

North Carolina joins census lawsuit

By SANDY WALL
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In an attempt to preserve its chances for a 12th congressional seat, North Carolina has joined Kansas and Pennsylvania in a lawsuit filed against the U.S. Census Bureau over its plan to include illegal aliens in the 1990 census.

Every 10 years, the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are reapportioned to reflect changes in state populations based on the Census Bureau's figures.

The case will be heard in U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh.

"It is the opinion of the attorney general that we have a very good chance (of winning)," said John Simmons, spokesman for N.C. Attorney General Lacy Thornburg. "The case moves forward this Thursday," he said.

The original briefs for the case,

filed by Pennsylvania lawyers, were challenged by the U.S. Justice Department because Pennsylvania did not have a large stake in the final outcome of the case, Simmons said Tuesday in a telephone interview.

North Carolina, which he said has the most to lose under the Census Bureau plan, has joined the suit since then.

"North Carolina's standing is clear," Simmons said. "Our presence in the suit at this time is more important than our activity."

The case hinges on interpretation of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, said I.B. Hudson, senior deputy to Thornburg. The dilemma is that when the amendment was written, there was no such thing as an illegal alien, he said.

Officials at the Census Bureau's offices in Charlotte and Philadelphia could not be reached for comment,

but Gary Wilkinson, a spokesman for the bureau's central office in Suitland, Md., said he could not answer questions concerning the lawsuit.

"We don't ever answer questions when we're in litigation. The Justice Department is handling that for us," he said.

"Aliens have always been counted," said a Justice Department lawyer close to the case, who spoke under conditions of anonymity. The government's argument is based on precedent, she said, adding that all aliens with "usual residence" in the U.S. have been counted since the 1790 census.

State officials hope the suit will be settled before the April 1, 1990 census.

The suit has also attracted the attention of N.C. congressmen. House members Steve Neal, D-5th, Tim Valentine, D-2nd, and Cass

Ballenger, R-10th, have joined the suit as co-plaintiffs, along with lawmakers from other states, Hudson said.

"He joined the suit about a year ago," said Bill Connelly, a spokesman for Neal. Neal contacted Thornburg last week urging him to join the lawsuit, Connelly said.

Neal is concerned that states with large illegal alien populations, like California, Florida and Texas, will receive greater representation and ruin North Carolina's chances for a 12th congressional seat, Connelly said.

"We tried to get legislation through on it (last year)," Connelly said, but the bill never made it out of the House Subcommittee on Census and Population. That subcommittee was chaired by Rep. Mervyn Dymally of California.

Fraternity pageant's proceeds to benefit black scholarship fund

By LESLIE WILSON
Staff Writer

Omega Psi Phi fraternity will hold a Miss Omega Psi Phi pageant Thursday night to benefit the United Negro College Fund.

The pageant will be at 7 p.m. in the Student Union's Great Hall and will consist of both the contest and various entertainers.

The pageant has been an annual event for Omega Psi Phi for about six years and is expected to raise between \$300 and \$400, said Julio Penasoto, a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity who is helping organize the event.

The money is being raised through a VCR raffle.

"Five girls are entered in the contest," Penasoto said. "They will be judged in four categories."

The categories are on-stage introduction, talent, evening gown and an on-stage interview in which the contestants answer one question.

"Letters about the pageant were sent out to several campus minority groups," said Penasoto. "But it was basically open to everyone."

The winner will be presented with \$200, and the first and second runner-ups will receive flowers and trophies, Penasoto said.

Two Black Student Movement subgroups, the Ebony Readers and the Opeyo dancers, will perform at the pageant along with Calvin Brown, a comedian who is an Omega Psi Phi alumnus, and several other student groups.

The pageant is one of several events Omega Psi Phi is sponsoring this week. They will also hold a party in Great Hall on Friday and a semi-formal dance on Saturday.

Tickets for the pageant can be purchased from any Omega Psi Phi member or at the door for \$1. Raffle tickets for the VCR will also be sold this week in the Pit.

Forum to provide internship information

By SIMONE PAM
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The Association of Business Students (ABS) is sponsoring its first Internship Forum on Thursday to inform students about internship opportunities available through the University.

The forum, to be held at 4 p.m. in 02 Carroll, is open to all students but is primarily geared toward sophomores and juniors seeking summer positions, said Robin Joseph, internship coordinator of University Career Planning and Placement Services (UCPPS).

Pam Ayers, a junior from Boone, originated the idea and helped Kaye Lewis, chairwoman of the ABS Career Planning Committee, coordinate the program.

Two major companies are sending representatives to the forum. Steve Taylor, vice president of management development, will represent Rollins

Burdick Hunter, a sales company in Chicago. Mark Brunson, a regional sales manager, will represent the Ralston-Purina Corporation, Lewis said.

Two representatives from UCCPS will also be at the forum to provide students with information, help them write resumes and help them fill out applications.

In addition to those representatives, UNC students who have had previous internships will be available after the forum for an informal discussion with other students.

Competition for internships is high in several fields, Joseph said. Some of these include business, politics, government and communications.

UCPPS sponsors internship sessions twice a week in Hanes Hall for students interested in applying for an internship.

