

Commissions to decide future of open-space bonds

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Chapel Hill town officials say they are divided over how to spend \$900,000 in bonds set aside for improving recreational facilities or purchasing open space.

The bonds were approved in a spring 1989 referendum. Approximately \$1 million remains of the \$5 million originally set aside.

Decision

week.

"It is an initial victory for civil rights," said UNC-CH journalism professor Chuck Stone, who was a crucial figure in the national civil rights movement. "The black schools get such a low share. The court is saying you must equalize the allocation of funds for blacks and whites. Long range, it could mean the disillusionment of more historically black colleges and universities."

Stone noted that many predominantly black schools were successful in their educational missions, citing NCCU's

BCC

advocates asking for private donations," he said. "We are setting up a foundation to collect donations from members of the community."

The foundation will focus its efforts on black UNC alumni, athletes and parents as sources of donations, McNair said.

Student Congress Speaker Jennifer Lloyd said she didn't think the issue would even show up on the ballot. Two-thirds of Congress or 10 percent of the student body must support holding a referendum for the issue to be placed on the ballot.

"I will be very surprised if an issue like this would even become a referendum," Lloyd said. "The issue is going to be a tax on every student in the Univer-

Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council have discussed whether the money originally was intended only for buying open space or whether it also included funds for recreational facilities.

"There's sort of a debate that's been going on," said council member Mark Chilton. "A lot of people felt that the money was going to be used to protect open space. The way the bond referendum was written, the money could also

be spent on (recreational facilities)."

Chilton said he had tried to find a compromise solution to the controversy. "I'm of the opinion that we can spend some of this money for recreational fields but that the primary purpose was to protect open space," he said.

The council asked the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Greenways Commission to recommend how the money should be spent, officials said. The two commissions plan to form a

joint committee to make recommendations, said Mike Loveman, director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Loveman said the town should use the money for expanding its athletic facilities. "We have waiting lists for a number of programs," Loveman said.

The Greenways Commission's priorities differ somewhat, centering on renovation of existing facilities and the augmentation of development, Loveman said.

But council member Julie Andresen said the available money could not cover the needs of both commissions. "We're facing a tough budget year ... and a growing population," she said.

Council member Joe Herzenberg said the town council could only wait for the commissions' recommendations. "I have my personal feelings (about where the money should go), but what the council is doing is waiting," he said.

"One thing we're very short of is

playing fields, both soccer and softball, so I hope the councils will address those needs," Herzenberg said. "We also need to pave the parking lot at Cedar Falls."

The original bond proposal was submitted by the late former Mayor Jimmy Wallace. "The idea was that if we bought the land now, it would be less expensive to develop parks or space open to the public in the future," Chilton said. "I think it was tremendous foresight that was the hallmark of Jimmy's career."

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nationally renowned law school. Nationally, Florida A&M, another historically black school, enrolls the second highest number of black National Merit scholars, behind Harvard, Stone added.

The court's decision could force UNC-system officials to make some tough decisions, said UNC-CH Provost Richard McCormick, who just finished his first month in office. "It clearly presents a dilemma here," he said.

McCormick said the predominantly black schools could attract qualified black applicants away from the pre-

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sity, and fee increases usually don't make it out of Student Congress."

McNair said he advocated raising private funds for the BCC building.

"I want the bulk of the money from the people who want this," he said. "We have enough potential seed money, we just need the space."

Hardin said he hoped the BCC expansion would be "funded part by gifts, and part by student fees."

On raising the money privately, Hardin said, "I don't think it is possible, and the trustees won't approve it."

The issue of a free-standing BCC was a hot one on campus during the spring when students first publicly protested Hardin's stance.

Displaying a banner with the words "Hardin's Plantation," students confronted the chancellor March 17 on the steps of South Building. During the debate, Hardin refused to yield to the groups demands that he support a free-standing center and that he provide funds for an endowed professorship in the name of the late Sonja Stone.

At a rally March 12 at South Building, about 150 students criticized Hardin's inaction on the BCC and the administration's treatment of campus housekeepers.

dominantly white schools, like UNC-CH and N.C. State. But majority black schools are important socially and help guarantee more equal access within the system, he added.

N.C. A&T Chancellor Edward Fort said the UNC system would not choose to eliminate its predominantly black schools after pouring millions of dollars into increasing their quality. N.C. A&T recently opened a \$9 million engineering building and a \$16 million library, Fort said, adding that the university was planning to implement doctoral programs in mechanical and electrical engineering.

Majority black schools serve an important purpose nationally and do not hurt majority white schools' attempts to attract blacks, Fort said. Leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Thurgood Marshall held degrees from predominantly black schools.

"They chose to attend black colleges," he said. "As a result, they made a name for themselves internationally."

Winston-Salem State Chancellor Cleon Thompson said the number of people desiring higher education in North Carolina may eliminate the need to reduce the number of schools in the UNC system. "The time might come, but I don't see the need now."

N.C., Miss. admission policies differ

In his majority decision, Justice White also concluded that Mississippi's admission policies exist primarily to exclude blacks.

