

University Housekeepers Take UNC to Court to Get Information

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An administrative law judge will hear a motion filed by lawyers representing UNC housekeepers requesting that the University provide information pertinent to the housekeepers' suit against the University on July 8.

The law firm of McSurely, Dorosin & Osment filed a motion to compel on June 19 requesting information including starting salaries for University staff and the date of their last pay raises. The motion also asked the University to make five witnesses available to give depositions.

The University refused to comply with any of the lawyer's requests. In the University's response, Thomas J. Ziko, special deputy attorney general and Uni-

versity counsel, stated, "Given the issues in controversy, the requested discovery is so overly broad as to be unreasonably annoying, oppressive or unduly burdensome or expensive."

The University has the right to object to requests that it deems excessive. But the law firm will argue against the University's objections at the July 8 hearing.

Ashley Osment, a partner in the law firm McSurely, Dorosin & Osment, said the University's refusal to comply was a way for them to delay the housekeepers' suit. "The University has delayed this hearing for close to four years," Osment said. "That insults the court and our clients."

Osment said she felt the information they were requesting would lead to admissible evidence. "We'll be arguing that the information we're asking for goes to the

heart of the housekeepers' claims," she said.

Osment said the University had the information the firm was requesting, but they refused to provide it.

The housekeepers' suit has been delayed since 1991. As part of their discovery requests, McSurely, Dorosin & Osment have asked for information regarding hiring and firing practices from 1972 onward.

"If we had the hearing (in 1991) we would have been able to comply," Osment said. "That's one of the points we'll be arguing."

Ziko refused to comment on the suit, which charges the University with intentionally discriminating against the housekeepers in pay, training opportunities and supervisory measures because of their race. The court date is set for Sept. 16.

Debate Over New Orange County Landfill Delves Into Siting, Disposal Alternatives

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Elected officials from Orange County, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough and Carrboro joined with concerned residents June 19 at Chapel Hill High School to discuss the future of the next Orange County landfill.

The joint public hearing was held to comply with a state law that requires a public hearing if one of the potential sites for a new landfill is within one mile of the existing landfill. OC-17, the site three of the four boards have already voted to approve, lies adjacent to the current landfill.

Elected officials spoke little during the meeting and left the microphone open to county residents who wished to speak. No one spoke about sites OC-2, OC-9 or OC-11, but OC-17 had many opponents.

Frank Emory, a representative of Duke University, spoke against OC-17.

"OC-17 includes the most poverty-stricken people of all the sites," Emory said. "There are nearly more children under 12 there than all the other sites combined, there are more people over 65 than all the other sites combined."

Emory said OC-17 had twice as many elderly black people, nearly twice as many people lived below the poverty line and a larger percentage of minority residents than the other sites combined.

"Simply put, to put the landfill in OC-17 affects more people adversely than any other finalist site you can now consider," Emory said. "I urge you to find another

place for the garbage."

Although state law requires the completion of a socioeconomic study for the area one mile around the existing landfill, Emory completed his own study.

Cornelius Kirschner, a Millhouse Road resident, said he already felt the brunt of one landfill and wanted to avoid another.

"The well water at my house is contaminated with two manmade compounds that do not appear in nature but are found in landfill regions," he said. "I am concerned that you may choose that the next landfill be next to the existing landfill."

Kirschner said he had discussed the idea of compensation with many different people and believed the best solution had been decided many years ago.

"I truly believe that previous commissioners and other boards came up with a solution — they promised us to have the next landfill go somewhere else," he said.

B.B. Olive, a county resident, stood to debate whether a new landfill was actually needed and to see if alternative methods of trash control were available.

"The question tonight is not where to put the waste," Olive said. "The question is how should we process Orange County's waste. Orange County citizens want you to open your eyes and look at something other than a landfill."

Granville Road resident Fred Brooks said his main concern with the landfill siting process was that the landfill selection effort had been directed towards a particular site from the beginning.

"The economic situation needs to be thought of in terms of determining what to do about trash rather than deciding where to put the landfill," Brooks said. "Technological alternatives have changed so much in the last five years since this whole thing began. The projected size of the landfill has shrunk considerably and we're still looking at the old sites."

One resident rose to speak on behalf of the other sites, which had no defenders. Annie Longstreet said, "Three-fourths of the boards have already approved site OC-17. That's why no representatives of any other sites are present. They feel they aren't a target anymore."

Residents who missed the hearing can continue to submit written statements for the record until July 1 at 5:00 p.m.

For the Record

In the June 20 article, "Summer Bridge Gives Freshmen a Head Start" the name of the program's director should have been Joseph Pillow.

On June 20, the first quote in the article titled "Prospective Women's Center Awaiting Mission Statement" should have been attributed to Corye Barbour.

Also on June 20, the article "Hunter Wins Olympic Track Spot; Nesbitt Reaches Finals" should have named C.J. Hunter as a former assistant track coach.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

Kenan Leaves \$1 Million to UNC in Will

STAFF REPORT

Though he passed away nearly a month ago, Frank Hawkins Kenan has kept his spirit of generosity toward his alma mater alive with a \$1 million gift to UNC in his will.

Matt Kupec, associate vice chancellor for University development, said Tuesday that he had heard about the gift, but the University had not been officially notified.

Kupec pointed out that such a gift would not be surprising, considering the Kenan

family's long history of philanthropy.

"This is just another example of the great vision they have to support this University and, in doing so, to support the people of North Carolina," Kupec said.

In the will, Kenan stipulated that the money be used to establish a fund in the name of his wife, Elizabeth. The University would be allowed to decide how the money was to be used unless Elizabeth Kenan chooses a specific purpose for it within a year.

Kenan, a 1935 UNC graduate, died June 4 at the age of 83. Kenan's association with the University continued for the rest of his life in the form of numerous charitable donations. Kenan also served on the Board of Trustees of the William Rand Kenan Fund, a trust established by Frank Kenan's cousin in 1978.

With Frank Kenan coordinating its efforts, the Kenan family had donated more the \$75 million to UNC in the past 25 years.

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- The North Carolina Museum of Art will sponsor a panel discussion entitled "The NCAE: Observations From Outside and In" on Sunday, June 30 at 3 p.m. This event is free.
- A reading of the "Write Us a Poem III" contest entries will be held at noon in the Dean's Conference Room at the Duke Medical Center on Friday, June 28. Call 681-ARTS for more information.

Hear It

- Pianist Kent Ratajeski will present an evening of classical, jazz and gospel music at Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Durham on Friday, June 28 from 8:30-10 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Call 489-3012 for more information.

See It

- Floyd Kemp will display a new exhibit featuring decorative and functional stoneware beginning July 1 and running through July 31 at the North Carolina Crafts Gallery in Carrboro. Gallery Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.
- "The Story of a Picture," an educational exhibit to explore and study works of art, will be presented at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh through July 21. Call 833-1935 for information.
- Eiko and Koma will perform a one-hour environmental exploration entitled "River" on Sunday, June 30 and Monday, July 1 at 9:30 p.m. at Duke University. Tickets are \$15 and can be obtained by calling 684-4444.

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