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Edmisten violated tax laws—Carson

by Bill Welch
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State Atty. Gen. James H. Carson Jr. Tuesday accused his Democratic opponent Rufus L. Edmisten of violating North Carolina criminal law by failing to file N.C. personal income tax returns while maintaining his voter registration in this state.

Carson made the charge during a candidates Forum in Memorial Hall after Edmisten admitted he had filed Virginia tax returns—but not N.C. returns—during his ten years in Washington, D.C. as an aide to Sen. Sam Ervin.

Edmisten said he voted in Watauga County, N.C. while serving as Ervin's aide because, "My home is there, my land is there." He said, however, that "since 1963 I filed state tax in Virginia, which is where my apartment was."

Speaking to a crowd of newsmen later, Carson said, "If that's true, he is in violation of the law."

Edmisten moved to a Washington suburb when he took the job with Ervin after his graduation from UNC in 1963.

Edmisten denied to reporters Carson's charge that he violated criminal law by not filing N.C. returns while still voting in this state. "I certainly don't think so. There was no intent to violate. If there is something, I'll

certainly clear it up. If something needs to be done, I will do it," he said.

Edmisten said he had not filed N.C. tax returns during a question-and-answer session following the forum, sponsored by the Carolina Union.

Carson, a Republican, was appointed attorney general by Governor James Holshouser after Democrat Robert Morgan resigned the post in August to run for the U.S. Senate. Carson faces Edmisten in the November 5 general election.

Edmisten was asked about his personal taxes in the first question from the floor following back-to-back, 20-minute speeches by the candidates.

Before responding, Edmisten identified the questioner as a "Carson campaign manager."

Speaking to reporters after the forum, Carson denied the questioner was his campaign manager, but admitted he works in the Republican candidate's campaign. He refused to identify him by name, however.

Carson was asked repeatedly by reporters if he had planted the question in the audience. After being asked four times, Carson said, "It (the question) wasn't a complete surprise. It was not unexpected."

The attorney general denied he had checked out Edmisten's tax record with any government revenue agency. He said the question was raised by the recent S.C. Supreme Court decision ruling

gubernatorial candidate Charles Ravenel ineligible under state residency requirements.

Carson said Edmisten's Virginia tax returns raise the question of the Democrat's residence status.

"If Mr. Edmisten is a resident of North Carolina, he is responsible to pay North Carolina tax. I say to him if he did not do it, he has committed a crime," Carson said.

Edmisten told reporters after the exchange with Carson that he currently does not plan to release the full details of his income tax returns. He left the door open for such a disclosure in the future, however.

The issue of Edmisten's taxes came up after Carson's speech, during which he accused Edmisten of "trying to ride in on the coattails of Morgan and Ervin."

Carson charged that his opponent is not qualified for the attorney general's position because Edmisten has never practiced law, held public office or worked in state or local government.

Carson's remarks came after Edmisten, in his speech, said his experiences as an aide to Ervin qualified him for the job of the state's chief lawman. While in Washington, Edmisten served as deputy counsel to the Senate Watergate Committee.

Edmisten called the Watergate case "a very tragic time in my life." But he said his duties, including the interrogation of defendants, taught him "what the Constitution means when it talks about individual rights."

The Democratic candidate said he opposes the use of wiretaps by the Justice Department, except in circumstances when a person's life is in danger, or if the taps can be used to prevent a crime.

Carson told the audience of about 150 people that wiretaps should be used in the Justice Department's fight against organized crime.

During his speech, Carson repeatedly attacked Morgan for creating "petty annoyances" that made his transition into the attorney general's office difficult.

Carson charged Morgan with refusing to allow him to meet with Justice Department employees before the transition.

