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## Local governments may buy all utilities

by Ken Allen and Linda Livengood Staff Writers

The Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen agreed Tuesday to look into the purchase of the University Utilities as a cooperative venture by Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Orange County.

The move followed a recommendation by the Citizens' Task Force on the University Utilities.

The decision came during a special session of the Board Tuesday afternoon, called to consider nominations for the seat vacated when George Coxhead resigned.

George Watts Hill and former Mayor Sandy McClamrock, both of the Task Force, went to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen early Tuesday afternoon. The Carrboro Aldermen voted to look into

the purchase of the utilities as a cooperative venture.

Hill and McClamrock then went to the Chapel Hill Board to get their approval. Only the approval of the county commissioners is now necessary.

The University decided to sell the utilities following a recommendation from the State Utilities Study Commission that the University divest itself of the electric, water, sewer, and telephone utilities.

The University said that it would either sell the utilities separately or as a package, dependent on the buyer's wishes.

Presently, the University buys electricity in wholesale lots with the major part coming from Duke Power Co.

The Task Force recommended viewing the utilities as a non-profit system with the people having control over them

through an elected official.

Hill said that the Task Force feels that the present employees can be kept on "almost 100 per cent." Also, the University would be assured of receiving utility service at the cost of providing these services.

Maryl Levine, interim town manager, knew nothing of the recommendation prior to the meeting Tuesday. However, she said "This is just a very first step," with none of the details coming under consideration at this time.

Levine said that if the county commissioners agree, the next step will probably be a study committee with representatives from each of the three boards.

On Oct. 2, 1972, the county commissioners expressed a desire to purchase the electric, water, and sewer utilities; but they were not interested in the telephone company. The Chapel Hill Task Force's proposal includes the telephone utility.

At the time, County Chairman Harvey Bennet said that the County could operate the utilities best, "...providing service for the county, Chapel Hill, Carrboro without squabbling between the municipalities."

## Coxhead's seat filled by board

by Linda Livengood Staff Writer

Thomas Gardner was unanimously appointed Tuesday to replace George Coxhead on the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen.

Prior to nominating Gardner, alderman Joseph Nassif stated the criteria for selection of Coxhead's replacement. He said "it was necessary to analyze

Coxhead" and find someone equivalent to Coxhead as a replacement.

Gardner is a past member of the Chapel Hill Recreation Commission. He has served on the Human Relations Commission of Chapel Hill.

Alderman R.D. Smith said, "Gardner is concerned with the growth of Chapel Hill." He felt Gardner would "put effort and work in Chapel Hill as the town grows. He knows the needs of Chapel Hill. He has lived here a long time."

Gardner came to Chapel Hill in 1939 and is a graduate of UNC. He owns Quick Food Mart and is a part owner of Huggins Hardware Store.

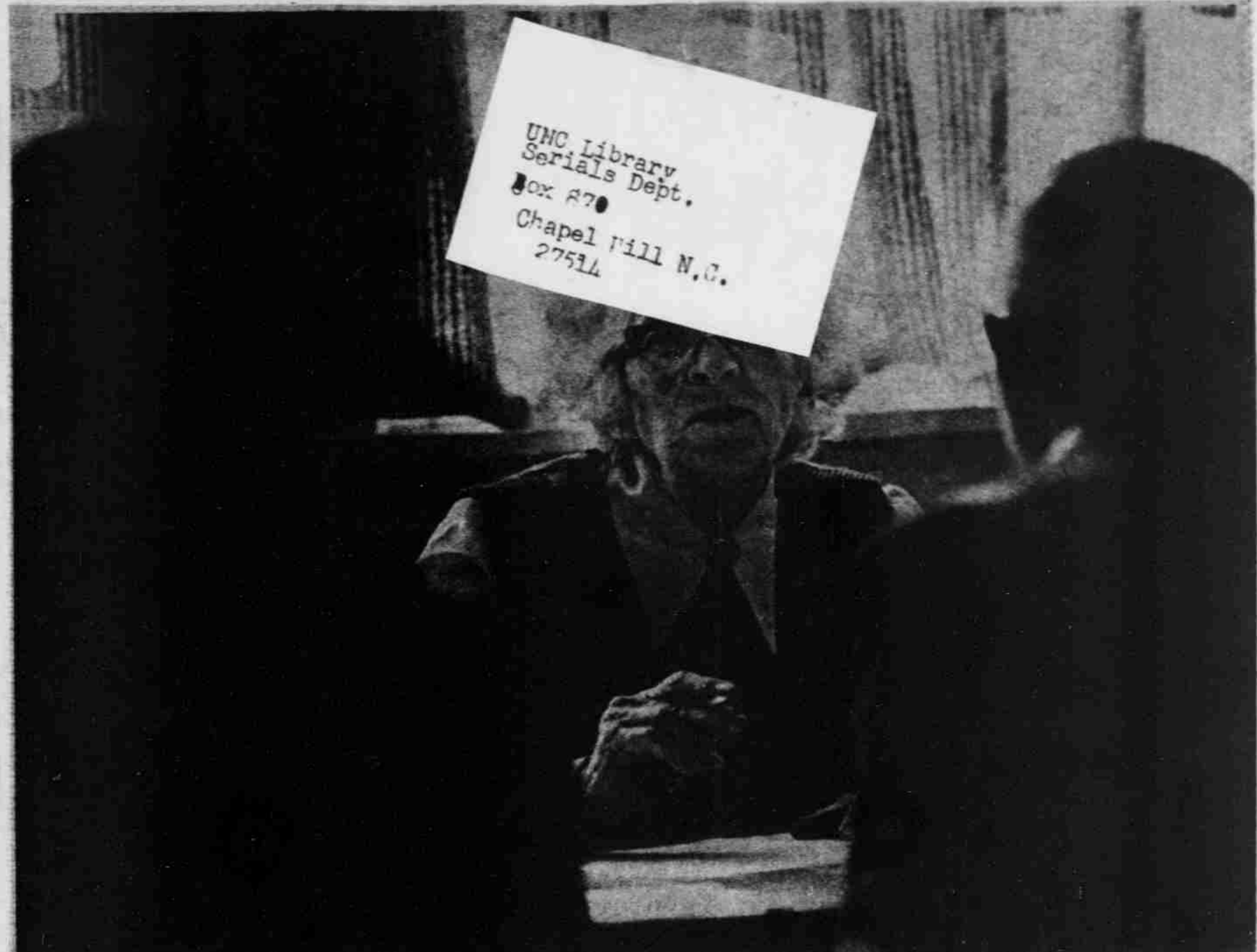
The new alderman is a past president and secretary of the Chapel Hill Jaycees. He is a recipient of the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award, the highest award given to members of the Jaycees.

