

# Officials study Odum water rates

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Officials from the housing and utilities departments and the UNC Physical Plant met Tuesday to discuss possible rate changes to other parts of campus as a result of decreased steam appropriations to Odum Village.

The total impact of reducing the steam to Odum Village could have an effect on the rest of the campus," said Charles Antle, assistant vice chancellor for business.

"We are working against a fixed cost of generating steam, so the rest of the University will have to absorb the allocations that came into existence as a result of the decrease," Antle said.

The various departments agreed that Odum Village (married student housing) residents have been overcharged about \$38,000 for utilities in the last 10

years and that the cost allocation formula used to determine their utility bills in the past is incorrect.

Antle said the amount which will be lost to the University by reworking the formula for Odum must be compensated for in new cost allocation formulas for the rest of the dorms and campus buildings.

"The steam allocations to dorms and other campus buildings will increase," Antle said. "However, this probably does not mean any big change in the rent pay for dormitory students."

Philip Williams, Odum resident and initial investigator of the overcharge, said he sympathizes with the University's dilemma but that his major concern is that the inequities be eliminated.

"I'm sorry this is causing a disruption in their budget, but ours has been wrong for 10 years," Williams said.

Officials present at the meeting expressed concern that the overcharge had happened at all and especially that the three departments involved were unaware of the

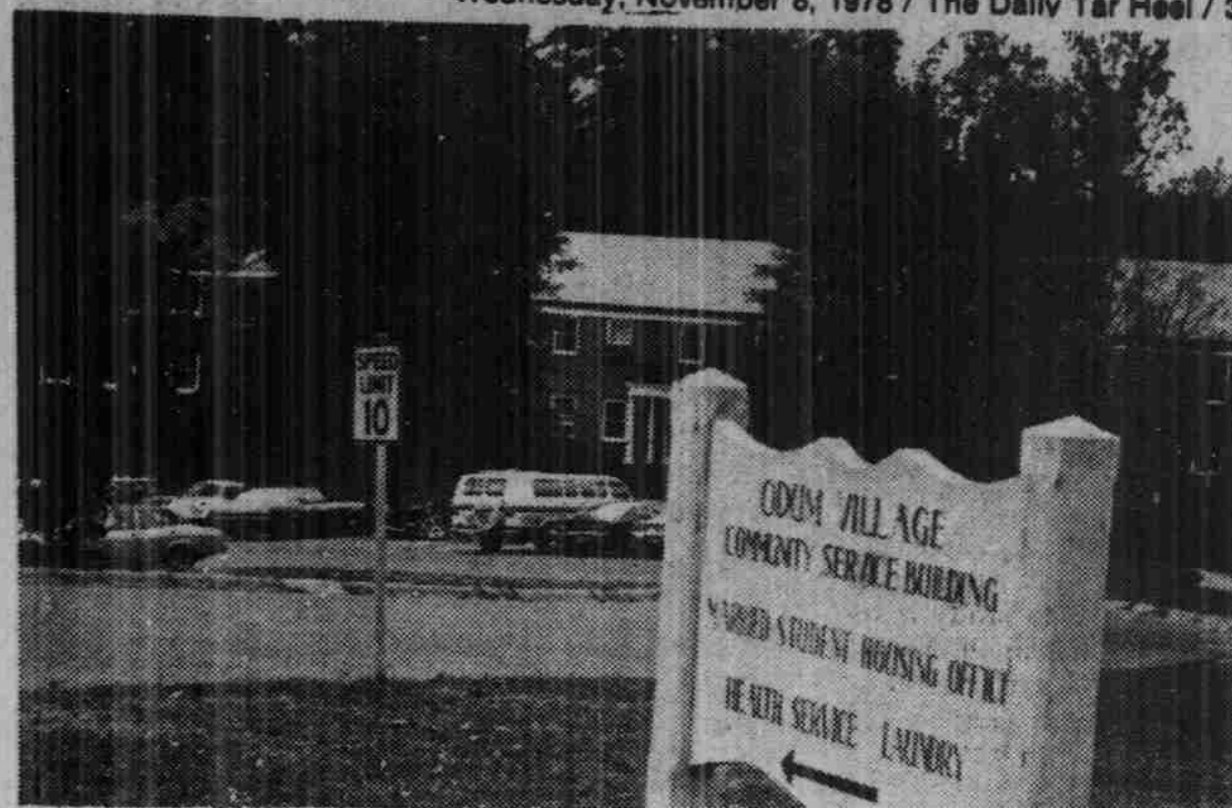
problem until Williams brought it to their attention. "We knew all the parts (of the billing process), but the pieces were never gotten together," Antle said.