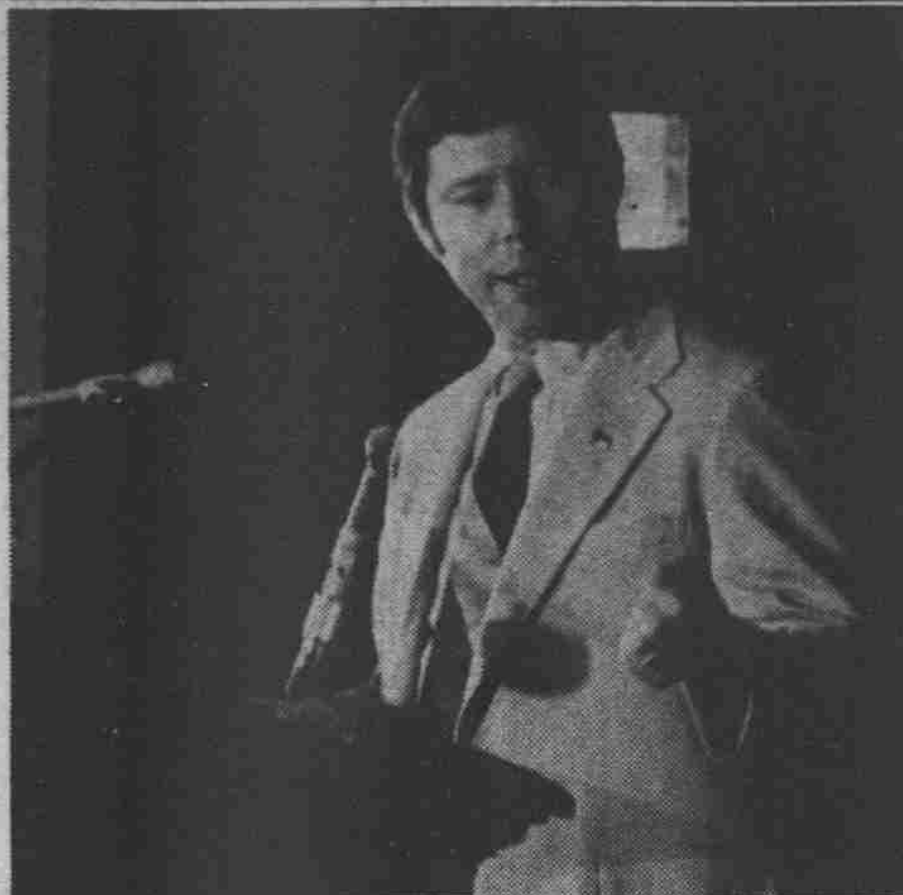
He also said Morgan removed his personal furniture from the attorney general's Raleigh office when he resigned, leaving only one desk and one chair and deliberately did not tell him the furniture was personally owned.

Carson said Morgan also removed files pertinent to the department when he left office and has not returned them.

Edmisten said Carson has publicly stated he plans to de-emphasize individual complaints handled by the Justice Department's consumer protection division and stress antitrust action instead.

"I'm not going to interpret that statement, but I take the opposite view," Edmisten said.

In his speech, Carson said he does not plan to cut back assistance to individual consumer complaints, and accused his opponent of being inaccurate.



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'I enjoy controversy'

Morgan states his philosophy

by Joel Brinkley
News Editor

"Everytime I've been here, it's been for the purpose of discussing a controversial issue," Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Robert Morgan told members of the UNC Faculty Club Tuesday. "And I must say I've enjoyed it everytime I've been here."

"I have never feared or avoided controversy," the former state attorney general said in a prepared speech delivered to about 150 administrators and faculty members at the Carolina Inn. "I used to keep a statement under the glass top of my desk in the justice department. It read simply: 'Streams become crooked by following the path of least resistance.'"

Following his address, Morgan told the *Daily Tar Heel*, "I don't care to talk with

you."

In response to a question from the audience, Morgan said that, if elected, he would deal with inflation by cutting some defense spending, possibly by reducing the size of the military's officer corps. He said he would also consider reducing the nation's welfare expenses. One step, he said, would be to forbid students who are voluntarily leaving the work force while attending college to use food stamps.

UNC Financial Aid Director William Geer immediately objected, saying "You don't think students who go to college are doing so to dodge working, do you?"

"I'll take the Fifth on that," Morgan said.

Morgan told Geer earlier he is strongly in favor of reinstating a program recently ended by the Nixon administration which offered low-cost educational loans to college students.

During his hour-long talk, Morgan referred only briefly to recent accusations of perjury leveled at him by his Republican opponent William E. Stevens. Eleanor Rollins of the School of Public Health said she had read in the *DTH* Tuesday that Morgan will no longer answer any questions about Stevens' charges, and asked Morgan why he decided this.

"I'm not going to get involved in any name calling battles," Morgan said. "There are too many other important issues to confront. Let me just say I have never asked anyone in the justice department to work for my campaign. Only 37 of 454 justice department employees gave to my campaign, and if I was firing people for not giving to my campaign, I'd have a long way to go."

