIEL CONOVER
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council voted 8 to 1 in favor of a \$9-million open space bond Monday night, with a public hearing set for Feb. 27.

The bond was approved in principle at the town council's annual retreat two weeks ago, and it replaces a \$5-million bond proposal. The bond would provide funds for purchasing open space and parkland.

A referendum will be held on May 2 if the town council approves the bond after the public hearing.

Council member David Godschalk cast the only dissenting vote. Godschalk said open space and parkland has received too much attention.

"I think open space has a place, and recreation has a place, but I believe we have other priorities," he said.

Council member Jim Wallace, author of the previous \$5-million version of the bond, supported the

"The timeliness of it is the most highly recommendable aspect," he

The \$9-million bond was recommended by town manager David

In other action, the town council referred to the manager a request by the American Board of Pediatrics of 111 Silver Cedar Court to drain a pond and redraw subdivision lines.

About 20 residents of the Timberlyne area, most of them wearing "Save the Pond" buttons, attended the meeting.

Dr. Robert Brownlee of the board of pediatrics said the change was necessary to allow the board to build an addition and new parking spaces. But council member Art Werner said the request was not defined

clearly. "I haven't heard any compelling reason to do this," Werner said. "It

almost sounds like a subterfuge to get out of the responsibility of maintaining some open space."

The pond and open space were dedicated to the property owners by the town council in 1982, but a series of oversights in legal agreements has tangled that agreement.

The board of pediatrics presented two primary proposals: one resolution to drain the pond and another resolution to reduce the pond's size by 60 percent.

Marcus Hudson, speaking for the board of pediatrics, called the pond an attractive nuisance which attracts children and presents a possible legal liability. Hudson reffered to the child who drowned in Greensboro this week as an example of the problem.

"That's the kind of situation that we would find ourselves remiss if we didn't provide some security," Hudson said. If the town council denies the request to drain the lake, both Hudson and Brownlee said the board of pediatrics would build a fence around the pond to prevent children from using it.

Dick Johnson, an area resident and member of the "Save the Pond" group, said the pond had silted up because of the lack of environmental controls during the construction of Timberlyne Shopping Center.

"It really concerns me that this can go on," he said. "Ten years ago people used to fish in those ponds."

The council also approved a new skateboard ramp ordinance at the meeting but stopped short of endorsing the construction of a public skateboarding facility.

Assistant town manager Ron Secrist told the council the town's insurance carrier did not provide coverage for skateboarding. Secrist said a carrier had been found who would insure a skateboarding facility but only at a cost of \$50,000 per year

with a \$25,000 deductable. Downtown trolley plans on schedule

By JESSICA LANNING

Plans to bring trolleys to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro downtown area are on schedule, and the trolleys should arrive by September, the codirector of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Downtown Commission said

Monday. Debbie Dibbert said the commission ordered two trolleys from Chance Coach in Wichita, Kansas last December. The company will take eight to nine months to build the trolleys.

The trolleys are scheduled to run on a route from the Morehead Planetarium to Carrboro Town Hall every 10 to 12 minutes.

Bus stops that exist now along Franklin and Rosemary streets in Chapel Hill and Weaver and Main streets in Carrboro will be used by the trolleys. Additional stops will be added along Rosemary Street.

run during lunchtime hours from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Dibbert said.

The trolley will be free to the public and supported by the commission's operating funds, Dibbert said. The commission is funded by the University and by private contributions.

"The trolleys look exactly like a trolley without the wires," Dibbert said, with only the engine resembling a bus. The trolleys will be beautiful, she said, and will be made of wood and brass with colored trim. Open and closed portions of the trolley will accommodate people in all kinds of weather, she said.

"The trolleys are sophisticated, not trendy," she said. "(They are) a really beautiful addition to the downtown

landscape." Chapel Hill Transit employees will

drive the trolleys. Bob Godding, head of transportation, said the town has made a

For the first year, the trolley will commitment to work closely with the

commission on the trolley project. "The project is designed to do some good things for the town," he said. "It will be no more difficult to

implement than any other project." Proposals for specific new bus stop locations have not been selected, but the new stops will not be a problem to install, Godding said.

To further alleviate the downtown parking problem, a parking lot on University property behind the Continuing Education Site on N.C. 54 is in the design phase and will be in service at the end of the year after the trolleys have been delivered, Godding said.

Proposals for future parking lots will be considered later, he said.

Spring Garden Bar and Grill manager Al Bowers said he supports the idea of the trolleys wholeheartedly.

