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Federal Government Might Block Landfill

BY WENDY GOODMAN
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Since April 1991, Orange County officials have been considering the Blackwood Division of Duke Forest, OC-17, for a new landfill site, much to the chagrin of Duke University. Tuesday, Duke essentially ended Orange County's quest for the property by granting an easement to the U.S. government of 93 acres of land within the site.

The U.S. Department of Energy assumed the easement, filed Monday. An easement will prevent any entity except researchers from the Department of Energy or researchers from Duke to use the land. It is renewable by the federal government after a 10-year period of time.

Attorneys for Duke drafted and sent a letter to Orange County and municipal officials Tuesday detailing the new arrangement. The letter stated that "based on the principles of federal government supremacy and sovereignty... (Duke Forest) is beyond the ability of Orange County or any government authority..." to take and use as a landfill or even to use for testing.

David Roberson, a spokesman for Duke, said the school offered the easement to the Department of Energy in July. He said officials for Duke believed this would not only prevent Orange County from using the land, but also from taking legal action

to get the land.

"It is our belief that there is no legal way that can interfere with this easement — it will prevent them from doing anything to that land for 10 years," he said.

Orange County Commissioner Don Wilhoit, who is also a member of the Landfill Owners Group, said he did not think this would preclude the group's work on the landfill. Wilhoit also said he was disappointed with Duke's actions.

"If the easement is legally enforceable, meaning we cannot acquire any of the Duke land, then it will obviously cause a change in the conceptual plan," he said.

"I had hoped we would be able to work with Duke in maybe buying some land to work on building our landfill."

Although the site on which Orange County had been looking to construct the new landfill was larger than a 500-acre tract, Duke officials said they believed the easement would prevent the placement of a landfill anywhere on the land.

"The entire subject of the easement lies completely within OC-17," Roberson said.

"It is our belief that the easement prevents Orange County from putting a landfill anywhere within the OC-17 site without touching any of the land subject to the easement."

The land will continue to be used by the to conduct tests and research, Roberson said.

One, Two, Cha-Cha-Cha



Members of ¡Qué Rico!, a group from the the Carolina Hispanic Association, dance at the Multicultural Festival Tuesday in Carmichael. They say they perform at cultural activities to share Hispanic culture. See story, page 4.

Williamson To Undergo More Tests

BY ANGELA MOORE
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A week before he was to stand trial for double murder, Wendell Williamson's attorneys asked the Orange County Superior Court Monday that their client be re-evaluated by psychologists to determine whether he was mentally competent to stand trial.

Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle granted the request and ordered that psychiatrists examine Williamson again at Central Prison and report on his competency. The motion ordered "that Dr. Nicole Wolfe and/or Dr. Bob Rollins interview the defendant at Central Prison to update their opinion regarding his competency to stand trial."

Battle ruled in June that Williamson was competent to stand trial, due largely to testimony from Wolfe, a psychiatrist at



WENDELL WILLIAMSON's trial is slated to begin Monday.

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Candidates Bring Campaigns to UNC Campus

BY JENNIFER ZAHREN
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Candidates for municipal office in Chapel Hill braved questions from students on subjects ranging from bus fares to student representation to bike paths at a forum sponsored by The Daily Tar Heel Tuesday.

A large number of issues were raised by the 50 students and other members of the community, including transportation, Chapel Hill's open container law and student involvement in town politics.

Candidates addressed the issue of maintaining and expanding bus service in the face of increasing cuts to mass transportation by the federal and state governments.

"I wish we had a crystal ball to predict federal and state subsidies in the next few years, but we don't," said four-year council veteran Joe Capowski. "The town government needs to work very hard to keep

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Chapel Hill Mayor & Town Council

Chapel Hill Mayor & Town Council candidates down, to keep the most profitable routes running strong and to weigh the greater good of the public in any decision."

Mayoral candidate Kevin Foy responded in line with his view that the University should take more financial responsibility in the town. "Seventy percent of bus ridership is University students, and the University should therefore take on some of the economic burden by helping to subsidize mass transportation," Foy said.

