# Residents complain about representation

BY NICOLE WHITE

Several residents outside the Carrboro city limits but within the Board of Aldermen's planning jurisdiction said they did not feel represented by the board during a joint meeting of the Aldermen, Chapel Hill Town Council

and Orange County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday.

"I think this is why we threw tea into Boston Harbor; it's why we have Whiskey Rebellions," said David Lang, a county resident.

Because people have presumed to tell people like us what to do when they are not our elected officials."

The joint board held the meeting to

RALEIGH - The state filed a

"Beer is proof that God

A Renaissance

in the South

consider several items, among them the adoption of small area plans from both towns and an amendment that would

towns and an amendment that would allow a temporary development mora-torium in the joint-planning area. Officials stressed that it was not a motion to implement a moratorium but simply one that would explicitly allow a moratorium if necessary.

A moratorium is a temporary halt in development in a designated area for a specified amount of time. The purpose of the halt is to study items, such as dentity designated area for a study items, such as dentity designated as a such as dentity designated as a such as sity designations, planning classifica-tions or other matters, town documents

Some residents said they would support moratoria in the area to allow officials the time they needed to create ordi-

State seeks more time for redistricting schedule

request Wednesday seeking more time to develop a congressional redistricting

nances and make wiser decisions.

"It's one of the few motions tonight that seems to make sense," said county

resident Steven Deer.

Other residents said, however, that they resented the hold moratoria placed on their land. In a moratorium, land

cannot be rezoned or developed.

This makes property difficult to sell, said county resident Neil Alderman.

"These folks are elderly, and their retirement plans are in their land there,"

"If it's stuck in a moratorium, what

can they do?" County resident Curtis Morgan said he did not think the Aldermen would like it if he were in control of their retire-

schedule and waited to see if the U.S.

primaries to proceed.
Senate Democrats, meanwhile, tried

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to turn attention back to the reason to the special legislative session — devel-oping a plan to extend health care to the children of the working poor. Attorney General Mike Easley asked

the panel of three federal judges that declared the 12th Congressional District unconstitutional last week to give law-

makers five days after they issue their

full opinion to present a redistricting schedule. The judges had wanted it by

a plan without benefit of the court's rea-soning forces lawmakers to play pin the tail on the donkey," Easley said. "At this point, we do not even know if the 12th District needs to be completely redrawn

There was not response from the three-judge panel late Wednesday. Nor had the U.S. Supreme Court acted on the state's request for an emergency order to allow the May 5 primaries to

"I need my retirement fund," Morgan said. "But I can't sell land for what I want to."

Many of the residents who spoke during the public hearing appealed to the Orange County Commissioners, officials for which residents in the jointplanning area can vote, to represent them in these matters.

"I think it's our conviction that we will not be seriously heard by the people in Carrboro," Lang said.

After hearing residents' comments on the issue, officials voted to refer the mat-

ter to the joint-planning board. The Aldermen, who were present at the meeting, did not respond to criticisms that they did not represent residents in the joint-planning area.

#### DEVELOPMENT

Karpinos said.
"We could not enter into that kind of agreement with a property owner under current law in North Carolina," Karpinos said. "We would need addi-

into development agreements with developers. The General Assembly convenes its "short session" May 11, and Capowski said he expected to receive a

He said the aldermen disagreed about submiting their own legislation.
"There certainly is no consensus to

can be approved, Town Attorney Ralph

tional legislative authority."

Council members discussed the rospect of submitting the necessary gislation at a breakfast with their leg-

islative delegation Feb. 27.
Capowski said the council approved sending legislation to Raleigh that would give the town authority to enter decision by the end of the summer.

Carrboro also contains a piece of the Horace Williams Tract within its boundaries. The Board requested that the town staff produce a report on the possibility of the town adopting a devel-opment agreement at their Tuesday eting, said Alderman Alan Spalt.

move forward at this point."

## Vitamin C's benefits diminish

NEW YORK - Vitamin C's theorized ability to protect against cancer and heart disease appears to diminish at high doses, and the vitamin might even become harmful, a researcher says.

A study indicates that at 500 milligrams a day, "it's really no particular help at all" at discouraging oxidation, a damaging chemical reaction linked in theory to those two diseases, said Joseph nec of Leicester University

The study found evidence that at 500 milligrams, Vitamin C both suppresses and promotes oxidation, with the effects apparently canceling themselves out, Lunec said.