Former North Carolina Justice Academy Director James R. Ladd had charged that a major reason he was fired by Morgan June 3 was his failure to work for Morgan's campaign. Morgan's denial of this charge has been the basis for Stevens' accusations of perjury.

Morgan said he thinks the nation's number one problem is inflation and that to deal with it he would favor balancing the budget. "I have never voted for a North Carolina budget that was not balanced," he said.

He said he would like to see something like North Carolina's consumer protection division, which he organized, set up on a national scale.

He said he favors national health insurance and would like to close tax loopholes which keep many rich people from paying taxes. "I think it is disgraceful that Nelson Rockefeller paid no taxes in 1970," he said.

"My most fundamental goal," Morgan said, "is to see to it that government retains its sensitivity to the complaints of the ordinary citizen can again be heard."

Danielson resigns as hospital head

by Alan Avera
Staff Writer

John Danielson, general director of the North Carolina Memorial Hospital, will become executive director of the Capitol Area Health Consortium in Hartford, Conn., Oct. 25.

Danielson, also professor of hospital administration and associate dean for hospital affairs, said he leaves "with a great sense of personal loss, although we have accomplished what I came here to do."

His goal in Chapel Hill was to prove that a teaching hospital could put patient care first while still offering an excellent clinical

teaching experience.

The uniqueness of the Memorial Hospital operation, Danielson said, is the availability of an administrator at the site of the problem. There are four staff directors in the hospital in charge of patient care.

"Doctors often think of hospital administrators as people who take care of food and laundry. Their obligation goes far beyond that," Danielson said.

Danielson has a masters degree in hospital administration from the University of Minnesota. He worked for 13 years in Evanston Hospital, in Evanston, Ill., leaving in 1970 after becoming director.

Condominium hearing Oct. 14

by Helen Ross
Staff Writer

Almost one hundred residents waited for 45 minutes Monday while the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen discussed whether to hold a scheduled hearing on a proposed condominium development.

The hearing on the condominiums—to be constructed south of Morgan Creek—was finally rescheduled for Oct. 14.

The board also scheduled a hearing for the same day on a proposed entrance from Cameron Avenue to the Granville Towers parking area.

The developer of the condominium

complex submitted a letter to the board Monday morning proposing an extension of his area to provide southern access to the development.

Richard Epting, an attorney for a citizen's group opposing the project, said the public hearing should be extended because notice of the hearing was not sent to area property owners.

Town Attorney Emery Denny said the letter did not constitute an amendment to the plan and thus no legal notice was required, but he did see the desirability of rescheduling the hearing.

David Yount of Wilbur Smith and Associates, a traffic engineering firm from

Winston-Salem, presented the aldermen with the results of a traffic survey taken for the Granville Towers owners Sept. 10.

The firm conducted three one-hour traffic counts during the day. Based on these findings and assuming access from Cameron Avenue from noon to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., the traffic volume on Cameron Avenue would increase by 11.7 and 12 per cent respectively, Yount said.

"We feel, professionally speaking, that this increase would not substantially cause congestion," Yount said. Since the dorm is at capacity at present, the traffic "will be typical to the situation you will have from now on."

A resolution of intent to join with ECOS

in possible litigation to block the construction of routes 1 and 1A of Interstate 40 in Orange and Durham counties was adopted by the aldermen.

The deadline for registration of bicycles was extended by the aldermen from Sept. 30 to Dec. 1.

The board approved a request from UNC security personnel to block off Country Club Road from Cobb Dormitory to Battle Lane and Boundary Street at Senlac from Sept. 25-29 between the hours of 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. This is to accommodate a performance of *Hair* in Forest Theater.

WCAR replaces 'Black Sounds'

by Jim Roberts
Staff Writer

A new radio program designed to replace *Black Sounds* has been instituted by campus station WCAR. The new show will be broadcast 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WCAR Station Manager Gary Rendsburg said Tuesday the new show will be broadcast by black disk jockeys but will have a different format from the old *Black Sounds* program and will not interrupt the continuity of the station.

The Campus Governing Council (CGC) passed a resolution Sept. 17 that strongly

advised WCAR to reinstate the *Black Sounds* program. The program was aired five days a week last year from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. Since September, the show has been broadcast only on Sundays from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

"My decision is in no way a response to CGC," Rendsburg said. "I still look upon their motive as being good, but their action was irrelevant and unnecessary. The decisions I make come after direct appeal from the students."

"The show will not even be called *Black Sounds*," Rendsburg said. "The show will carry the name of the disc jockey who is broadcasting."