"We're looking forward to it. Any way we can get people into downtown Carrboro, it can help," he said. "The lunch business could only grow from

Bowers said two or three bus stops are around the restaurant, and he hopes a nearby parking lot can be turned into a public parking lot to bring in more people.

Jean Stancell, owner of The Little Shop on Franklin Street, said she has mixed emotions about the project.

The idea may be good for the town but not necessarily for her business, she said. "A lot of our clientele are more mature people who may not use the trolley," she said.

"It's an awful lot of money to spend to pleasure ride," Stancell said. "It will take a while for people to get used to it, but anything is worth a

Gubernatorial veto may face referendum

By CRYSTAL BERNSTEIN

Gov. Jim Martin continues to lobby for the N.C. General Assembly's support of gubernatorial veto power over certain bills or parts of bills approved by the legislature.

Whether the Republican governor should receive the veto will be a main issue in the upcoming session, said Phil Bridges, a spokesman for Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner.

The veto is "critical not only for a governor to wield power and influence on bills and legislature, but it's critical also for the governor to work more closely with legislators," Tim Pittman, communications director for Martin, said in a telephone interview. "The veto is a tool for good government."

North Carolina is the only state that does not provide for gubernatorial veto power; 43 states allow line-item veto and 49 allow whole-bill veto.

The chances that a bill will pass allowing a voter referendum on the issue are better this year than before, members of the General Assembly said. Several bills have already been introduced that provide for the referendum, said Sen. Kenneth Royall, D-Durham.

Because the referendum process could take time, the power may be available only to Martin's successor, said Sen. Donald Kincaid, R-Caldwell.

The legislature is more willing to approve a veto bill now because Martin cannot run for a third term and is not as formidable an opponent as he previously was, Pittman said. "I think the odds are much better in his second term than they were in the first," he said.

Gardner cannot introduce bills to the General Assembly, but he by lobbying with members of the Senate, Bridges said.

"The majority of the Republicans in the Senate are for it," he 'said. "Everybody knows it's a good

Even Democrats who were formerly opposed to the veto, such as Senate President Pro Tempore Henson Barnes, D-Wayne, are now in favor of a "program veto," which would allow Martin to veto entire bills instead of just selected

But legislators are concerned that the veto would shift the balance of power to the executive branch, weakening the legislative and judicial branches.

"I think veto power for North Carolina's governors is one issue in a much larger question, which is the balance of power between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government," said Speaker of the House Joe Mavretic, D-Edgecombe.

The enactment of veto power must be offset by some other elements to restore power to the other two branches, he said. His support of the veto depends on what restoring measures are proposed, he said.

A balance of power could also be maintained by taking away some of the privileges Martin now has when giving him the veto power, said House Majority Leader Dennis Wicker, D-Chatham.

Most agree that a line-item veto would give Martin too much power. "There's not that strong of support to grant the governor that much power," Wicker said.

Among the bills introduced to grant the governor veto power is one which allows the legislature to override the veto by a simple majority, but this provision would will aid Martin in getting the veto give Martin almost no power.

Chapel Hill Police Roundup

Library reported that someone entered a file cabinet and took money from a box sometime between Wednesday and Thursday. Police found no signs of forced entry and have no suspects in the incident.

A cashier at Hardee's on Franklin Street reported to police Saturday that an intoxicated suspect grabbed a cashier's hat and ran out the door. The suspect was caught by a security guard near Pizza Hut, but he then broke away from the guard and got into a silver Mazda. As he got into the car, he hit the guard with the car door. The hat was recovered on the sidewalk, undamaged.

A Chapel Hill woman reported this weekend that an unknown male was knocking on her front door. When police arrived at the residence, they identified the man as a friend of the woman.

A drain cover was reported missing from Kingston Drive and La Petite Child Care Saturday. Public works officials responded to the scene.

■ A Carrboro man was arrested Saturday after officers determined his license plate was stolen. The man was charged with DWI, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of stolen property and driving without a license.

■ Police investigated loud noises in the Shadowood Apartments pool area over the weekend. When police arrived, the suspects had already left the area.

A Durham man was taken into custody Saturday after an incident at Roses in University

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■ The Chapel Hill Public Mall. Frederick Douglas Smith was charged with shoplifting and assault with a deadly weapon after eight cartons of Salem cigarettes, valued at \$76.77, were stolen, and a man threatened the store manager with a knife following a foot

■ Trouble arose Sunday when a Hampton Court resident reported that a Doberman approached his son while he was delivering newspapers. Police arrived on the scene, but could not find any dogs. The investigating officer watched with the boy's father as he finished his route on Apple Street. No other trouble was reported.

