

Water no problem

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Last August the Orange Water and Sewer Authority watched the level of University Lake as though it were filled with liquid gold.

At the same time, rumors flew that University students would be sent home if it didn't rain soon.

This fall, there is at least a temporary reprieve from Chapel Hill's annual water problems. For the time being, there is plenty of water in the lake (it was only five inches below capacity Monday), and OWASA could purchase water from Hillsborough through a newly completed pipeline if the need arises.

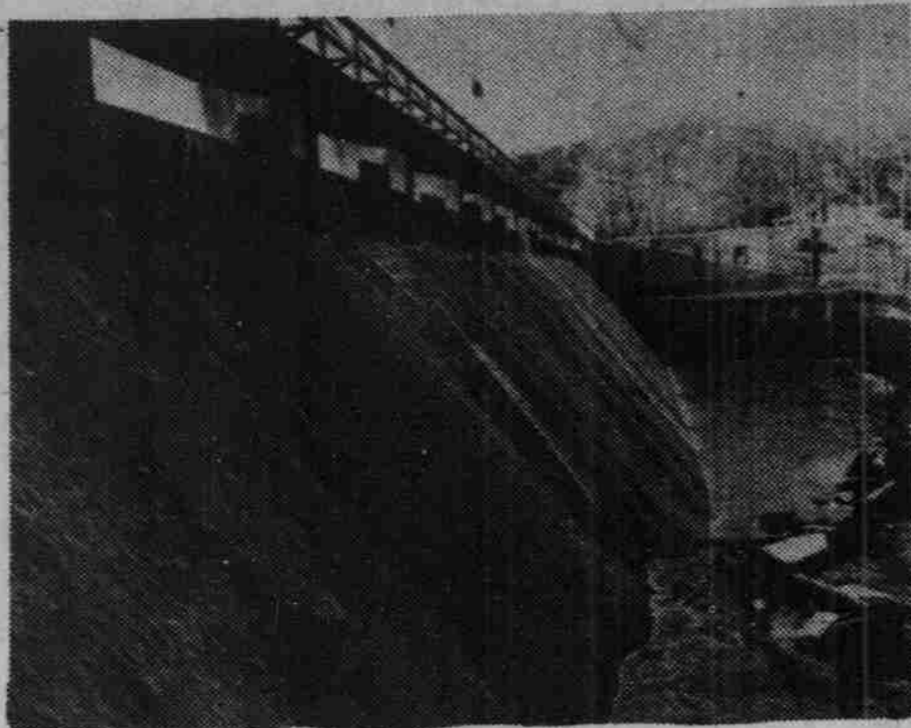
"My feeling is that we're in real good shape," OWASA Assistant Director W.H. Cleveland said Monday. "The lake was down about 84 inches around this time last year."

Despite the relative abundance of water, Cleveland said residents should be conscious of conservation since there is an ever-increasing strain on the area's water supply.

"We're still asking for conservation, for the future," he said. "This area is growing so fast... and we still just don't have much water."

Cleveland said OWASA probably won't have to buy water from Hillsborough before next summer. The Hillsborough pipeline was completed April 30, but no water has been pumped through it yet, he said.

The construction of the Cane Creek reservoir, which has faced heavy opposition, is still at least five years away, he



Water runs over University Lake dam

predicted. The reservoir has been seen as OWASA's answer to the area's long-term water problems.

Water rates might increase soon, Cleveland said. A private consulting firm hired by OWASA is making a rate study for the authority. One of the proposals being studied is a \$3.60 service charge for first usage of water, and a small additional service charge per thousand gallons. The rate now is \$1.20 per thousand gallons.

Cleveland said the authority still is sending its customers literature on how to conserve water. But students will be spared last year's massive conservation campaign, which urged everything from "navy showers" to not flushing toilets as often.

Smith claims bias

UNC battles prof's lawsuit

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GREENSBORO—Defense attorneys for the UNC Department of Religion this week are presenting evidence to a U.S. Middle District Court jury in a \$2.25 million lawsuit charging University officials with practicing age and sex discrimination in faculty promotions.

Mary Carroll Smith, a 43-year-old assistant professor of religion at the University filed the civil suit in July 1976 after she was denied tenure by her tenured colleagues in the religion department.

In briefs filed with the court, Smith says her contract was not renewed because of her sex and age.

University officials contend that Smith was not rehired because of deficiencies in her academic teaching and research records.

