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Northside panel files conservation proposal

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After six months of planning, the Northside Neighborhood Conservation District Advisory Committee submitted a proposal Monday to classify the neighbor-hood as the town's first ever conhood as the town's first-ever conservation district.

A public hearing before the Chapel Hill Town Council has been set for Jan. 21, and some minor changes to the plan might be made by then, according to committee chairwoman Delores Bailey. The council will set a date to vote on the

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measure after the hearing. In April town officials charged the committee with the conception of a platform that would ensure preservation of the historically black and working-class neighbor-hood's character and function.

Many residents have complained of gentrification in the area, particularly from investors that outbid families on properties in attempts to capitalize on the lucrative student rental market. "Why does our neighborhood

have to be the one that you make your money off of?" Bailey asked. "It

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has always been a place where fam-ilies, especially those with moderate incomes, can make their home." The proposal asks that restrictive

on development be covenants enacted to guarantee that new home construction or refurbishment be done in a way that is amenable to family living. The restrictions include limits on a home's height, maximum square footage and ratio of house to lot size. Mark Patmore, a neighborhood

resident and investor who owns see eral properties in the district, told the council that he thought the sug-

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gested actions would be counter-productive. "This is not a second-class neighborhood and it should not be treated that way." He argued that limiting what

people could do with their homes would discourage families from moving in if they couldn't alter their houses to fit changing needs. The restrictions, he added, would also have the consequence unfairly capping the value of an owner's property. But Mark Chilton, executive

director of EmPOWERment Inc., a local affordable housing agency,

SPEECHWRITER

she said

Drafting remarks has taught her several "tricks of the trade," which she said can be seen even in speeches prepared for politicians. "If you want to sound clear and direct, there are ways to do that," she said.

Using repetition and simple grammar and construction are ways she said many speechwriters

make a speech effective. Travis said the hardest audience to prepare for consists of critics of the University. Those present during the controversy concerning UNC's summer reading selections

the past two years serve as a pertinent example. The chancellor speaks for the University in good times and in bad times," she said.

Nancy Davis, associate vice

MORGAN

Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life, said Morgan's move is an example of politics as usual.

"Redistricting at its root is extremely political," he said. "When districts are drawn, it's an opportunity for political leaders to maximize the strength of their own

But Morgan's situation is differ-ent. He is a co-speaker at the top of a coalition government comprised

of Democrats and a handful of Republicans. In January's speaker election, Morgan — not the Republican caucus's nominee — got the House's top post in the state's first duel area lorghim.

dual speakership. "Some Republicans have been

heatedly disputing Morgan's deci-sion to join a coalition with Speaker Black. This has not gone down well in some Republican circ down well in some Republican circles," Guillory said. McMahan said he's in the mid-

dle of one of those circles. But he said it's beginning to take on the characteristics of a bull's-eye.

"I think that he has certainly tried to eliminate those incumbents who he considers his ene-mies," he said. "It's devastating to the party." But Morgan is just doing what

he has to in order to keep his posi-tion in the House, said Thad Beyle, UNC professor of political

science. "It sounds kind of brutal, but

VOTING

Tepper on Friday by the elections board, there are as many as 925 and 867 registered voters in Hinton James and Morrison residence halls, respectively.

Thomas estimated that at best, the campus could be divided into three districts.

But Tepper said he doesn't think the numbers are reflective of the actual amount of registered student voters.

"It's a complicated process with

said whether or not creation of a conservation district will cap values is a matter of perspective. "From an investor's point of view, it may hurt the values, but for a homeowner it

can work the other way." Bailey said a shift from investor dominance to homeowner domi-nance is exactly what the commit-

tee has sought to do. "We're not against students, and we're not against rentals. We just want to make sure that the neighborhood remains a place families ant to live in and move into." The limits placed on construc-

chancellor for University relations, also occasionally helps draft remarks for the chancellor if his schedule becomes especially full. She said Moeser is an excellent writer, but she meets with him before he writes to help capture what he wants to communicate.

"We help him by tailoring his response," she said.

