# County may lose permission to conduct anonymous AIDS tests

#### **By CHERYL A. HERNDON** Staff Write

The Orange County Health Department could lose its ability to test people anonymously for the HIV virus if it is not one of the 16 sites chosen in the state to retain its policy of anonymous testing.

The N.C. Health Services Commission approved a proposal Tuesday that would reduce the number of locations where people could get tested for the virus without giving their names.

The commission voted 6-5 to cut the testing sites with guaranteed anonymity from 100 to a minimum of 16 statewide, effective Sept. 1. Now all 100 of the state's health departments provide the service upon request.

The commission's decision marked an end to the process that began last December, when the state Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources proposed changes in the

current AIDS testing policy. Under the adopted proposal, State

Health Director Ron Levine will monitor the success of confidential - not anonymous --- testing every six months. In 1993 Levine will make a recommendation for the fate of the 16 or more remaining anonymous testing sites. Based on his recommendations, anonymous testing in North Carolina could be eliminated by 1994.

Levine said he supported the proposal, and he felt anonymous testing for AIDS had become less necessary.

"I think anonymous AIDS testing has been important adjunct to our program since the epidemic began in detecting infections in individuals ... but I feel the situation has changed greatly," he said.

Anonymous testing is not necessary to protect individuals who may be infected for two reasons, Levine said. "First of all, the state has passed antidiscrimination legislation that makes it unlawful to discriminate against individuals with AIDS," Levine said.

"In 1994, the act becomes fully implemented. Secondly, the Public Health Department has demonstrated that they will not permit this information to get out to individuals that have no right to it. There are very few but logical exceptions."

In the next four years more people would favor elimination of anonymous testing, Levine said.

"With our compassionate care, we are overcoming their inappropriate feelings of the health department," he said. "We are there to help these people. We plan to institute a special treatment service that would periodically reexamine people in order to detect failing immunity to the virus early.

"The service would be able to provide medicine to start helping them, but we've got to be able to reach these people. We want to do everything in our power to demonstrate that we are their friend." A request had been submitted to the

General Assembly asking for funds to support the program, Levine said. Anonymous testing has many problems, including the possibility that test takers would not return to get the results of their tests, Levine said,

"Many people who are anonymously tested for the AIDS virus never come back for the results," he said.

Brinkley Sugg, HIV counselor for the Orange County Health Department, said anonymous testing was essential. "I think the whole issue of AIDS

scares people," Sugg said. "Anonymous testing makes them feel more confident coming into the health department."

If people had participated in illegal acts in North Carolina, such as homosexual behavior or drug use, they would be less likely to take tests if they had to give their names, Sugg said.

"They would possibly have to deal with the ramifications of doing illegal acts," Sugg said.

The primary reason for supporting anonymous testing was to encourage people to be tested and to protect them in the process, Sugg said.

Jerry Salak, an AIDS educator for the Durham-based AIDS Service Project (TASP), said that he was very disappointed with the decision made Tuesday, and that he felt it was not in the best interest of public health.

Orange County would probably be affected by the decision and would not be one of the sites allowed to retain anonymous testing, Salak said.

"Orange County does not have that many people compared to other counties," he said. "Eighty percent of the AIDS testing done in North Carolina is done in 12 sites."

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testing because of the large populations and large amounts of testing done in the areas, Salak said.

Salak said he had doubts with respect to the proposed special treatment service Levine described.

"The State Department is not in the business of providing services," Salak said. "They are in the business of disease control."

Under the current state budget crunch, there would be no money coming in the future to fund the program, Salak said. Anonymous testing did not prevent

people from getting help, Salak said.

The state had only followed up on 50 percent of the people who had given their names confidentially and who had been tested for AIDS, Salak said.

The proposal would have serious retributions, Salak said.

"Fewer people will come in and be Durham and Wake counties were treated, and more people will get AIDS

## ldermen back tax on sales by mail

### By KRIS DONAHUE Staff Writer

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution to support federal legislation requiring that mail-order firms collect sales taxes on interstate mail-order sales.

The resolution, requested by Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird, passed by a 5-2 vote Tuesday night.

Kinnaird said she was concerned by the cost of disposing of the large number of mail-order catalogs that Carrboro residents received each year.

"At the end of a year, I have 54 pounds of catalogs," Kinnaird said. "You have to raise property taxes to put it into a landfill or to recycle it - even recycling costs money."

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Mail-order sales also affect local merchants, who are discriminated against by having to collect a sales tax that mail-order companies do not, Kinnaird said.

If Congress passes the sales tax legislation, the money generated would be collected statewide and allocated back to the municipalities, Kinnaird said.

The board requested in its resolution that the money be earmarked for the municipalities in each state.