■ A woman reported being assaulted on Craig Street Saturday night. The victim was bleeding from a two-inch cut above her left eye and complained of a large bump on her left forearm. She was transported to North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

A car was damaged this weekend while it was parked in the Timberlyne Shopping Center. Police estimate \$1,000 in damage to the left front quarter panel of

A Clover Road resident heard noises outside her window. After listening with her mother for more sounds and hearing nothing, she called the police.

The investigating officer found that someone had taken a metal chair from the deck and placed it outside a back bedroom window. Someone stood on the chair and tried to open the window, but the suspect did not get into the house, and no damage was reported.

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Bill to allow higher environmental standards

By SANDY WALL

A bill introduced in the N.C. Senate last Wednesday would give the state freedom to set stronger environmental protection standards.

The bill, co-sponsored by Sens. Dennis Winner, D-Buncombe, and George Daniel, D-Caswell, would repeal the restrictive and controversial "Hardison amendments."

The amendments, sponsored by former Sen. Harold Hardison, D-Lenoir, in the 1970s, prohibit North Carolina from establishing standards on water quality, air quality and hazardous waste treatment differing from those set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

"Each state can set their own out the state government," said Jim nor. "He strongly supports the repeal

standards," said Connie Altman, Shephard, public information direc-Winner's secretary. But the Hardison amendments prohibit setting standards stricter than EPA regulations,

able to make the decisions," Winner said in a telephone interview. "I've always thought that."

If the bill passes, state agencies would be allowed to set standards for water, air and soil, Winner said. The standards for environmental protection should not be set by the General Assembly but by agencies like the N.C. Department of Natural Resources, he said.

"There are a number of environmental institutions scattered through-

tor for the N.C. Division of Environmental Management in Raleigh. If the Hardison amendments are repealed, these agencies would have "I just think that we need to be the power to set standards that are tougher than EPA standards. Support has come from 26 fellow

> Winner said, "but that's not indicative. I think there are more supporters than co-sponsored the bill." Winner would not predict his bill's chances for passage, but similar

senators who co-signed the bill,

attempts to repeal the Hardison amendments have failed, he said.

of the Hardison amendments" and has supported a repeal since he first campaigned for governor in 1984, Pittman said. Martin should be able to rally

Republicans behind the bill, Pittman said. "He'll be involved in legislative negotiations." Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner, presiding officer of the Senate, could not be

reached for comment by Phil Bridges, Gardner's press officer. Gardner supported repealing the amendments during his 1988 campaign. "I don't have a good sense whether

it will pass or not," said Rep. Joe Gov. Jim Martin is also in favor Hackney, D-Orange, whose 1987 of the bill, said Tim Pittman, com- attempt to repeal the amendments munications director for the gover- never came to a vote in the House. "Talk is cheap," he said.

Center offers group therapy for rape victims

By LYNN GOSWICK

The college years are supposed to be the best years of your life. Yet something's holding you back - you were raped or sexually assaulted, but

you never told anyone. Now you can. The Orange County Rape Crisis Center is offering support groups for female and male victims of rape and sexual assault.

The female support group will meet Wednesday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., beginning Feb. 15 and lasting for 10 weeks.

The male support group will also meet on Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., beginning Feb. 1 and lasting for 10 weeks.

Both groups will offer adult survivors of rape and sexual assault a chance to share their experiences and gain support from each other, said Tina Groover, community education and outreach coordinator for the

center. The male support group is a new project for the center, Groover said. Two or three sexual assault cases involving males are reported each year in Orange County, she said, but many more cases are never reported.

have not reported an assault to talk

about their experiences. is something only women need to be find it more gratifying to have control aware of, but men can also be assaulted, Groover said.

For example, a man who has been out drinking with a buddy could find himself being sexually assaulted by that friend, she said.

Sexual assault in this situation is not a homosexual act, she said. Like The new group will help men who rape and sexual assault against women, male sexual assault results from a desire for control, not a desire Many think rape or sexual assault for sex. Those who assault men may

> over another man, Groover said. To preregister for a support group or to learn more about the rape crisis center's programs, call 968-4647. For immediate help in dealing with a rape crisis, call 967-7273.

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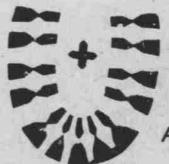
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