

Carrboro Welcomes Student Involvement

The town opened its advisory boards to unregistered voters, also including those under 18 and Latinos.

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Just before its summer recess, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted to eliminate the requirement that members of the town's advisory committees be registered voters in Orange County.

The change lets Carrboro residents under 18, the legal voting age, as well as non-citizens, including the Latino population, serve as members on Carrboro's boards.

In an effort to promote diversity, alderman Mark Dorosin proposed the change in hopes that it will attract more citizens who are interested in local government.

One of the areas Dorosin is looking to target is the youth community.

"It doesn't make sense to have a parks and recreation board that plans for young people and there are no young people there," he said.

Dorosin also hopes that the change will encourage members of Carrboro's Latino population to become more involved.

The change in policy technically puts no age limit on board members, which does not restrict high school or college students from applying for positions on the town's various boards.

"College and high school students have a lot of distrust in the political system, especially on the federal level because they think that their vote doesn't count," Dorosin said.

"But on the local level, the opposite is true. The decisions made in local government are the ones that directly impact their lives."

Alderman Diana McDuffee agrees that students should be an important part of local government.

"A lot of students live in Carrboro," she said. "Most of them are renters, but they have just as much say as the property owners because they pay a form of taxes too. Students are a big economic aspect of our community as well."

UNC-Chapel Hill senior Laura Rupert, who rents an apartment in Carrboro, thinks the idea is a good way to get more students involved in local government.

"The new policy makes sense," Rupert said. "This is a college town, so naturally most of the people are not registered voters in Orange County. Now a student could apply for the position and be a representative voice not only for the community they live in, but for the University."

As a resident of Carrboro, Joel Zimmerman saw the policy change as a good way to let students know that their opinions do matter on the local level.

"Students need to be involved in local politics," Zimmerman said. "Local government makes the decisions that affect their daily lives."

Dorosin said that altering the policy is just the first step.

"Having the requirement changed is the easiest step," he said. "It's now time for the Board to get the word out to the community and recruit more citizens."

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JOEL ZIMMERMAN
Carrboro Resident

Some Fans Praise Doherty, Others Unsure

Tar Heel fans met the news of Matt Doherty's hiring as UNC's new basketball coach with enthusiasm and relief.

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Staff Writer

Following weeks of anxious speculation by fans and sportscasters, UNC named Matt Doherty the new head coach of its storied men's basketball program.

In a press conference Tuesday, it was announced that New York native and UNC alum Doherty, now former head coach of the men's basketball program at Notre Dame, would be the next Tar Heel head coach.

But many students did not seem to know who Doherty was.

"I don't really know much about him," said Katie Jones, a junior from Stoneville.

When heir apparent to the coach's seat, UNC alum and current University of Kansas head coach Roy Williams, declined the position, UNC's athletic department was left scrambling to find a replacement.

A number of prominent names were batted around as candidates for the position, but when the dust settled Tuesday it was Doherty who was the lone man standing.

Opinions on Doherty's hiring were largely varied, with national sportscasters and Tar Heel faithful alike both praising UNC's decision while others conversely accused the school's athletic

department of settling on a person to fill the hole left by Guthridge.

"If you go from Roy Williams to some guy most people have never heard of you have to be settling," said one UNC senior.

NBA coaches and UNC alums, George Karl and Larry Brown were considered to be among the forerunners to attain the position now held by Doherty. Another UNC alum, Eddie Fogler, head coach of the University of South Carolina's basketball team, was also rumored to be in line for the position.

With the majority of possible candidates over the age of 50, many said they felt that much of Doherty's upside lied not merely in his coaching skills but in his age.

"I am glad we went with someone who was younger," said Cliff Gardner, a

senior from Murphy. "We need someone who will be here for the long haul."

Even with the arrival of a new coach the specter of Williams' shadow looms large.

"I think we were all hoping for Coach Williams but Coach Doherty is going to do a very good job," said Student Body President Brad Matthews.

It appears that for now Doherty has support from whom he needs it most. Incoming Chancellor James Moeser said Tuesday that he was pleased with the University's decision.

Said Moeser, "I am so impressed with his coaching and teaching skills, his integrity and his strong commitment to high personal values and academics."

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Maggette Admits Taking Cash From AAU Coach

Duke faces the specter of serious repercussions from the improper cash payments taken by the former player.

Associated Press

DURHAM — Duke's second-place finish in the 1999 NCAA tournament is in doubt after former player Corey Maggette admitted he took cash payments from a summer league coach while in high school.

Maggette signed a sworn statement reversing earlier denials and admitting he took \$2,000 from Myron Piggie, his summer league coach for a Kansas City-based AAU team, Duke said Tuesday.

Piggie pleaded guilty in May to a conspiracy charge after being accused of defrauding Duke and three other colleges.

He faces 3-5 years in prison for paying Maggette and four other high school players on his team \$35,500 from 1996-98.

Duke officials have said they were not aware of the payments, but the

admission jeopardizes the Blue Devils' program.

In addition to possibly forfeiting the runner-up finish for using an ineligible player in the 1999 NCAA tournament, Duke also might have to return up to \$226,815 in tournament revenue.

An NCAA spokeswoman said officials planned to review Maggette's statement Wednesday.

Precedent for situations in which an ineligible athlete played in a postseason

game and the university was unaware of the violations calls for the school to return 45 percent of its game revenue and give up any title it won, spokeswoman Jane Jankowski said.

Duke requested the statement to resolve questions about Maggette's eligibility after claims surfaced that he accepted the money from Piggie.

"Clearly, this is not what we wanted

to hear, but we are pleased at least we have the facts now," Duke spokesman Al Rossiter Jr. said.

The next step for the NCAA is to see if rules were violated, not if Duke tried to cover up the payments, he said.

"Clearly, we weren't aware of it," Rossiter said. "The issue is, was this in fact a violation of NCAA rules, and what do they do about it."

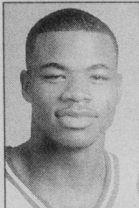
Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski was told of the statement but had no comment. He has also denied knowledge of the payments.

Maggette has been subpoenaed by federal prosecutors to testify about the payments. He already testified before a grand jury about Piggie.

The statement Duke received Tuesday was also sent to the U.S. Attorney in Kansas City.

Prosecutors were hoping testimony from Maggette that he took money would allow them to pursue a stronger sentence against Piggie. A hearing in the case scheduled for Tuesday in Kansas City was postponed until Wednesday.

The federal indictment against Piggie claimed he paid the players in exchange for agreements that they would pay him



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Duke Spokesman

they received pro contracts and signed endorsement deals.

It also said he used the players to secure money from a booster and Nike.

The other players were JaRon Rush of UCLA; his brother, Kareem of Missouri; Korleone Young, who entered the NBA draft without playing in college; and Andre Williams of Oklahoma State.

Partly in response to issues raised by the investigation, the NCAA recently moved to eliminate its 24-day summer recruiting season, when coaches like Piggie parade their players before college coaches.

The NCAA has approved trimming the summer recruiting season to 14 days, and then cutting it altogether.

Maggette left Duke after his freshman year and was selected by the Seattle SuperSonics in the first round of the 1999 draft. He was traded to the Orlando Magic, where he played last season.

Maggette was dealt, again on draft day last month, to the Los Angeles Clippers.



Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski denied having any knowledge of the payments to Maggette.

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