Antle said the discrepancy that caused the overcharge originated in 1969 when Physical Plant engineers first devised the allocation formula. That formula included a charge for hot water. However, Odum's water is heated by electricity, not by the steam generated by the Physical Plant. Therefore, Odum Village residents were paying twice for hot water every month for the past 10 years.

Officials from the three departments want to meet with Williams soon to discuss what sort of rebate or reduction Odum residents should receive.

"My feelings would be to incorporate a utilities reduction in the Villagers' bills, rather than to try for a rebate," Antle said.

Also at the meeting, officials determined that the cost of utilities will increase by 20 percent campuswide next year, instead of the 14 percent predicted earlier.



Odum residents have been overcharged for nearly 10 years

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## Moonshine once popular in county, Buck Knight says

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"I've seen the time when we busted three or four stills a day," says Buck Knight about his work as a deputy before he became sheriff of Orange County in 1959.

"Back then, moonshining was pretty good business in Orange County," recalls Knight, who ran again this year uncontested for Sheriff. "Everybody drank it. Successful shiners turned out 460 gallons of moonshine—white liquor—a day and brought in up to \$100,000 a year.

"Busting a shining operation was a pretty tricky thing. First, you had to find out when they were going to run it. If you guessed right, you caught yourself a moonshiner."

Before World War II, the sheriff says, most moonshining was done with the copper still. The copper still separated the mash and the distilling agents.

The distilling steam was produced by the same equipment that fermented the mash. The process made a high-quality liquor that was less expensive and often more desirable than government bonded "red liquor."

Orange County had a definite affinity for the shine when Knight became sheriff in 1959 and law enforcement did not seem to be curtailing it.

When Orange County instituted an ABC board of police in 1959 to accommodate the opening of ABC stores, Burch Compton, ABC chief of police, assumed the task of alcohol regulation in Orange County.

"When I became an ABC officer, you could walk into the woods almost anywhere around here and find a still in a matter of minutes," Compton says. "I realized then that I was going to have to get tough."

"We started out with a two-man department, and we let the moonshiners know that we meant business. We worked everyday of the week, and we made it perfectly clear that we weren't going to be paid off. I think the shiners knew that we meant to get white liquor out of Orange County."

Because of the ABC board's crackdown, shiners quit using the copper still. It was too elaborate and it required too long to work, so they resorted to the submarine still, a device that operated underground.

"In the submarine still, you just threw everything in



Sheriff Buck Knight

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together," the sheriff says. The earth's heat caused it to work over faster. And it was a lot easier to conceal," he adds.

But the submarine still didn't make high quality shine. The shiners employed galvanized tin and car radiators in the distilling equipment. A chemical reaction of the acetic acid in the mash and the lead compounds in the radiators and the tin produced a lead acetate that causes lead poisoning.

To lessen the chances of apprehension by speeding up production, lye and horse manure, which provide urea that hastens fermentation, were added to the mash. Many times, rubbing alcohol was "cut in" to make the batch go further—a technique that produced a liquor which caused blindness.

Due to the efforts of Compton and his staff, and a growing public awareness of the dangers of cheaply manufactured white whiskey, moonshining in Orange County began to suffer.

"When people realized that the shiners wouldn't drink their own stuff, they began to have second thoughts about drinking moonshine," Knight says.

"I remember when we convicted Jehue Edwards for manufacturing poisoned liquor back in '64," Compton says. "We learned that two men had died from drinking his stuff. When we investigated his operation, we found dozens of empty Chlorox bottles around the mash boxes."

Gradually, the public began to shy away from white liquor, Compton says. "After they heard about operations like Edwards', they were afraid to drink it."

"By 1967, business had begun to taper off. The shiners said they couldn't make a living here anymore, and by 1972 Orange County had pretty well dried up."

"As a matter of fact, we've only busted one still in the past three years."

## Aldermen vote to delay debate on rezoning Baity land for UNC

By CAROL HANNER  
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Chapel Hill aldermen voted Monday to delay consideration of rezoning property on Mason Farm Road from residential to University use until Dec. 11.

The rezoning had been slated for discussion by the board at Monday's special meeting, but Alderman Robert

Epting successfully moved to delay the matter.

The board did vote to go ahead with negotiations to buy the Franklin Street Post Office building for use as a District Court facility and to buy land for a new police station.

