

# Landlords, tenants disagree on new eviction laws

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Landlords and tenants of local apartment complexes are in disagreement over the practicality of new eviction laws, which went into effect Oct. 1.

One change in the law will speed eviction proceedings. After Oct. 1, the sheriff will have only 27 days to evict a tenant once the landlord has filed an eviction notice.

The second change will require the landlord or sheriff to store an evicted tenant's property for 21 days after the tenant leaves. The landlord would have to lock the property in the empty apartment or pay for storage in a warehouse.

Most landlords contacted in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area agreed that 27 days was enough time for tenants to find other living arrangements after the eviction papers were filed.

"After they (the tenants) get the notice, I'd say two weeks is sufficient," said Pat Monish, manager of Bolinwood Apartments.

Monish also said that by the time the landlord filed, the tenant was usually a few months behind in rent. "We're already losing rent" when the eviction papers are filed, she said.

Brent Bobbitt, manager of Booker Creek, Estes Park,

Kingswood and Royal Park, said the changes in eviction laws "will help in the fact that the papers will be served quicker. This will keep people from dragging their feet."

Annette Evans of Tar Heel Manor Apartments and Mary Charles Jenkins of Camerel Apartments both said that 27 days was a reasonable amount of time for evicted tenants to find a new place to live.

Although all apartment managers contacted expressed the opinion that 27 days for the sheriff to evict someone was enough or too much time, many landlords said that the new laws would not affect them significantly.

R.J. Wells of Berkshire Manor Apartments said that in his 12 years as manager he had never evicted anyone. "The new laws don't affect me," he said. "I'll cross that bridge (concerning tenant evictions) when I have to," said Wells.

Monish and Jenkins both said that in their experiences they had never had to call in the sheriff for evictions. "We send out a letter," said Monish. "Usually that will do it."

All landlords contacted also agreed that it was unreasonable for them to have to bear financial responsibility for storing tenants' property. Again, however, most managers said they had not had much trouble with tenants' leaving their property behind.

"That part (of the new laws) I was not really happy with," Bobbitt said. "You got much better results with set-

ting property outside, except on cloudy or rainy days."

However, Bobbitt also said that in his 12 years as manager he had not set property outside more than three or four times.

Jenkins and Monish agreed that landlords should not have to carry this extra financial burden.

"If you have to lock up property, you're losing three more weeks of rent, and then another week is lost while you're preparing the apartment for a new tenant," Monish said.

"It isn't right for the owner to assume this financial responsibility for a tenant who is in default of contract," Jenkins said.

The majority of student tenants disagreed with the landlords' opinions.

Sam Dennis, a tenant of University Gardens Apartments, said 27 days was not enough time for tenants to move out.

"We (the tenants) give the apartment owners 45 days notice when we're leaving," Dennis said. "They ought to give us 45 days notice for eviction."

John Sanford, a tenant of University Gardens Apartments, held a different opinion than most tenants.

"As far as I'm concerned, they (the tenants) should get evicted right away if they don't pay their rent. It's their own fault," Sanford said.

## Students may register through Wednesday to vote in local elections

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Although some students do not think of Chapel Hill as their permanent home, they may still become involved in local politics.

The Orange County Board of Elections, UNC Student Government and some members of the Orange County Democratic Party are involved in efforts to encourage student voting in elections.

Students wishing to vote in the local elections on Nov. 8 may register in the Student Union on the following dates: today, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesday, 3 p.m.-9 p.m.; and Wednesday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

"We feel it is important to get students involved in local politics because they live here most of the year," said Margaret

Parker, chairman of the Orange County Board of Elections. "It's a matter of deciding where your home is, and it's a hard decision to make."

Offices up for election are mayors of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough and town board positions for each of the towns.

"For students who are already registered in their hometown, we give them a cancellation card to send to their registrar," Parker said. "To be eligible to vote in any precinct you must have lived there for at least 30 days."

"Most students aren't concerned with Orange County politics because they don't think the issues affect them, but they do. The building surge Chapel Hill is facing is a political issue and will affect the students

in terms of parking and housing."

Student Body President Kevin Monroe said, "We are looking into getting a permanent registration site at the Undergraduate Library and don't foresee any problems with that. Several other universities have them, and it is a good way to get students registered to vote and participate in elections."

Joe Herzenberg, a member of the Orange County Democratic Party, is on a party committee that is trying to get a permanent registration site on campus. The committee is also seeking a change in the county precinct lines in order to form a total campus district.

"We hope to have the permanent site on campus by next year," Herzenberg said. "State law says that all public libraries

are eligible to be registrars, and we consider the Undergrad to be a public library."

The campus falls into three different voting districts. "Because of this division, the campus has no political unity," Herzenberg said. "Having one geographical district would make the on-campus students a political body. It would also give the Young Democrats and the College Republicans a more defined area to work in."

Students may register until Oct. 10 for the November elections. Besides registering at the Union, students may also register at the municipal buildings in Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough.

## Hart's biggest problem is lack of funding, campaign co-chairman says

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Ted Sorensen, national co-chair of Sen. Gary Hart's presidential campaign, said the Colorado senator's biggest problem for 1984 was lacking of funding.

Sorensen, who is travelling around the nation for the "Americans With Hart" campaign, spoke at the Carolina Inn Thursday morning.

Sorensen said Hart did not have the name recognition that other candidates, such as John Glenn and Walter Mondale, had in the minds of the public. He said it would take a lot of money for Hart to be able to make a good

showing in the early primaries and caucuses. Doing well in early contests would help build the name recognition that Hart needs to carry on a viable campaign, he added.