Moeser is not the only campus leader who uses feedback. Student Body President Matt Tepper said he has a group of people who review his speeches as well. "I wish I had someone who

would help me write my speeches a little bit more," he said. Tepper said he might speak for

an audience as many as three times a week, and he usually writes a draft of the speech first and reviews it with members of his Cabinet.

"We're kind of there as sounding boards," Student Body Secretary Frances Ferris said.

"You can term (Morgan's actions) survival, but you can also term it revenge."

THAD BEYLE, UNC PROFESSOR

that's the name of the game sometime," he said. "You can term it sur-vival, but you can also term it revenge.

Creech said the new maps hurt many Republicans and ultimately benefit the Democratic Party, which features little infighting among representatives

"It's worked good from a liberal Democrat standpoint," Creech said. "(But) I think it's a sad day for the people of North Carolina.

In the end, Guillory said, that's the reason rules are so stringent for the redistricting process, which is the legislature's most contentious

Legislators always will try to improve their re-election chances, he said, but the redistricting rules attempt to keep them from going too far.

"It has to be carried out by a number of rules, many of them laid out by courts, some of them laid out by federal laws," Guillory said

"No legislator can just willy-nilly play politics. They've got to play politics within those rules."

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of their relocation.

Few students do this, however, and elections authorities do not inquire into the status of registered voters until they fail to vote in two consecutive federal elections, Thomas said.

Tepper now plans to investigate how other campuses are divided into voting precincts to evaluate how the University can make voting more convenient for its students

"It's definitely something that should be looked into, especially with the upcoming important state

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tion and development are not yet final and can be tweaked after fur-ther public review before the coun-cil takes action, Bailey said. Tim Dempsey, chairman of the Town Planning Board, said the cur-rent process for Northside is long overdue, and he has been happy to help the committee craft its vision. "We're behind the committee on what they have been trying to

what they have been trying to accomplish. This is a really gutsy thing that the town is doing

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Ben Adams, Tepper's chief of staff, said that Tepper usually has a good idea of what he wants to say and that the topics of his speeches often are similar.

"It's not like he has to reinvent the wheel every time around," Adams said.

Tepper said preparing for speeches still takes up a lot of his time despite his having people who can gather information and review speeches for him.

"I think (the speech) is better in the end if he wrote it," Ferris said. Travis said that although she

often drafts speeches or makes cues for the chancellor, his voice is still prevalent in his speeches. "Writers always want the speak-er to sound like himself or herself

at their best " she said "It's about him. It's not about me."

MAP

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Knox Jenkins ultimately redrew the lines for the 2002 elections but said legislators had to redraw them again when the new session began in January. Jenkins said last April that the lines he drew for last year's elections were unconstitutional

But this might not be the end of the ongoing tug-of-war for voting districts. Rep. Paul Luebke, D-Durham, said he thinks Durham, said he thinks Republicans might be back with another lawsuit once the bill becomes law.

He said there appears to be a division between Republicans who support House Co-speaker Richard Morgan and those who do not. In the 2004 election, based on the new House lines, some Morgan detractors would be pitted against each other, including Republican Reps. Leo Daughtry and Billy Creech, both of Johnston County.

In addition, Luebke said law-suits probably will come from Republicans claiming that Voting Rights districts were weakened by the new maps.

In the end, Luebke said he is happy to have the matter resolved, at least for now. "I hope we can get the issue laid to rest."

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TUFTS

He had an impact in the devel-opment of the UNC ONE Card through work he did on a committee with the Registrar's Office in 1989.

Tufts was honored at last week's Board of Trustees meeting for his 31 years of service. Chancellor James Moeser praised him for providing UNC with "moral and ethical lead-ership" on the issue of fair labor.

Peacock said Tufts is a "remarkable figure" who has contributed quietly to many of the University's efforts during his time at UNC.

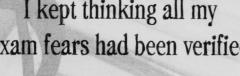
"He is one of the great saviors of the University," he said. "When Rut leaves UNC, it will be a tremen-dous loss for the University."

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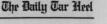
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all the numbers." he said. State law mandates that when

residents move, they are responsible for notifying elections officials and federal elections

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