At even higher doses, Lunec suggested, the harmful effects might prevail. That is, Vitamin C might actually pro-

Experts were wary of Lunec's brief report, which appears in the April 9 issue of the journal Nature.

The dose tested in the study is a bit more than eight times the standard rec-ommended dietary allowance, but it can be found in some supplements sold at

At about 500 milligrams a day, although we see a profound protective effect, we also see a definite adverse effect" that "would negate any protec-tive effect you have," Lunec said on

He and colleagues gave 30 healthy

Volunteers' 500 minigrams of vitamin C daily for six weeks.

Before and during the vitamin treatment, researchers looked at two indicators of oxidation damage in DNA from the volunteers' white blood cells to

while the volunteers were taking sup-plements, one indicator showed less oxi-dation and the other indicator showed more, compared to before the supple-mentation began.

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That raises questions about the vitamin's antioxidant abilities at this dose, the researchers said.

But Dr. Steven Zeisel, a UNC nutri-tion professor, said the mixed result was

The study "is not a definitive help in our understanding about whether vita-min C is protective or not" at high doses,

Bruce N. Ames of the University of California at Berkeley, said he suspected the result might have been influenced by the study's lab procedures.

Dr. Mark Levine of the National Institutes of Health said the volunteers'

white cells may have been saturated with vitamin C before they took supple-

If so, it's hard to see how supplements could make any difference, he

Lunec said researchers were still studying why the mixed result occurred but that it was not surprising.

#### SILENCE

me that there still are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people living in silence and fear," Davies said.

Maia Kaplan, a sophomore from Greensboro, said most of the people she handed out explanations to were supportive of what the day represented. There were some students and facul-

ty members, however, who chose not to give full support to the silent protest. Kaplan said one teacher she showed the explanation paper to said she could not support participation in the event.

Christine Elliott contributed to this story.

### **PARKING**

comes with extra costs. Some faculty members said new bus schedules and parking allotments might cause them to be late for work, or force

them to leave work early.

Scroggs said flexible work schedules and transit were "issues that work close-

He said it might be possible to break up some of the traditional work times. Another problem discussed at the meeting was the high number of suc-

cessful appeals on parking tickets.

Cheryl Stout, a member of the task force, said UNC had one of the highest successful appeal rates in the nation, which takes money away from the

Scroggs said he was happy with the afternoon meeting because many facul-ty members from the lower end of the pay scale voiced their concerns. "It was a great community meeting, an oppority for people to express themsel

#### Campus calendar

Thursday

7 p.m. — Hekima, the fiction organiza-ion of the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center and the Black Student Movement, will present "An Evening with Octavia Butler" at the Tate Turner Kuralt Building.

#### Items of Interest

Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority will sponsor the Centennial Book Drive from Monday to Friday. Drop off books at the sorority house at 307 E. Franklin St. or call 942-9802.

The Concert 4 Unity III will be April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Hill Hall. Tickets are \$3 in the Pit or at the door.

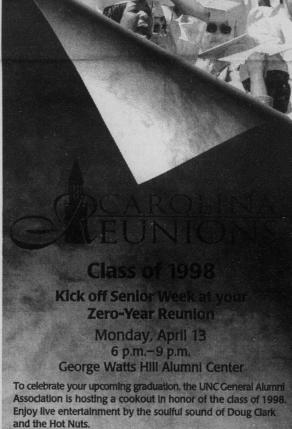
Pit or at the door.

The Sports Club Council and the Orange County Rape Crisis Center will co-host an inaugural 5K run/walk April 18 at 9:30 a.m. on campus. The entry fee will be \$10. Call 962-1013 for more information or to register.

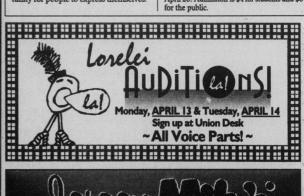
International Student Orientation Counselor applications are available at the International Center. Call 962-5661 for information.

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The UNC Ballroom Dance Club will sponsor ballroom dances in the Great Hall of the Student Union from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on April 26. Admission is \$4 for students and \$6 for the public.



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