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## New law to aid tax collections

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A new ordinance may make it easier for Carrboro to collect property taxes from its student residents in the future. The Orange County Board of Commissioners will require Carrboro apartment complex owners to submit lists of their tenants by Jan. 15, 1983, Orange County Commissioner Don Willhoit said Tuesday. The county tax supervisor will be asked to check those lists against the list of people who have filed a personal property tax, he said. Willhoit said a statute already in effect lets the tax supervisor request tenant lists from apartment owners, but that the board passed the new ordinance as requested by the town. "Considering the high turnover rate of apartment dwellers in Carrboro, the most efficient way to get the money due is to make a good effort to collect the personal property tax on

cars," he said. "But we've asked the tax supervisor to notify the town of Carrboro that we're making an effort to do what they've asked."

Because the transient student population makes up a large portion of Carrboro's apartment community, Willhoit said he felt it would be easier to enforce tax payment through lists of vehicles registered in Orange County.

Car owners must show proof of tax payment to get a motor vehicle license in Orange County, Willhoit said. This makes it easier to verify payment of personal property taxes on automobiles, he said.

"For the small amount of money that the average student would pay in personal property tax, it doesn't seem to make much sense to use the method Carrboro proposes when it is easier and will generate almost as much money to use automobile taxes," he said. "But we are making an effort to help."

Carrboro officials could not be reached for comment.

## State panels continue debate on redistricting

By PETER JUDGE  
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Though a legislative panel was unable to come up with a new state House reapportionment plan in Tuesday's session, action was taken to split Guilford County into four districts as deliberation over the state's legislative map continued.

The House Legislative Redistricting Committee voted Tuesday to divide Guilford County into four separate districts with seven representatives. Portions of Forsyth and Randolph counties are to be included in the districts as well.

Today, a joint House and Senate committee will meet to consider a new congressional district proposal to move Durham County from the 4th District to the 2nd District. Orange County is in the 2nd District.

Committee members are meeting in Raleigh this week to draw up a contingency map for congressional district lines should an appeal to the U.S. Justice Department fail.

North Carolina's congressional redistricting plan was rejected recently by the U.S. Justice Department, along with proposed plans for the state House and Senate district lines.

"The first time we talked with the legislature, way back at the start of all this, we told them we felt uncomfortable with the House and Senate plans," James Wallace, special deputy state Attorney General, said this week.

Wallace said the congressional plan, however, seemed reasonable. "We felt safe with the plan for redrawing the congressional lines," he said.

"We (the state attorney general's office) made a decision to go forward and ask the Justice Department to review their decision to reject North Carolina's redistricting plan," he said.

Wallace said if members of the General Assembly decided not to appeal the decision, it was not too late to back off. "Let me stress that we have not done it, yet," he said.

Rep. J.P. Huskins, D-Iredell, co-chairman of the joint committee on congressional redistricting, said Tuesday plans were being prepared to draw new lines in case the Justice Department did not reverse its decision. "We decided to come up with an alternative plan while the case is pending," Huskins said.

"By asking the Justice Department to review their previous decision, we start the clock running again," he said. The Justice Department has 60 days in which to respond. "If they choose to wait 60 days and then reject the plan, that would put us into the first part of April without a suitable redistricting plan," he said.

Huskins said the General Assembly would be forced to call another special session to propose a new map. "Don't forget we

have primaries coming up this spring," he added.

Gov. Jim Hunt is expected to call the General Assembly into a special session beginning Feb. 9 to adopt new reapportionment plans and to reschedule the state primaries from May 4 to June 1.

Huskins said the Justice Department objected to the configuration of the 2nd Congressional District, saying it was "shaped strangely."

"The number of blacks in the 2nd District decreased from the 1971 plan," Huskins said. "This new plan, they (Justice Department) said, diluted the voting strength of blacks."

Attorneys for the state held several informal conferences with members of the Justice Department, Huskins said. But federal officials did not say whether they would uphold the ruling. "They suggested that alternative plans would be beneficial," he said.

John Wilson, public affairs officer for the U.S. Justice Department, said: "If we were asked to reconsider it (the congressional plan) and if North Carolina were to present evidence which we had not considered previously, sure we could reverse the decision."

"It would have to be pretty good evidence, though. Our decision was based on careful study of the facts that had been presented to us," he said.

"We have some darn good arguments in favor of our congressional redistricting plan," Wallace said. "Our attorneys are prepared not to submit new information, but put some facts in a different perspective."

The new House and Senate plans, drafted in legislative committees last week, were shown to officials of the Justice Department on Friday.

"We made it clear when we presented the plans that they still required some fine tuning," Wallace said. "They did make a few suggestions for changes. All in all, it was a pretty beneficial dialogue."