First-time Town Council candidates were also asked to address the future of the funding and development of bicycle routes in Chapel Hill.

"We need to see a redirection of our funds," Todd Goodson said. "There are many bicyclists in the area, and instead of

putting our tax dollars towards skateboard parks, they should be put into the development of bike routes and an increased education for bikers."

The question of Chapel Hill's open container law, namely the necessity of the law and infraction of the law as a misdemeanor, was directed by a University student to incumbent candidates.

"The open container law evolved out of the effort to have a safer, cleaner and more orderly downtown," said mayoral candidate Rosemary Waldorf.

Incumbent Jim Protzman affirmed his vote for the law, but said the council may have been hasty in affording it misdemeanor status. "The law helps the police force to eradicate egregious consumption of alcoholic beverages, and is a direct attempt to reduce the number of alcohol related fatalities," Protzman said.

"Placing the law as an offense of misdemeanor status was wrong, and the council is trying

to go back and fix that."

Candidates also were asked to address the role of students in the town's government.

"Students already have the opportunity for being more involved in the town's government," Foy said. "Voting is the way to most effectively direct the town's leaders. You have the power."

Waldorf suggested the town and University adopt the strategy prevalent in the 1980s. "A good idea would be to have an official liaison between the students and the town government," Waldorf said. "If we establish the link, then students will find ways to become more involved."

Former council member Mark Chilton expounded upon his status as a law student at N.C. Central University as giving him a special understanding of the University community. "If I am elected, I will do my utmost to stay in touch with the University," Chilton said.

Former Congressman Addresses National Debt

■ A lackluster crowd turns out to see the National Debt Clock in the quad Tuesday.

BY TANIA SILVIA CALDERON
AND JOSH AHN
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Although few students showed up to watch, several speakers, including former U.S. Congressman David Price, urged action against the growing debt while the "National Debt Clock" ticked away behind them in front of Wilson Library Tuesday.

The speakers suggested that the solution lay in the founding of two local chap-

ters of the Concord Coalition, an organization in the process of recruiting members for both campus and Chapel Hill chapters.

"The Concord Coalition can render a tremendous service by keeping the heat on," Price said. He said the coalition was "bringing the case for fiscal sanity," to this area.

Price said that the \$620 billion, five-year budget proposal was a good start. "It is time to do more and move towards total deficit deletion," he said. "We must do better."

He said he hoped the listeners would tell legislators four things: that deficit reduction meant the serious scrutiny of corporate tax breaks, that reducing the deficit

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Worker Hits Student With Bulldozer

BY JOHN T. SWEENEY
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A UNC student sitting in front of Wilson Library was struck by a construction vehicle Monday afternoon, and the driver's blood alcohol content was three times the legal limit for operating a motor vehicle, University Police reports state.

Erin Todd, 19, was sitting on the rock wall north of Wilson Library at about 1:30 p.m. when a construction vehicle turned a corner and struck her in the lower back, according to police reports.

Nancy Kochuk, spokeswoman for UNC Hospitals Public Affairs, said Todd was transported to UNC Hospitals, where she was treated and released.

The driver of the 3,000-pound front end loader, Garret Raynard Smith, 34, of Chapel Hill was driving from Bynum Hall to Kenan Lab Area.

