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Lee: Lt. governor's post unnecessary

By Adrienne Parker
Staff Writer

During the next General Assembly session, N.C. Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, plans to tackle the state government system with his proposals to eliminate the office of lieutenant governor, set term limits and obtain the veto power for North Carolina's governor.

The omnibus bill includes several proposals that would redefine the office of lieutenant governor, including consolidating the powers of lieutenant governor and secretary of state.

"My primary interest is to redefine the office of lieutenant governor; that is, to move it from the legislative branch to the executive branch," Lee said.

Elliott Warnock, director of communication for N.C. Secretary of State

Rufus Edminsten, said the secretary of state could handle any duties given to him, presuming Edminsten had the right size staff and the right budget.

Lee said his motivation for the changes was partly financial. Lee said he was not certain that the duties of the N.C. lieutenant governor justified the office's expenses. The only constitutional duty of the lieutenant governor is to preside over the Senate, he said.

"We are at a point where we must look for ways to reduce government expenses. We must review the way all



Howard Lee

the offices function," Lee said. "We must ask the hard question: Are citizens getting their money's worth?"

Lee's bill also includes other reforms such as joining the governor and lieutenant governor on one ticket and limiting their time in office to a single, six-year term. The changes would not go into effect until the year 2000, he said.

"I definitely think the lieutenant governor and governor should run on the same ticket after the primary," said former N.C. Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan. "Having served under other circumstances, I understand the pitfalls."

Despite General Assembly revisions three years ago, Lee said the lieutenant governor's tasks needed redefining.

Until the 1989-90 session, while serving as president of the senate, the lieutenant governor had the power to assign

committee chairmen and members and to assign bills to committees.

During the 1990 session, with Republican Jim Gardner as lieutenant governor, the Democratic-controlled General Assembly returned many of the lieutenant governor's powers to the president pro-tempore of the senate, Lee said.

"When they took those powers back, they really changed the character of the office," Jordan said.

Before 1990, North Carolina's lieutenant governor had more power than 90 percent of similar officials in other states, Jordan said.

Despite the loss of governmental power, Tina Wilson, Gardner's director of communications, said the lieutenant governor still can be influential.

Wilson cited Gardner's accomplish-

ments as chairman of the N.C. Drug Cabinet and his participation in other state organizations as examples. "The office is whatever the person makes of it," she said.

In addition to limiting the terms of the governor and lieutenant governor, Lee's bill also offers term limits for legislators and veto power for the governor as in other states.

"I think the governor should have the veto power. I think things pass embedded in the legislation that should not pass," Jordan said. "Forty-nine states can't all be wrong."

Lee also said he would like to change state legislators' two-year terms by allowing them to serve four-year terms. Lee also proposes limiting legislators to serving only three terms or a total of 14 years.

University Station plan pleases environmentalists

By Paul Bredderman
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Portions of a proposed housing development that might allow for greater protection of county open spaces and expanded use of mass transit has excited local environmentalists, although many still are hesitant to endorse the plan.

The University Station proposal, one of the largest proposed developments in Orange County history, has forced county government officials to think about the adequacy of existing land-use policy.

County officials will hold a public hearing tonight at 7:30 at the Orange County courthouse in Hillsborough.

The plan, which differs from traditional developments, calls for higher-density housing than the traditional developments would in the same space. The plan proposes a "rural village" design in which stores and services would be centrally located.

University Station, as proposed, would be built on Old N.C. 10 between Interstates 40 and 85 in Orange County and would span 630 acres.

"We're not examining the specific proposal yet," said Orange County commissioner Don Willhoit. "The question is, do we prefer a rural village plan to what the existing ordinances could provide."

The proposal has been lauded by environmentalists and county government officials for its preservation of open spaces and its effort to reduce "urban sprawl."

Present county zoning patterns allow for larger acreage on individual lots and low-density housing.

Bill Bracey, a member of the local Sierra Club chapter, said environmen-

talists were enthusiastic about the future of high-density housing in the county because of the potential of rural village construction.

"Unless we take some initiative and make some changes in the way we develop, we're just going to end up with more and more of what we have now," Bracey said.

High-density housing also would facilitate mass transit and preserve open spaces, he added.

Bracey said extending the bus system to reduce automobile traffic was a foreseeable benefit of higher-density housing in the development. Project developers said light rail service to the neighborhood was a possibility, he said.

"If we plan now, there can be options in the future," Bracey said. "If light rail is developed along existing rail lines ... there could conceivably be student housing all the way up into Hillsborough."

"That may be 20 years away," he added. "But (the plan) indicates a change in the development patterns, which is necessary for us to get out of cars."

But reaction to the proposal isn't all positive.

Willhoit said he was concerned about traffic that a high-density development like University Station would create.

"I think the developer has to demonstrate that the road system will handle the extra traffic," he said.

But Willhoit added that the development was not contingent on availability of mass transit.

"I think more the focus is how do we serve the people that are here, and how (are we serving) them through our current development ordinances," he said.

While the proposal offers environmentally positive precedents, Bracey says the local Sierra Club does not en-

dorse the development because of other aspects of the proposal.

A golf course is part of the plan, offered as protected open space by the developers. "It's being presented as open space, but it's really not," Bracey said.

Willhoit said, "I understand why people say that it's not really a shared open space, because you really can't use it unless you're playing golf."

Nearby residents also have voiced disapproval about the proposal.

"The people that live near it are not very excited about it," Bracey said. The density for the proposal is larger than normal for rural Orange County.

Willhoit said a recent committee set up by the Orange County Board of Commissioners hoped to bring together neighborhood residents and developers to agree on a workable plan.

"A lot of people are comparing the University Station development to what is there, as opposed to what is allowed by the current ordinances," he said. "We haven't made the decision about whether we want rural villages or not, and here we are faced with a rural development proposal."