Wallace said he did not know if they would object to the revised House and Senate plans. "It is hard to say when you are dealing with an agency that does not have to say 'No, because...' but 'No,' and usually tends to do it that way."

The Justice Department is not bound to help the state or give any explanation for its decisions, Wallace said. He said he did not know whether the state would take the case to court if the Justice Department rejected the revised plans. "We (the state attorney general's office) are lawyers; we do what we are told," he said. "If the state wants us to take this to court, we will."

A public hearing on the congressional and legislative reapportionment plans will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the legislative auditorium in Raleigh.

## The League

### Women voters decide important political issues

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The average active member is a she. She has a 79 percent chance of being married with an average of 1.46 children. She is well-educated with an 82 percent chance of having graduated from college and a 48 percent chance of having completed graduate studies.



Diane Brown

She volunteers about 24.1 hours each month. She has a 42 percent chance of being active in a political party and a 65 percent chance of running for public office.

There are many political organizations around. Most have pet projects and causes, but few have consistently followed current issues, studied them in depth and re-evaluated political positions as issues change. Even fewer groups have provided voters with non-partisan information on political candidates.

But the League of Women Voters has been meeting these requirements for 42 years.

"When we believe in something, we don't give up," said Diane Brown, president of the League of Women Voters of North Carolina.

"We keep working at it. If we get into something, study it and see (that it) changes, we adapt. We continually modify and update."

The LWV looks at current issues and decides—through a network of communication from the local Leagues to the national organization and back again—what issues to study. The agenda of issues is set at state and national conventions held in alternating years. Once the members have made their choices, they go to work.

Work consists of lobbying legislatures, talking with legislators, distributing infor-

mation about an issue and compiling pamphlets explaining the League's position on this issue.

The LWV is looking at prospective issues to address at its national convention to be held in Houston this spring. Local Leagues are sending out questionnaires and information to other Leagues to ask for support on certain issues. The national and state organizations also send out information to determine which issues are on the minds of its members.

"It's very much a grass-roots organization," Brown said. "I couldn't see any one of the three levels existing without the other two."

The League emphasizes voter service and citizen information. When it began in 1920, the LWV served to help women sort out the issues and vote intelligently with their newly-gained suffrage. Today the LWV continues this function.

"We go out of our way to be fair to candidates," Brown said. "We want to emphasize that we are a non-partisan organization."

The LWV never endorses political candidates, even though many of its members run for office.

In every local and state election, the LWVNC sends a questionnaire to each candidate and then publishes the answers in a voter's guide.

The LWVNC distributes pamphlets about voting and registration and periodically publishes a handbook on state government operation. In the most recent gubernatorial election it sponsored debates between the candidates.

Though the national league takes a stand on worldwide and national issues, the state and local Leagues have their own matters to handle.

"School bus safety has been a quiet winner on the local level," said Gerry Guess, president of the League of Women Voters of Chapel Hill.

The LWVCH has been working with the local school board to prevent school bus accidents, Guess said. It has worked for better pay for drivers and a reward system for drivers with good records. The organization has also tried to raise the average age of school bus drivers.

Although hazardous waste is also studied at the national level, state and local Leagues have taken a closer look at North Carolina's hazardous waste problem.

The LWVCH recently received a \$2,000 grant through the national League from the Department of Energy. The grant was used to finance forums about uranium mining in North Carolina, said LWVCH member Arlene Spilker, author of the grant proposal. The forums featured speakers from Duke Power Co. and several university professors, Spilker said.

The LWVCH sets voter service and citizen information as a priority. In October 1981, the League conducted forums to let citizens hear the candidates for Town Council and other races. The group has also published handbooks on the workings of Chapel Hill government and offered training in counting and certifying ballots for election workers.

"I'd like to do something constructive, and I like educational situations—the League is definitely educational," said Guess, who has belonged to Leagues in California and New Jersey.

"I enjoy meeting people and have met some fascinating citizens through the League. It has made local politics come alive for me," she said.

The LWVCH has 97 members, including two men, she said.

Bev Kawalec, a former LWVCH president and a second-term Town Council member, credits the LWV with helping her get involved in local politics.

"I became interested in town government after working in the League to influence it," she said. "I gained education and inspiration there. It is excellent training."

Kawalec said she got involved in the League in 1967 with a study of land-use planning. She was president from 1975 to 1977.



Gerry Guess

The state League was formed in 1951 when delegates from seven local Leagues, including Chapel Hill's, gathered for a convention in Durham. It has a 15-member board of directors and a statewide membership of about 1,400, including 35 men, Brown said. She encouraged college-age and minority women to join, calling the League a "learning experience."

