

# Residents complain about representation

BY NICOLE WHITE  
STAFF WRITER

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

consider several items, among them the adoption of small area plans from both towns and an amendment that would allow a temporary development moratorium 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 density designations, planning classifications or other matters, town documents state.

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

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," he said.

"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 retirement fund.

"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 joint-planning 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 matter 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.

# Vitamin C's benefits diminish

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
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 Lunec of Leicester University in England.

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 promote oxidation.

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 recommended dietary allowance, but it can be found in some supplements sold at stores.

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

He and colleagues gave 30 healthy

volunteers 500 milligrams 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 assess any change.

While the volunteers were taking supplements, one indicator showed less oxidation and the other indicator showed more, compared to before the supplementation began.

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

But Dr. Steven Zeisel, a UNC nutrition professor, said the mixed result was puzzling.

The study "is not a definitive help in our understanding about whether vitamin C is protective or not" at high doses, he said.

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 supplements.

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

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

# State seeks more time for redistricting schedule

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
RALEIGH — The state filed a

request Wednesday seeking more time to develop a congressional redistricting

schedule and waited to see if the U.S. Supreme Court would allow the May 5 primaries to proceed.

Senate Democrats, meanwhile, tried to turn attention back to the reason for the special legislative session — developing 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 lawmakers five days after they issue their full opinion to present a redistricting schedule. The judges had wanted it by Wednesday.

"For the legislature to have to draw a plan without benefit of the court's reasoning 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 or merely tweaked."

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 proceed on schedule.

# DEVELOPMENT

FROM PAGE 1

can be approved, Town Attorney Ralph 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 additional legislative authority."

Council members discussed the prospect of submitting the necessary legislation at a breakfast with their legislative delegation Feb. 27.

Capowski said the council approved sending legislation to Raleigh that would give the town authority to enter into development agreements with developers. The General Assembly convenes its "short session" May 11, and Capowski said he expected to receive a 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 development agreement at their Tuesday meeting, said Alderman Alan Spalt.

He said the aldermen disagreed about submitting their own legislation. "There certainly is no consensus to move forward at this point."

# SILENCE

FROM PAGE 1

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 sup-

portive of what the day represented.

There were some students and faculty 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

FROM PAGE 1

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 closely together."

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 successful 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 University.

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

# Campus calendar

Thursday

7 p.m. — **Hekima**, the fiction organization 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.

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.

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.

"Beer is proof that God loves us" - Ben Franklin

## A Renaissance in the South

# 5th Annual Southeastern Microbrewers' Invitational & Conference

At the Omni Durham Hotel & Durham Civic Center

**CONFERENCE • Friday, April 10 • 9am-5pm**  
Hear from some of the nation's leading spokespersons in the American craft beer industry in seminars and panel discussions. **Beer Served In the Afternoon!** \$25 at the door.

**A MUST FOR... Restaurant/Bar Owners, Beverage Directors, etc. who want to expand their knowledge of the microbrew industry!**

**INVITATIONAL • Sat., April 11**  
**Two Sessions: 12-4pm & 7-11pm**  
One of the nation's top beer festivals, **The 5th Annual Southeastern Microbrewers' Invitational** is sure to please all of your beer desires. Come taste the beers of over thirty of America's finest craft breweries and talk one-on-one with the brewmasters. There will be live music at both sessions and food (from nine great local restaurants) available to purchase.

**2 Sessions: 12-4pm & 7-11pm.**  
\$20 in advance, \$22 at the door per session.

**Designated Driver Passes Available!** \$5 includes all you can drink non-alcoholic beverages & a plastic commemorative cup.

**Live Music Saturday with...**

1st Session: **WAKE**  
2nd Session: **JUMPSTARTS**

**INVITATIONAL TICKETS AT:**  
CARRBORO: Weaver St. Market  
CHAPEL HILL: Carolina Brewery, Wellspring Grocery, T.S. Elliott's Groundhog Tavern  
DURHAM: Down Under Pub, Sam's Oak Shop, Wellspring Grocery

**Join us for a brew!**

Corporate Sponsors: T.S. Elliott's City Market Bistro • T.S. Elliott's Groundhog Tavern • The Real Beer Page www.realbeer.com  
Gold Level Sponsors: Body Bilboards • Carolina Brewing Co. • Federated Cigar Corp. • Hog's Head Beer Cellars • 106.1 RDU • Qubell Spectator Magazine • The Triangle Business Journal Silver Sponsor: Southern Draft Brew News Bronze Sponsor: Highland Brewing Co.

For Additional Information Call: 919-484-1128 • Portion of Proceeds to Benefit Visual Art Exchange  
Conference: \$25 door • Invitational: \$20 adv. \$22 door • NO CHILDREN • www.microbrew-invitational.com

# UNC CAROLINA REUNION

## Class of 1998

### Kick off Senior Week at your Zero-Year Reunion

Monday, April 13  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
George Watts Hill Alumni Center

To celebrate your upcoming graduation, the UNC General Alumni Association is hosting a cookout in honor of the class of 1998. Enjoy live entertainment by the soulful sound of Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts.

This invitation will admit you to the reunion and register you for great door prizes.

Bring a fellow senior and join in the fun!

GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

# Lorelei AUDITIONS!

Monday, APRIL 13 & Tuesday, APRIL 14  
Sign up at Union Desk  
~ All Voice Parts! ~

# Jersey Mike's

Buy any reg. size sub & receive the 2nd reg. size sub of equal or lesser value for **1/2 Price!**

Limit one per customer. Cannot be used in combination with any other offer. Expires 4/30/98. Good at 107 N. Columbia St. location only.

**\$1 OFF** any size sub with the purchase of regular size fountain soda & reg. size chips!

Limit one per customer. Cannot be used in combination with any other offer. Expires 4/30/98. Good at 107 N. Columbia St. location only.

Call your mom. Tell everyone you're calling your girl.

**1-800-COLLECT**®