Focusing on specific campaign issues, Sorensen said Hart's No. 1 priority is economic recovery. Hart also wants a greater American commitment to arms control negotiations and to foreign policies that will keep America out of war in Central America and the Middle East, he said.

Sorensen also said Hart wants to restore governmental concern for the rights of women, blacks, the poor and the elderly, who he feels have been unfairly treated by the

Reagan administration.

Sorensen, who was a speechwriter and special aide to John F. Kennedy from 1959 to 1963, said Hart was similar to Kennedy in many respects. He said Hart was a young man who, like Kennedy, is a "man of vision" who "looks to the future" for solutions to problems.

He also said that Hart was committed to running a "grassroots" campaign and that Hart has refused to accept any campaign money from political action committees. He said it was also significant that Hart has received no endorsement from any major social or political organizations.

## CWP member says Reagan and media overplayed airplane incident

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President Reagan and the U.S. media overplayed the Soviet downing of the Korean Air Lines plane Sept. 1, a Communist Workers Party member said last week.

Yonnie Chapman said at a CWP meeting at UNC that emphasis should be placed on events leading up to the issue. Reagan and the press have made communism the issue instead of the fact that 269 lives were lost in the incident, he said.

Also at the meeting were members of the organization Collegiate Association for

the Research of Principles who said opinions presented at the meeting were not true. One member of the organization said Chapman's claims about Reagan were a "bunch of crap." He also said communism was based on lies. He didn't believe that Reagan would deceive the people as Chapman claimed.

Chapman said the U.S. response to the Soviets was not a shooting war, but an ideological war. Chapman also quoted an alleged comment by Sen. Jesse Helms from a newspaper saying it was the "best chance to paint the bastards into a corner."

He criticized Reagan for using this as an opportunity to justify deployment of U.S. Pershing II missiles in Europe, to consolidate NATO and to get his present military budget through Congress.

The speech reported the Reagan-media

position as a "Red-Bathing" campaign. It labeled those who opposed the so-called invasion of Central America as communists, saying communists are for murder and the shooting down of innocent men, women and babies.

## Oldest N.C. poem discovered

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A poem accidentally discovered by UNC law student Thomas E. Terrell Jr. has turned out to be quite a literary find.

The 302 lines of verse, penned in 1698 by Quaker religious leader Henry White, constitute the oldest known poem written in either of the Carolinas.

Terrell said the 285-year-old poem, which appears in the Spring 1983 issue of the journal *Early American Literature*, was a "modest attempt to use a common English verse form to convey a religious message."

The poem has its greatest significance as a "cultural artifact," since little literature of any kind remains from the period to give us an idea of the lifestyles of early North Carolinians, Terrell said. Although the religious narrative is "not very good poetry," he said, "it is evidence of intellectual and literary life that did exist at a time when we thought such things were nonexistent."

Terrell, a High Point native, discovered the poem in 1979 while studying early religious thought in the South as a University of Chicago graduate student. He also learned

much of what is known about White from the Quaker collection at Guilford College, in which he found White's poem. Court records, land grants, wills and genealogical records in the collection provided clues about the author.

Terrell said he thought that White — an "unheard of colonial figure" — had a greater interest in religion than in literature. Since the number of feet and the meter in the poem follow no set pattern, the poem's primary purpose probably was to teach Quaker doctrine to citizens of White's community in what is now Perquimans County.

White's description of man's fall and of his salvation through Christ is the only surviving 17th-century Southern poem from outside Virginia, Terrell said.

Most early Southern poetry differed from White's work by being aimed at an audience in Europe and usually describing exploration of the New World and life there, thus making White's poem unique.

The three-year wait to get the poem published is standard practice for academic journals, Terrell said. *Early American Literature* journal recently moved from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst to the UNC English department.

## Cult techniques discussed in forum following Union-sponsored film

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Followers of the Rev. Sun-Myung Moon said in a discussion Saturday night that their religion teaches values no different from those held by other Christians.

But the parent of a former follower, who asked to be unidentified, said that Moon is a fraud who robs people of their minds.

Members and parents of members of the Unification Church discussed the techniques cults use to attract people, in a Carolina Union-sponsored forum after the Union movie *Ticket to Heaven*, a film describing one man's initiation into a cult.

Alison Lunt, a member of the Chapel Hill branch of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles, said that the Moon-founded Unification Church is disliked because it represents a challenge to traditional Western materialistic values. CARP is affiliated with the church.

"People join the church because they are looking for answers," she said. "They're looking for alternative lifestyles, ones which do not lead to problems like alcoholism."

Lunt said that the movie was too critical of the Unification Church and that it did not accurately depict such cults.

"Moonies are not brainwashed. They are taught to go on a spiritual quest and

to search for answers," she said.

But a parent whose son had been a member of the Unification Church said the church teaches that "a questioning mind is Satan's mind."

Lunt said that members of the Unification Church obey the Christian precepts of poverty, chastity and obedience. She also said she believes that Moon was told by Jesus Christ to save the world. Moon is more likely than anyone else to be a messiah, she added.

Members of the audience asked how Moon could be a messiah when he had so much personal wealth.

Lunt said the wealth is not Moon's but the property of the Unification Church and used to spread the power of the church and to combat communism. She said he lived his life in extreme poverty.

CARP is one of the ways the church tries to change society, she said. Most members of CARP do not belong to the church, Lunt added.

Moon was criticized by one of the parents for stealing peoples' minds in order to make money. Students in their first or last year of college were listed as being particularly susceptible to the techniques of the Unification Church, because they are in a period of great transition, the parent said.

"They are searching for truth, and Moonies act like they have all the answers. But they know they don't. They're just being deceitful," the parent said.



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