Mississippi residents who score certain levels on the American College Testing Program (ACT) gain immediate acceptance into schools in the Mississippi system. For example, the minimum score for automatic entrance into Mississippi University for Women (MUW) is 18, while it is 13 for the historically black colleges.

"Yet MUW is assigned the same institutional mission as two other regional universities, Alcorn State and Mississippi Valley — that of providing quality undergraduate education," White said.

"The effects of this policy fall disproportionately on black students who might wish to attend MUW," he contin-

ued. The court suggested the colleges also consider prospective students' high school records.

White said Mississippi's race-neutral admissions policies did not do enough to integrate the schools. By the mid-1980s, more than 99 percent of the state's white students were enrolled at Mississippi's five white schools, whose student bodies averaged between 80 and 91 percent white students.

According to a report from the UNC system detailing Fall 1991 enrollment figures, out of the total number of students attending the system's two largest majority white schools — UNC-CH and N.C. State — about 8.5 percent were black, similar to the numbers at Mississippi's largest schools in the mid-1980s.

Overall, the average number of black students at the UNC system's predominantly white schools in Fall 1991 totaled about 7.4 percent of the enrollment, according to statistics in the report entitled "Statistical Abstract of Higher Education in North Carolina 1991-92."

Meanwhile, the average number of white students at predominantly black schools in the UNC system totaled about 20.2 percent of the Fall 1991 enrollment.

Despite the statistics showing little integration in the majority white schools, officials in North Carolina said the UNC-system's admission requirements were not discriminatory.

"They weren't dealing with the numbers as much as they were the policies," UNC Vice President Little said.

Campus Calendar

THURSDAY
5:15 p.m. The Black Interdenominational Student Association will sponsor a bible-study fellowship meeting in the BISA office, located in the Wesley Foundation Building, 214 Pittsboro St.
6 p.m. The Presbyterian Campus Ministry will hold a cookout at Unstead Park.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:
The UNC Vegetarian Club sponsors free vegetarian dinners every Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. across from the Franklin Street post office.
International Student Orientation Counselor applications are available at the International Center, next to Great Hall in the Union. Undergraduate and

graduate students who are willing to return to Chapel Hill Aug. 19 and who would like to assist newly arrived foreign students should apply.

Seniors and Graduate Students: If you have accepted a job or will be going to graduate or professional school next year, please stop by UCPPS, 211 Hanes, and complete a follow-up form. If you are still job hunting, be sure you have resumes on file at UCPPS, and call 962-CPPS frequently to hear job openings.

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the same commitment, it might not have the problems with the court," Fort said.

The UNC-system decree stated that overall black enrollment at mostly white schools should total about 10 percent by the end of the 1980s, while white enrollment at the majority black schools should be about 15 percent.

Thompson said the UNC system's attempts at integration have proven successful.

"As for the enhancement of programs ... the amount of money put into universities in past several years have been significantly increased," Thompson said. "But there's always room for improvement."

Racial Composition of Enrollment for N.C. Colleges, Fall 1991

SCHOOL	BLACK		WHITE		AMER. INDIAN		OTHER RACES		TOTAL
	TOTAL	%Total	TOTAL	%Total	TOTAL	%Total	TOTAL	%Total	
Appalachian	467	4.1%	10,705	94.2%	27	0.2%	168	1.5%	11,367
East Carolina	1,508	9.0	14,682	88.0	77	0.5	423	2.5	16,690
Elizabeth City	1,327	74.9	419	23.6	4	0.2	23	1.3	1,773
Fayetteville	2,357	63.1	1,228	32.9	41	1.1	110	2.9	3,736
N.C. A & T	6,097	85.6	834	11.7	19	0.3	169	2.4	7,119
N.C. Central	4,487	83.3	801	14.9	19	0.4	78	1.4	5,385
N.C. School of Arts	35	6.9	423	83.3	1	0.2	49	9.6	508
N.C. State	2,380	8.7	22,546	82.8	114	0.4	2,196	8.1	27,236
Pembroke	320	10.9	1,878	63.8	691	23.5	55	1.8	2,944
UNC-Asheville	97	3.0	3,040	94.3	10	0.3	78	2.4	3,225
UNC-CHAPEL HILL	2,010	8.5%	19,737	83.7%	142	0.6%	1,703	7.2%	23,592
UNC-Charlotte	1,680	11.2	12,394	82.3	95	0.6	889	5.9	15,058
UNC-Greensboro	1,195	10.3	10,016	86.0	39	0.3	398	3.4	11,648
UNC-Wilmington	461	5.7	7,448	92.1	28	0.3	153	1.9	8,090
Western Carolina	229	3.6	5,901	92.6	109	1.7	133	2.1	6,372
Winston-Salem	2,106	80.9	468	18.0	5	0.2	25	0.9	2,604
UNC TOTAL	26,756	18.2	112,520	76.3	1,421	1.0	6,650	4.5	147,347

Crossword solution

MARC	PIPE	CHAN
ABEAM	AVIVE	LIDO
RANGE	BITTE	ENDS
STEER	CLEAR	ADUE
LOOS	SYRUP	
PARCEL	HOSE	
ORAL	EDDA	EDGAR
SINCE	ADZ	ROUSE
HAGAR	NEED	FRIT
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