

CITY and STATE

Members of hazardous-waste panel confront mass hostility

From Associated Press reports
RALEIGH — The nine members of the Hazardous Waste Management Commission have been called Nazis, scum of the earth and worse for their efforts to locate a waste incinerator in North Carolina.

The commission members, all private citizens appointed to the panel, will decide where to locate the waste incinerator. The possible sites have been narrowed to one straddling the Rowan-Iredell county line, two in Granville County and one in Johnston County.

As they deliberate, commission members who thought they were serving on just another state government board have found themselves thrust into an uncomfortable position: They are the target of abuse by people who see the incinerator as a deadly health risk.

The board members have been threatened on the phone, in person and

through the mail. The abuse has increased since May 1, when the commission announced two of the site finalists.

Since then, a minister has told panel members that they should be excommunicated from their churches because they were working against God's will.

Police told the commission's top staffer, executive director Darrell Hinnant, that his house was to be the target of an arson attempt.

Commissioner Trenton Davis remembers Sept. 20 when he and other members of the panel were trying to make it safely out of the Granville County Courthouse in Oxford and to their vehicles after an emotional public hearing.

The courthouse parking lot was filled with Granville residents who opposed the possible selection of a site there for the state's hazardous-waste incinerator.

"What came to my mind was an old western movie where the cowboys have been captured and have to run a gauntlet of Indians," said Davis, a professor of environmental health at East Carolina University in Greenville.

"I walked out of the Granville courthouse and realized we were going to be escorted out by state troopers, one at each side, one behind and one in front, and I knew what running the gauntlet was like. People were shouting and shaking their fists at me," he said.

"We've been questioned about our integrity and politics, we've had people comment on our ancestry," he said. "I've attempted to answer all the letters I get, but I'm not sure how you respond to a letter where the first statement says, 'You are disgusting,' and then it goes downhill from there."

Orange County, Carrboro claim census missed many residents

By NANCY JOHNSON
 Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners and one town in the county have filed challenges to the preliminary estimates of the 1990 census.

An accurate population count is essential to getting the appropriate amount of federal and state funding, according to Orange County Commissioner John Hartwell.

"The board saw a problem, and we asked our staff to be specific and accurate in making suggestions for corrections," Hartwell said.

The challenge filed by Orange County estimates that the count missed approximately 530 residents, but the figures only deal with areas that are outside of town boundaries, Hartwell said. The towns must make their own corrections within town limits.

Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird said Carrboro had also filed a challenge, citing missed students as the biggest problem.

"We have a large student population who aren't sure where they should be counted," Kinnaird said.

It is estimated that almost 1000 residents in Carrboro were missed, said Roy Williford, Carrboro's planning and economic development director. Carrboro's estimates are based on a land-use map that shows every house in town, Williford said.

Although Chapel Hill is unsure of preliminary census results, Mayor Jonathan Howes said the town was not filing an official challenge because most of the figures appeared accurate.

"We're not formally challenging," Howes said. "We are just asking the Census Bureau to review their figures. We think some students may have been

missed."

Carmichael Residence Hall and Granville Towers are the places that were most likely miscounted, but only about 500 students were missed, Howes said.

In order to file a challenge, towns must fill out the appropriate forms and provide proof, such as tax records or maps, showing the housing units exist, said Ray Bancroft of the U.S. Census Bureau in Washington, D.C.

If the proof is sufficient, the Census Bureau will rereck its count and make corrections, Bancroft said. However, no housing units built or incorporated into town limits after April 1, 1990, may be counted.

"The census is like a photograph or picture of a country at one point in time," Bancroft said.

The final census is to be completed by Dec. 31.

Chapel Hill Transit official discounts drivers' fears of speaking out

By PETER F. WALLSTEN
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A Chapel Hill Transit official said Monday bus drivers should feel free to voice their complaints to the management instead of fearing retribution.

"If people have problems, the management wants to hear about them," said Scott McClellan, administrative assistant to the bus service. "We hate to hear about things from the newspaper. There's very much of an open-door policy across the board."

Some drivers complained Sunday that tight bus schedules caused them to speed in order to meet time points. Chapel Hill Transit, however, gives the drivers

opportunities to help create the schedules, McClellan said.

"Each year before the schedules are written, we send out a memo asking (the drivers) for input," he said. "We want specifics. In the three years I've written this memo, there have been maybe half a dozen responses."

McClellan added that he had never been aware of drivers exceeding speed limits to compensate for the schedule.

"I don't know of any instructions where drivers have been forced to speed," he said. "I would like for somebody to give me some examples."

On Sunday, drivers said their speed-

ing had caused them to lose points on their merit evaluations.