"The format will go completely away from black top-40 and toward black progressive music. That type of music includes artists like Isaac Hayes, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Sly and the Family Stone and even people like Chick Corea." The format will steer away from artists like the O'Jays, the Spinners and the Jackson Five, he said.

CGC finance chairman Carl Fox, who introduced the resolution against WCAR said Tuesday the new show is unacceptable.

"The 6 to 8 time slot is neither prime nor semi-prime time. There are no listeners during that time, and it is totally unacceptable to me," Fox said.

"This action by Rendsburg illustrates some things to me," Fox said. "First, Rendsburg has the time that he once said he didn't have. Second, he is willing to interrupt his so-called continuity with different shows. Third, this shows that he wants to broadcast the program when there are no listeners."

"Rendsburg wants to be totally uncooperative with us. There are a lot of contradictions in what he says, and I would like to see some definite action. I don't like the idea of students rooking other students."

To these charges Rendsburg replied, "Carl Fox is a member of CGC and should have no say in the programming of the radio station. If Carl Fox would like to have a say in the programming, he has the right to apply for a job with the station. He could even have applied for my job as station manager."



UPI telephoto

Workers unload a TAN Airlines cargo plane Monday, taking emergency relief supplies to a waiting truck at San Pedro airport. Thousands died in flooding caused by Hurricane Filif. For further details, see story, page 3.

Gas price drop may become general trend

by Sandra Millers
Staff Writer

If you're a car owner, chances are you've already noticed. It seems too good to be true, but gas prices are dropping around Chapel Hill almost as suddenly as the temperature.

It happened first at the independent stations. Wilco No. 1 on Highway 86, for example, came down four cents from a summer peak of 54.9 to 50.9 cents per gallon. Similarly, prices have decreased by two to four cents per gallon at five

Carolina Service Stations Association, said Sunday he thinks the drop in gas prices will become a general trend. Hamilton said gas sales are down six per cent from last year, and dealers are being forced to lower their prices to encourage increased gas consumption.

"The decrease is on the part of the dealers," Hamilton said. He explained that the petroleum companies cannot cut wholesale prices because of increases in production costs.

While some Chapel Hill and Carrboro dealers confirmed Hamilton's explanation, others suggested different reasons for the price cut.

Independent Etna dealer Jack Douglas said his prices are down by about three cents because of a company price decrease, not a slack in sales. "We sold more gas in August than ever before," Douglas said, "and our sales now are still real good."

Chapel Hill 76 Service also reported a

company-initiated price cut along with a recent increase in sales.

"Prices have dropped three cents in the last week, and they may drop even more," a station attendant said. "I don't know why. The company did it, and we just do what they say."

"We do sell more gas now than before," he added.

Several of the franchised stations have apparently dropped prices, even at a profit loss, in order to compete with the lower-cost independent dealerships.

"There's been no change in company prices for the past three months," said George Penney of the Carrboro American station. "I'd sure like it to go down, though. I've dropped two cents myself—there are three independent stations on the same block with me."

Penny said he thought the higher overhead

expenses of a franchised station resulted in prices above those at independent dealerships.

"Anytime you're doing repair work on cars, you've got to buy equipment, pay the mechanics, buy insurance—all kinds of things," he said. "It makes quite a big difference."

At the Village Sunoco station, Alan Curtis said he, too, had dropped his own prices, "trying to sell more gas." Curtis said unleaded gas at his station was down by four cents, and self-service by three cents.

"Our sales are less now," he said, "because people are doing a lot more price-shopping."

Curtis was the only station operator surveyed who attributed a drop in sales to the new Chapel Hill bus system. "The buses definitely have had a big part to do with it," he said. "Our sales are really slow compared with other falls when the students have come back."

Guthrie Kilpatrick of Kilpatrick American Service, one of many franchised dealers who have not lowered prices, reflected the concern of station operators who are still holding out against the price cuts. "I'm expecting to have trouble getting rid of my gas," he said. The price of premium gas at Kilpatrick American is 61.9 cents per gallon, 58.9 for self-service.

Getting adequate supplies from the petroleum companies is no problem for most area dealers. Only one station, Car-Shop Food and Dairy, reported difficulties in maintaining sufficient quantities of gas.

None of the station operators are anticipating shortages in the near future although some foresee possible problems next year.

"There are not problems in sight," Etna dealer Jack Douglas said. "Perhaps later on next spring. But it'll be nothing like last year."