## Sophomore residency rule waived

by Greg Fulton Staff Writer

Robert Kepner, director of Residence Life, announced that the required University housing rule for sophomores and junior transfers would be waived for the third consecutive year. However, he stressed that the policy would be reviewed annually.

The Committee on Residence Life (CURL) discussed the University policy of charging for single and double rooms for most of their meeting, following Kepner's announcement.



### Tax listing

Mrs. L.R. Cheek explains proper tax filing procedure to a couple at the Carrboro town hall. All Orange county residents should be sure their taxes are filed by this afternoon to avoid a late filing fee. (Staff photo by Scott Stewart)

## Weather

TODAY: Fair, high in the low to mid 50s. Low tonight in the low to mid 30s. 10 per cent chance of rain today. 20 per cent tonight.



## Indian shadows

### Faces students next

## Groups approve RHA

by Amy O'Neal Staff Writer

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) constitution has been approved by the Residence College Federation (RCF), the Men's Residence Council (MRC), Association of Women Students (AWS) and Craige Graduate Center. Final approval comes next week when students will vote on the referendum in the student elections.

Two questions will be on the ballot. The entire student body will vote on a

change of RCF to FHA in the student body constitution.

The residents of University-owned or approved residence halls vote on acceptance of the new constitution which is to collectivize and centralize student self-government.

The new constitution, if passed, will create the Women's Residence Council (WRC). It will be the equivalent of the MRC now in existence.

Executive power under the constitution will be vested in the president of RHA (formerly chairman of

RCF), the heads of the MRC and WRC and the head of the Program Board.

The MRC and WRC heads will be elected by the respective councils, although not necessarily from within them. The RHA president will appoint the Program Board head.

A Governing Board will be composed of the three main officers and one representative from each residential area. These areas will be created by the Executive Board of RHA and officers of the areas involved.

The Governing Board will establish procedures for distributing money for dorms in accordance with the wishes of residents and will adopt or reject the recommendations for undergraduate residential conduct regulations.

The rules clause is not meant to jeopardize the autonomy of Women's Forum and AWS in the development of women's rules.

RHA Tribunals will be established on a temporary basis when needed to hear cases involving executive and legislative action in residence halls. Three people will be appointed by the president to serve on the Tribunal. An appeal of a decision may be made to the Student Supreme Court.

All undergraduate residential units will be autonomous in their internal operation and expenditure of funds, except in the case of the powers specifically granted to RHA in the constitution.

The traditional constitutional provisions for impeachment, replacement of officers and amendments are included. Ratification requires a two-thirds majority vote of University owned and approved residence hall residents.

## Experts to debate amnesty question

A panel discussion on amnesty will be presented at 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 1, in the Great Hall of the Carolina Union. The public is invited.

The discussion is being sponsored by the Curriculum of Peace, War and Defense.

Samuel Williamson, associate professor of history and director of the Curriculum, said, with the signing of peace on Saturday, amnesty "is no longer hypothetical but is now an inescapable political issue."

Acting as moderator will be former Wall Street Journal editor and Kenan Professor of Journalism Vermont Royster.

The panel will consist of Kenneth J. Coffey, Selective Service System information officer; Daniel Pollitt, Kenan Professor of Law; John Semonche, associate professor history and lecturer in law; and James Reston, Jr., author and lecturer in creative writing.

Specific topics to be discussed will include how many men left the country to avoid the draft; how many soldiers are AWOL; the social and economic characteristics of those involved; the legal conditions surrounding the issue; and the

impact if amnesty is granted.

Coffey is the fifth-ranking official of the 40,000 employe Selective Service system.

Pollitt, a member of the law school staff here since 1957, has been president of the N.C. Civil Liberties Union since 1968.

Semonche joined the UNC faculty in 1961. He studied under a Hearst Fellowship at Duke University and received his L.L.B. from Duke.

Reston is the author of "The Amnesty of John David Herndon." The book is the story of a young soldier who went AWOL in 1970 and returned to the U.S. in 1972 to face the charge of desertion.

## Nation in agony

The signing of a peace agreement for the Vietnam War has brought sighs of relief across the world. The DTH today remembers in a photo essay on page seven some of the horrors of the war.