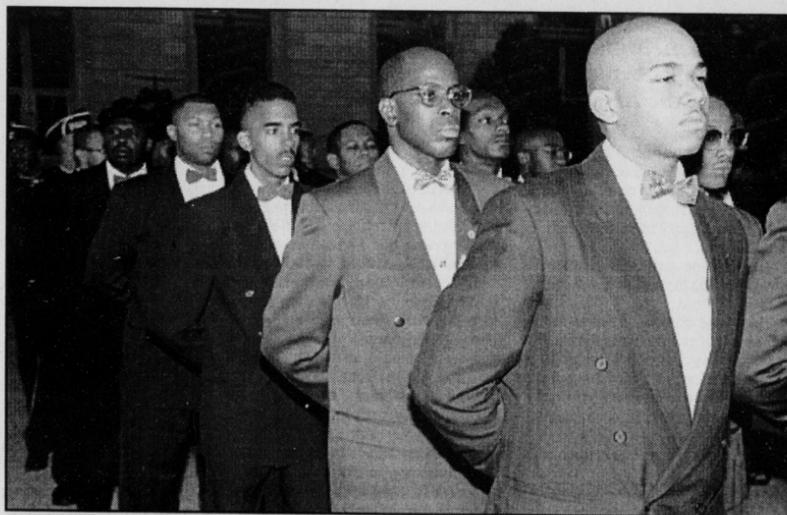
Smith, an employee of Smitty's Brick-laying, said he was trying to avoid striking another pedestrian standing to the left of the vehicle, police reports state. When he turned the vehicle, he accidentally struck Todd instead, reports state.

University Police Officer Herbie Stubbs, the first officer on the scene, said he smelled alcohol on Smith's breath while taking his statement and arrested him for driving while impaired, reports stated.

Officers administered a chemical analysis test, and Smith's blood alcohol content was found to be .24, reports stated. Smith was released on \$400 unsecured bond but could not be reached for comment on Tuesday afternoon, nor could Todd.

Weather

TODAY: Sunny; high near 70.
TUESDAY: Sunny; high in the 70s.



Members of the Nation of Islam line up in preparation for the beginning of the rally in Washington, D.C., Monday. Speeches began at 7 a.m. and lasted until Farrakhan finished around 6:30 p.m.

Participants and supporters of the Million Man March reflect upon its significance and look to the future.

It was a day to remember, a day that will go down in the history books. But what legacy will the Million Man March leave?

That is the question that men and women involved with the Million Man March on Washington, D.C., are now asking. The speeches, the power, the political activism were overwhelming for those who participated, and for those who attended local programs related to

the march.

If there was one word that was heard more than any other on that momentous day, it was the word "brother." Black men and boys came together and tried to reinforce the themes of unity and brotherhood.

"There was also a feeling I had of being completely at home where I was surrounded by people who cared about me and wanted me to succeed," said

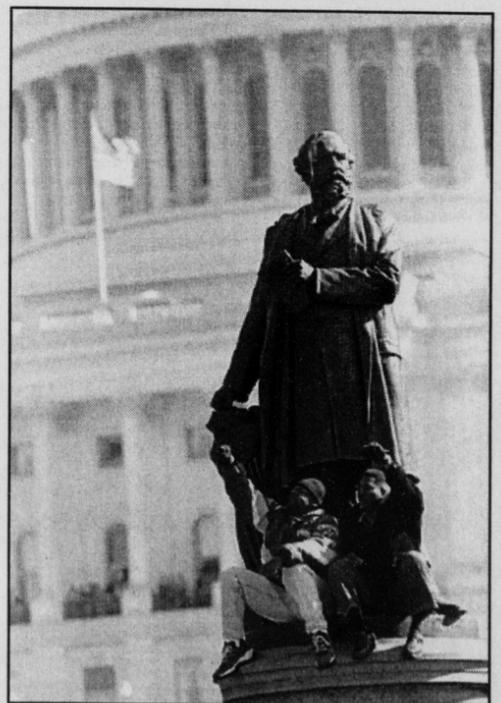
Ellis Carson, president of the campus chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Within the throngs of people who crowded together in to hear the dozens of speakers, men hugged each other, prayed together and spoke with complete strangers as if they had known them all of their lives.

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STORY BY ROBYN TOMLIN HACKLEY
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Where Do We Go From Here?



When the standing space below began to run out, some onlookers climbed anything they could find to see the speakers, including the statue of President Garfield in front of the Capitol.

They say that these are not the best of times, but they're the only times I've ever known.

Billy Joel