### Three explanations offered

## 'Tar Heel' origin sticky issue

By DAVID ROME  
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"I'm a Tar Heel born! I'm a Tar Heel bred! And when I die, I'll be a Tar Heel dead!"

Every student at UNC knows he is a Tar Heel, but nobody seems to know exactly why. The name suggests an historical event or situation, unlike nicknames like Wolfpack or Blue Devils.

Most Tar Heels think they know where the name comes from, but there seem to be as many explanations as there are Tar Heels. Consensus is lacking even among historians about the identity of the first Tar Heel and the reason the term became associated with the University and state of North Carolina.

Historical materials focus on three particular legends of the Tar Heel name's origin. But nowhere is it suggested that a Tar Heel might be a species of ram.

Louise Booker, in *Historical and Traditional 'Tar Heel' Stories*, tells the story about North Carolina troops

in the Revolutionary War. British troops under Gen. Cornwallis crossed a river near Rocky Mount in which the colonists supposedly had dumped turpentine to avoid their being confiscated by the British.

The tar sank to the bottom of the river and stuck to the feet of the British soldiers. When the British surrendered at Yorktown, some of them still had tar on their feet from their march through North Carolina.

The *Star* magazine reported a second explanation in 1953: "Long before the Civil War, people who lived near the Virginia-Carolina state line employed patrolmen to keep their slaves from roaming the countryside for visiting, courting or running away."

"When a Carolina patrolman caught a Virginia slave he would turn him over to the Virginia patrolman and vice versa. The patrolman would return the errant slave to his master for punishment. The penalty in Virginia for violating the curfew was a severe flogging; the penalty in North Carolina was to tar the heels."

"Hence, North Carolina slaves called Virginians Sorebacks; Virginia slaves called North Carolinians Tar Heels."

A third, and probably most popular, explanation comes from the Civil War. Booker wrote that during a crucial battle "a passing column of troops from another state had been driven from the field of battle, while the North Carolina troops held fast."

"When the groups met again, the deserters, who wished to minimize their own action by an insulting reference to a distinctive North Carolina product, yelled 'Any more tar down in the Old North State, boys?'"

"Not a bit," came the reply; "Old Jeff's bought it all up!"

"Is that so? What's he going to do with it?"

"He's going to put it on your heels so that you'll stick together in your next fight."

The 1979 *North Carolina Manual* says Gen. Robert E. Lee heard of this incident and said, "God bless the Tar Heel boys," and the name stuck.

## BSM, IFC deliver candidate endorsements

In forums Tuesday the Interfraternity Council endorse Mike Vandenberg for student body president and John Drescher for *Daily Tar Heel* editor, and the Black Student Movement and Black Greek Council endorsed Mark Canady for student body president and Jonathan Rich for *DTH* editor.

The BSM endorsement came after a two-hour meeting Tuesday afternoon that included questioning the candidates a second time. BSM members had earlier questioned the candidates at a forum Monday night.

"We endorsed Mark Canady not because he was black, not because he was the former BSM chairperson, but because we feel he will not only be sensitive to the needs of the student body but also has a rapport with the general student body," BSM Chairperson Wende J. Watson said.

Watson said the BSM endorsed Rich for *DTH* editor because the editorship was a position of management, not writing, and because Rich would be best for that job. The BSM also supported Rich because he was committed to University news, she said.

Watson said after the meeting that she did not want to name the two candidates, one for *DTH* editor and one for student body president, who were accused at the BSM forum Monday of making racial slurs during their campaigns.

"I really wish people would not blow this out of proportion," Watson said. The 21-member Central Committee of the BSM, which voted to endorse the candidates, was not told which candidates had been accused of making racial comments.

The BSM also endorsed John Rossitch and Joanna Cruz for senior class president and vice president. Rossitch and Cruz are write-in candidates who made their first forum appearance before the BSM Monday.

The IFC endorsed Vandenberg because of his views on food service, IFC President Jim Maynard said after the forum Tuesday night. "His views were consistent with ours — his ideas about the managerial aspects for example."

"Drescher's ideas about giving more coverage to organizations and looking for more stories was the reason we supported him," he said.

The IFC represents 27 fraternities; 21 were represented at Tuesday's forum.

Canady, Vandenberg, Summey, Orr and Tim Smith spoke at the forum, each stressing what he would do if elected president.

Canady said he would use his marketing approach to try to attract students to positions in Student Government.

"Fraternities and sororities have different needs than other students on campus," Canady said. "It's important for Student Government to be receptive to these different views."

Orr said Student Government needed to be more service-oriented. "If the Student Government doesn't have services that students can see, it loses touch with the student body," Orr said.

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Mark Canady



Jonathan Rich