Bus driver Victoria Howard said drivers were scared to speak out when they had complaints. Other drivers complained the management "black-balls" drivers who discuss the problems publicly.

Howard said she expected to be fired after officials saw a letter with her complaints published Sunday in the Chapel Hill Herald.

But drivers can file complaints through the grievance system, McClellan said.

"If someone files a grievance, it's

filed internally in the office," he said. "If they don't like the conclusions there, it can go to the manager's office. If they still don't like the conclusions, then it goes to a grievance board made up of citizens of Chapel Hill."

But drivers Sunday called the grievance system an unsuitable way to discuss their opinions about Chapel Hill

Transit's policies.

"You've got people scared to stick together," said Moses Norman, who has worked at the bus service for five years. "People are scared because it would affect their evaluation."

McClellan said the complaints did not represent the opinions of the more than 70 Chapel Hill Transit drivers.

Some bus drivers, however, said Monday that the complaints were right on target.

"There are about 10 people (at the garage) reading the Tar Heel this morning, and they're all saying the same thing," Norman said. "Since I've been here, I've seen the system go from good to bad."

Campus Calendar

TUESDAY
 10 a.m.: UNITAS invites you to come by our table in the Pit until 2 p.m. and find out what we're really about...challenging racial and cultural barriers in our society. UNITAS applications for the 1991-92 academic year go out the week of Oct. 8. Come fight apathy on campus!

12:30 p.m.: The Institute for Research in Social Science is offering a N.C. Information System short course, a county-level data base of economic, demographic, cultural and political information, in 2 Manning until 1:30 p.m.

2 p.m.: The Astronomy Club will meet in 277 Phillips. Gerald Cecil will be our speaker. Non-members are always welcome. For info call 929-1753.

3 p.m.: Career Planning and Placement Services will hold Internships 101: Introductory sessions on the basics of internships and experiential learning in 209 Hanes.

4 p.m.: UNC-Soviet Exchange will have a meeting for the incoming committee in 224 Union.

5 p.m.: The Association of Minorities in Media will have an informal panel discussion about internships in 204 Howell. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

The Student Committee for Peace in the Middle East will meet to discuss upcoming educational forum on the Middle East and other group sponsored events in 212 Union.

5:30 p.m.: The Society of Professional Journalists invites you to join us for a Dutch-treat social at Swensen's in University Square. Old and new members are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in joining is welcome.

6:30 p.m.: The Order of the Bell Tower will meet in 211 Union so make plans to be there. Bring your ideas and your volunteer spirit!

The Spanish, French and German Houses in Carmichael Residence Hall invite you to our potluck International Dinner. Great food, great people, great fun! Second floor lounge, the first Tuesday of every month. Questions? Call Claire, 933-0924.

7 p.m.: The Tar Heel Recycling Program will meet in 205 Union. This is an important meeting finalizing Recycling Week. All members and anyone interested please attend. We need your help!

7:30 p.m.: The Student Government Tutoring Program offers free tutoring in Econ 10, Math 22, 30, 31, Stat 11 & 23, French 1-4 and Spanish 1-4. Come to third floor of Greenlaw, every Tuesday until 9:30 p.m.

11 p.m.: WXYC FM 89.3 will play the new CD from Brownie McGhee and Sonny Terry, *Brownie McGhee & Sonny Terry Sing*, in its entirety with no interruptions.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
 Carolina Athletic Association announces that applications for Homecoming Queen are available at the Union desk and CAA Office. They are due Wednesday, Oct. 3 at noon.

The University Counseling Center announces that an Interracial Relationships Support Group will be offered beginning this month. Group will offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment to explore unique issues encountered in interracial relationships (e.g. societal disapproval, cultural differences and similarities, conflicting feelings, etc.). For more information, call 962-2175.

PlayMakers Repertory Company will present the Southeastern premiere of "Nothing Sacred," by Canadian playwright George F. Walker, Oct. 24-Nov. 11 at the Paul Green Theatre. For more information, call 962-PLAY.

The Carolina Union Gallery Committee present Europe 1989-90: A Collage, the color photographs of UNC senior Stephen Culp, who spent last year in Eastern and Western Europe and Morocco.

SENIOR CLASS 1991
 Bring back some TOWELS from Fall Break! The Senior Class Service Committee is sponsoring a towel drive for the IFC Homeless Shelter. The shelter needs clean, whole towels of all sizes for its residents. Collection boxes will be placed in dorm lobbies, the BCC and the Senior Class Office Oct. 8-12. Call Christy (933-6795) or Chris (933-4301) for more info.

SIGN-UPS BEGIN TODAY!

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