A committee was set up by the commissioners five years ago to begin looking at ways to improve land development and has recently recommended six strategies, Willhoit said.

The rural village model is one of them. "I'm intrigued by it," Willhoit said. "But the issue is whether University Station is the right location and right form of the rural village."

Willhoit said that the commissioners would apply land-use standards in examining the proposal but that the group could prevent development of the land.

"You can't prevent the person from using their land, unless you're going to buy it from them," Willhoit said.



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Cover-up

Shirley Fung, a sophomore from Mansfield, Mass., prepares Union Gallery for "A Day Without Art," a national event commemorating artists who have died from AIDS.



Award-winning UNC professor emeritus dies

Dr. Augustus "Gus" Taylor Miller Jr., a winner of the UNC School of Medicine's Distinguished Service Award, died Friday at Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill after a long illness. He was 82.

Miller, who retired from the University in 1975, came to Chapel Hill as an instructor in 1939 and was named a professor of physiology in 1950. At various times, he served as assistant dean of the School of Medicine and as acting chairman of his department.

Miller was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 1982. He also authored "Exercise Physiology," with Dr. L.E. Morehouse.

A native of Arlington, Texas, Miller earned his bachelor's degree and graduated at the top of his class in 1931 at Emory University, where he also earned his master's degree in physiology. In 1939, he received his doctorate in physiology from the University of Michigan. He received his medical degree from Duke University in 1953.

Miller is survived by his wife, Adeline; a son, Dr. Robert Miller of Denver; a brother, William Miller of Lindale, Texas; and a sister, Helen Williams of Moultrie, Ga.

A memorial service will be held today at the Holy Trinity Church.

First candidates info meeting set for today

Students considering running for elected office next semester should attend a candidates' interest meeting today in 209 Union.

The meeting, which will be held at 5 p.m., will be an opportunity for interested candidates or students just considering running to pick up candidate packets and petitions. Elections Board officials will be on hand to help answer questions about the UNC election process.

The meeting is open to all potential candidates for Student Congress, Student Body President, Residence Hall Association president, Carolina Athletic Association president and senior class president and vice president.

Students unable to attend the meeting should contact Elections Board Chairman Ron Barnes in Suite A of the Student Union.

GPSF writing award winners announced

Mark Dorosin, a second-year graduate student in the law school, and Karen Stohr, a doctoral student in philosophy, are the winners of the first Fletcher Green Graduate Writing awards.

Dorosin and Stohr each will receive a \$250 scholarship from the Graduate and Professional Students Association.

Entrants in the contest were asked to write a 1,000-word essay on either the black cultural center debate or the greatest problem facing the University as it enters its third century.

Cellar Door to hold reading from first issue

Students are invited to attend a reading of contributions from this semester's issue of Cellar Door, UNC's creative-writing magazine, Thursday at the Hardback Cafe and Bookstore.

Contributors to the magazine will read short stories and poetry from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to celebrate release of the publication.

Cellar Door Co-editor Mark Cunningham said he hoped many people would attend.

Students should look for further issues of Cellar Door next semester, Cunningham said. The magazine also will be released in smaller, biweekly issues, he said.

6 UNC students vying for Rhodes

By Gary Rosenzweig
Staff Writer

Six UNC students are hoping to hit the Rhodes to London soon.

Maurice Drayton, Ganesh Gunasekaran, Johnathan Robertson, Malcolm Turner, Scott Wilkens and Serena Wille have been selected by a UNC committee and will interview at the state level Wednesday for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship.

"It is probably the most prestigious graduate scholarship that is open to American students," said Robert Allen, associate dean for honors students in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Rhodes Scholarship is awarded to 32 American college seniors every year. Selected students spend two to three years in a graduate program at Oxford University in England. The scholarship pays for tuition, fees and

travel. UNC ranks third among all universities for the highest number of Rhodes Scholarships awarded, Allen said. There have been 17 UNC winners since 1965, including three winners who are currently at Oxford, he said.

Six students were nominated by the UNC Rhodes Scholarship Nomination Committee to interview on the state level. Four will interview in North Carolina, one in Missouri and one in Washington. Candidates have a choice of competing in their home state or in the state where their school is located, Allen said.



Robertson

After being nominated by a college, the students must be chosen to be interviewed by the state committee. All six students nominated were chosen by the states they selected.



Drayton

Thomas Sorrell, a chemistry professor, is chairman of the UNC Rhodes Scholar Nomination Committee. The committee consists of faculty and alumni, about half of whom are former Rhodes Scholars.

The process began early this term, and 23 students applied to the committee for nomination, Sorrell said.

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Volunteers look to bring holiday joy to hospital

By Chris Robertson
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Santa Claus is coming to town soon, and he'll also pay a visit to the hospital thanks to the Campus Y's Umstead Committee.

The Umstead Committee, a group of student volunteers who work with hospital patients, once again is sponsoring Operation Santa Claus, an outreach program to help patients in the John Umstead Hospital in Butler enjoy Christmas even though they can't be home with family and friends.

The committee, headed by Ross Taylor, a senior from Huntersville, and Laura Aycock, a senior from Greensboro, sponsored the program for the first time last year. Taylor and

Aycock said that the first effort had been a success, and that changes had been made to ensure this year's program would be even better.

Last year, committee volunteers manned tables in the Pit and on Franklin Street just before Christmas to take up gift donations for hospital patients. The students then distributed the gifts at the hospital.

In an effort to make the program more successful, Taylor and Aycock want to take both monetary and material donations this year. They will propose the change in the program at a meeting today.

Taylor and Aycock want to place a table in the Pit and a bin in the Campus Y to accept gifts. Financial donations could then be made at the Pit site.

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