Approximately 20 persons left the meeting after the board decided not to discuss rezoning the Mason Farm Road property that has been discussed as a possible site for UNC's proposed athletic complex and 600-space parking lot.

The University bought the land from Mrs. H.C. Baity and her husband in 1974. Baity and other area residents have expressed concern that an athletic complex would disrupt the residential quality of the neighborhood in spite of a 200-foot buffer strip and the closing of access streets proposed by UNC.

Rezoning the land to University-A would allow virtually any use by UNC.

The board originally scheduled discussion of the rezoning after a Nov. 20 public hearing on town revisions of the University-A zone.

Aldermen Epting, Bev Kawalec, Marilyn Boulton and Jonathan Howes called a special meeting to reconsider the delay. Discussion of police and court facilities already had been scheduled for Monday's meeting.

Epting said he moved to take the rezoning off the agenda until Dec. 11 after he learned that some aldermen were concerned about voting on the issue at a special meeting.

"I wanted to be sure that the substantive issue was not distorted by any discomfort on the part of the board with how (the rezoning) got on the agenda," Epting said.

The board will discuss the issue at a Dec. 4 work session with the planning board, then take final action at the regular Dec. 11 meeting.

In other action, the board authorized Town Manager Gene Shipman and Town Attorney Emery B. Denny to begin negotiations to acquire the Franklin Street Post Office from the U.S. government for use as a court facility.

The town must submit a bid on the building by Nov. 15.

The board also agreed to begin proceedings to acquire land on Airport Road for building a new police station.

Shipman said the new location is preferred to renovating the present police building on Rosemary Street because of a lack of land, few parking spaces, possible disruption of traffic flow and the difficulty of renovating the five-level building.

## Career Day set to recruit health students

Senior and graduate students in the medical allied sciences will have the opportunity to talk with representatives from a variety of hospitals and health agencies during Health Sciences Career Day Nov. 15.

Sponsored by the Division of Health Sciences and the University Placement Services, the event will allow students to discuss job opportunities in the allied health sciences. At least 60 recruiters are expected from several states including North Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, said Doris McCauley, assistant director of Health Sciences and Education.

Major hospitals, government agencies, the armed forces, the Peace Corps and Vista will be represented.

All activities will be located in Carrington and Berryhill halls. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on the first floor of Carrington, followed by an opening assembly in 104 Carrington. Students will be able to visit with recruiters from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## Rejected Morehead nominee to appeal ruling

By DINITA JAMES  
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Richard Kania said Monday he will appeal the recent dismissal by Superior Court Judge Robert Browning of Kania's suit against the Morehead Foundation.

The suit was brought against the foundation by Kania on behalf of his son, Jay Allen Kania, on the grounds that his son had been unfairly eliminated in the competition for Morehead scholarships last fall. Jay Kania, a graduate of Lee County Senior High and a freshman at UNC, was eliminated at the district level. The suit charges that the Morehead trustees arbitrarily emphasized leadership over scholarship in deciding not to award Kania a grant.

"In my correspondence with the foundation," Kania said, "they did tell me that academics was not all that important. According to the trust, they (the relevant criteria) should all be equal. There is no indication in the trust that academics is less important."

Kania also said the foundation does not follow the exact formula prescribed by John Motley Morehead in choosing the recipients.

But Marguerite Perry, administrative assistant of the Morehead Foundation, said the policy for selecting nominees is the same now as it was when the first award was granted in 1953.

The qualifications for Morehead scholars are: "evidence of moral force of character and of a capacity to lead and take an interest in schoolmates; scholastic ability and extracurricular attainments; and physical vigor as shown by participation in competitive sports or in other areas."

These are the same regulations as set up by the trustees when Morehead served as

chairperson of the board, Perry said.

Kania said the dismissal came on a legal technicality. He said the suit was dismissed because of a statute which the judge interpreted to say that only the attorney general could sue the foundation.

Kania said the statute gives the attorney general the right to sue a private foundation, but does not give the right to him solely.

"We never did get the merits of the lawsuit," Kania said. "People have said the trustees have discretion and can give it

to whomever they want. This may be true, but I'm suing because the trustees have to follow the formula laid down by the person who gave them the money. It's still a public trust in that way."

Kania said he expects some success in his appeal. "We wouldn't try it if we didn't feel we had a case in the appeal proceedings. I feel the judge made an error in dismissing the suit. Essentially what the foundation's lawyer did was to admit what we said in the suit was right, but have it dismissed on a technicality. Either way the appeal goes, at least we'll get an opinion."

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