Alderman Randy Marshall, who voted against the resolution, said he was concerned about whether the sales tax would actually serve its intended purpose.

"The catalog companies are going to

continue to print their catalogs, and I'm BLUES 'N' SOUL BLUES 'N' SOUL BLUES 'N' SOUL

not sure whether or not the 5 percent tax would come back to us." Marshall said.

People who frequently order from mail-order companies might be more adversely affected by the sales tax than by an increase in their property taxes, Marshall said.

"I just don't have a reading as to how this would affect the average citizen," he said.

Alderman Hilliard Caldwell, who also voted against the resolution, said he was concerned about the effect the sales tax would have on mail-order companies.

"I would want to have some discussions with at least one mail-order house that is local," Caldwell said. "I have not seen where other municipalities are jumping on this bandwagon."

The resolution will be sent to Rep. David Price, D-N.C.; Senators Jesse Helms and Terry Sanford; the Chapel Hill/Carrboro Chamber of Commerce; and the Carrboro Business Association.

The board requests in the resolution that the N.C. congressional delegation support the enactment of the sales tax FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. The North Carolina Health Careers Access Program is holding a medical issues science seminar today in 107 Berryhill Hall for ethnic, minority and/or disadvantaged students who wish to pursue a career in the health profession. The seminar will last

until 1:30 p.m. NOON: The Lesbian Lunch will be today and every Friday in the Union (see schedule for room.) **UCPPS** will hold a Careering Ahead Workshop

for freshmen through juniors in Hanes 209. 1 p.m. "Introduction to Structural Equations III" by Gary Gaddy and Walt Davis, IRSS will be today in Manning 02 until 3 p.m. This is the last of a series of three.

5:30 Spanish Conversation Free!! Vuelve la tertulia!! La Sociedad Hispanica Carolinesa invites everyone who wants to practice Spanish to La Tertulia at He's Not Here, Franklin Street. Venga y hable espanol con nosoti

7 p.m. "Gothic" is the free movie tonight in the Unior

7:30 William H. Williman, Duke professor of Christian ministry, will be speaking in Toy Lounge, 4th floor Dey Hall, on the topic, "In the World: Holy and Separate? Involved and Redeeming?" Refreshments will be served at 6:45. FOCUS, the graduate chapter of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, is sponsoring the talk.

The Carolina Song & Dance Association presents a contra-dance tonight in Durham. Please bring a pair of soft-soled shoes to change into and a \$5 donation Call 967-2761 or 967-9948 for directions or more ormation. Beginner instruction available.

8 p.m. The Black Cultural Center presents Soul Express in concert, "Jazz It Up In Style" tonight in norial Hall. Admission is \$3.

Malikah Shabazz, daughter of Malcolm X, will be in Hanes Auditorium tonight.

9 p.m. The Transactors, Inc., professional improv

The DTH Campus Calendar is a daily listing of University-related activities sponsored by academic departments, student services and student organizations officially recognized by the Division of Student Affairs. To appear in Campus Calendar, announcements must be submitted on the Campus Calendar form by NOON one business day before the announcement is to run. Saturday and Sunday events are printed in Friday's calendar and must be submitted on the Wednesday before the announcement is to run. Forms and a drop box are located outside the DTH office, 104 Union. Items of Interest lists ongoing events from the same campus organizations and follows the same deadline schedule as Campus Calendar. Please use the same form.

9-10 p.m. Candlelight Vigil from Murphey Hall to cCorkle Place in mourning of a month of war.

#### SUNDAY

The Horace Williams House is a "community cultural center" at 610 Rosemary Street. It is open from 1-5 p.m. on Sundays and is free of charge. On exhibit until Feb. 20 is Sculpture by Cary and Rand Esser. Call 942-7818 for more information.

Reggae with Rolly Gray and Sunfire tonight and ry Sunday about 9:30,\$1 cover. Colonel Chutney's, 300 W. Rosemary Street.

### **ATTENTION SENIORS!!!!!**

Anyone interested in helping the Senior Class with the phonathon for the Class Gift please call SENIORS U 00 the senior office at 962-

Feb. 18 at 4:30 p.m.

The Horace Williams House would like to invite you for a visit. This community cultural center is known to have superb art exhibits and concerts. It is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m, always free of charge! It is located at 610 Rosemary Street, 942-7818.

The Office of Leadership Development is looking for students with significant leadership experience and an interest in working with student organizations to serve as peer leadership consultants. Applications are available at the office in Steele 01 or at the Union desk. They are due Feb. 22.

Malcolm X: The Legacy Continues: The Current Issues Committee of Carolina Union Activities Board will be sponsoring a one-day conference tomorrow, Feb. 16, in the Union, commemorating the life of Malcolm X from 10-4 p.m. This project is in conjunction with the Network for Minority Issues,