"Don't drag your feet," Joseph

said. "Deadlines are approaching, so students must move quickly. Getting an early start is essential; organization is also very important."

Interns' duties vary greatly between fields, Joseph said. "Some internships are specific, while some are broad," she said.

About half the businesses pay their interns, Joseph said. Generally, business interns are paid, but many human service positions, in fields like education and communications, are not paid, she said.

Internships provide opportunities for all types of students, Joseph said. "If money is your first priority, you need a money-making internship," she said. "Some just do it for the experience."

"You don't have to be business-oriented to attend the forum," Lewis said. "I encourage everybody to get involved and learn about the opportunities available to you."

ABS is open to all business school students. "It serves as the government of the business school to provide services for the business school students," Lewis said.

Highway beautification plan may give interstate a facelift

By TRACY LAWSON
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The success of the Interstate 40 beautification project for the 1987 U.S. Olympic Festival has led to an effort to begin a similar project on the new stretches of the highway in Orange and Johnston counties.

In 1987, the flowers and trees planted along I-40 to commemorate the Olympic Festival were given a national award from the "Take Pride in America" campaign. Because of the success of these plant beds, they were made a permanent feature.

Now the Triangle J Council of Governments' Regional Appearance Committee wants to extend the project to the recently completed parts of the interstate.

Cassandra Sloop, vice chairwoman of the regional appearance committee, said, "The committee has recently been charged with the task of raising funds to landscape the new interchanges (along I-40)."

The committee has recommended that the Chapel Hill Town Council donate \$25,000 to the beautification project, Sloop said. An additional \$50,000 is needed to make the project a success.

The \$75,000 will be used for plant materials, mulch, fertilizer and replantings, Sloop said. The N.C.

Department of Transportation (DOT) will provide the labor.

"Approximately \$2,000 extra will need to be raised annually for additional maintenance," Sloop said.

Pete Richardson, Chapel Hill town clerk, said the town council has not decided yet whether to fund the project.

"Currently the town manager is looking over the proposal made by the committee and will make a recommendation to the mayor and town council members," Richardson said.

Frank Bowen, assistant state landscaping engineer, said any funds raised by the beautification committee will be matched by the DOT, up to \$200,000 per year.

"There is a \$200,000 matching funds allocation of highway funds that has been set aside for highway improvements," Bowen said. "Each year a maximum of \$200,000 can be donated by private donors that will

be matched by DOT."

Sloop said the DOT has funds in its budget for only a minimal amount of landscaping. "This landscaping includes reseeding and reforesting if there has been any grading out or paving damage," she said. "Any additional landscaping has to be financed by private donations."

During the 1987 Olympic Festival beautification campaign, the interchanges that were replanted had major hotels or businesses on them, she said.

"This is not the case in Orange County," Sloop said. "Instead of companies having a direct interest in the interchanges, other private businesses, individuals and the Chapel Hill government are going to have to raise the money."

Any club, sorority, fraternity or school organization interested in donating money to the beautification project can contact Cassandra Sloop at 942-7049.

Democratic Party chairman to head 'back to the center'

By JOHN BAKHT
Staff Writer

Newly elected N.C. Democratic Party Chairman E. Lawrence Davis will try to nudge his party closer to the political right in an effort to win back conservative voters lost to the Republican Party in recent elections, he said in a telephone interview Jan. 18.

"We have experimented with the fringe," Davis, 51, said of the national Democratic Party. "We need to get back to the center."

The Raleigh lawyer faced no opposition and was elected unanimously to the position Jan. 14.

By calling for a renewed commitment to limited government and a greater sensitivity to the mainstream, Davis has set what he intends to be the tone for N.C. Democrats. "We can't blame the Republicans for picking up Thomas Jefferson's principle of limited government."

"(Davis) has great ideas about (recapturing) what used to be described as the yuppie market," said Samuel Poole, state director for Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C. Sanford has been one of Davis' strongest supporters.

The new chairman assumes leadership at a time when the state Democratic Party has just suffered one of its worst electoral campaigns, losing the races for governor, lieutenant governor and an unprecedented number of legislative seats. Davis noted that 71 percent of the

college graduates in the South voted for George Bush.

"College graduates represent our brightest and best educated people, who ought to know how to vote," Davis said, faulting the national Democratic Party's candidate selection process.

The Duke law school graduate indicated that, on the state level, the party would play a strong role in recruiting candidates with more of a mainstream appeal.

"I think there were some mistakes made in (November's) state and local races," he said. One was candidates' attempts to "deal with special minority constituencies rather than members of the broader population as a whole," he said.

"We are better off not having policies aimed at blacks and women," Davis said.

Davis served as a state senator from 1974 to 1978 and lost a 1978 bid for the U.S. Senate.

Davis said he wants to stop gerrymandering, a process by which the state is carved up into smaller voting districts, often so a candidate or party can gain an advantage. "That creates a lot of divisiveness in the General Assembly," he said.

What is needed is an appreciation for different types of constituencies, he said. Without gerrymandering, a person is elected from a broader constituency which gives him "a basis for understanding the needs of all the people of our state," Davis said.

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