U.S. Middle District Court Judge Eugene Gordon is presiding over the trial. Arguments began Aug. 14 and may conclude Friday.

Durham attorney Elizabeth Petersen, counsel for Smith, last week called witnesses from the religion department faculty who said the assistant professor's age and sex, not her academic credentials, were the reasons for termination of her contract.

Eddie Speas and Elizabeth Bunting, the assistant state attorneys general representing the University, began defense arguments Monday.

They introduced as evidence several letters written among members of the religion department faculty in which Smith's academic credentials, not her age and sex, were discussed.

Smith maintains that as the first woman faculty member of the religion department, she was discriminated against unfairly by failure to renew her contract when it expired in July 1976. She is asking for \$2.25 million in punitive and compensatory damages for mental stress incurred during the dispute.

Named as defendants in the suit are UNC President William C. Friday, Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor, and administrators of the College of Arts and Sciences and the religion department.

Smith holds a doctorate in Sanskrit and Indian studies from Harvard University. She retains her teaching position at the University, although her original three-year contract expired in 1976. Her dismissal was prevented by an injunction issued in August 1976 by the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Pondering the Greek atmosphere?

Sign up for sorority rush by Friday

What is the Panhellenic Council? It may sound like Greek to most people. But that's because it is Greek.

The Panhellenic Council is the governing body of the 12 sororities at UNC. The council is composed of two representatives from each sorority and serves as a liaison between the Greek system and the campus and community.

The Panhellenic Council sponsors inter-sorority activities, supports campus activities, participates in service projects and coordinates sorority rush.

Panhellenic officers say that one of the major assets of sorority life on a large campus is that it offers its members a home base from which to branch out.

To join a sorority at UNC, women students must participate in a

membership drive sponsored by the Panhellenic Council called rush.

Prospective members are called rushees and visit the sorority houses and meet the members. Rush this fall will be held Aug. 29-Sept. 7.

To be eligible for sorority rush, a woman must register with the Panhellenic Council. Registration began Aug. 21 and continues through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the Union Desk.

Anyone not registered by 5 p.m. Friday will be ineligible for formal sorority rush.

During rush, each rushee is assigned a rush counselor to answer questions and advise her throughout rush. The counselors, who are sorority members, have undergone extensive counseling training.

Participating in rush does not obligate a rushee to pledge a sorority. She may drop out of rush at any time and may participate in informal rush or in rush next fall is she wishes.

A sorority house tour beginning from the Great Hall of the Carolina Union will be held Sunday from 3-5 p.m. All women interested in sororities are invited to attend.

Two new sororities will be colonizing on campus following formal rush. Those sororities, Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Phi Epsilon, will hold a special rush beginning Sept. 8.

For more information about sorority rush, contact the Panhellenic Office in Suite A Carolina Union, 933-7601.

Financial aid distributed in Pettigrew today

Financial aid checks will be distributed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 24 to Aug. 29 on the third floor of Pettigrew Hall.

Students claiming aid checks must bring their official registration form which shows their class schedule. If a student cannot come on his scheduled day, he can come on the final day of the distribution schedule and receive funds.

The following schedule will be used for the designated categories of students: all dental, law and medical students should come on Tuesday, Aug. 22 or Wednesday, Aug. 23. All other students should come on the following days:

- last names beginning with A through F—Thursday, Aug. 24 (today).

- last names beginning with G through L—Friday, Aug. 25.

- The office is closed Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26-27.

- last names beginning with M through R—Monday, Aug. 28.

- last names beginning with S through Z—Tuesday, Aug. 29.

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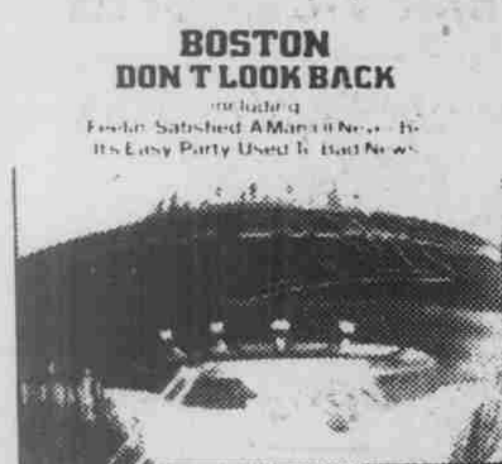
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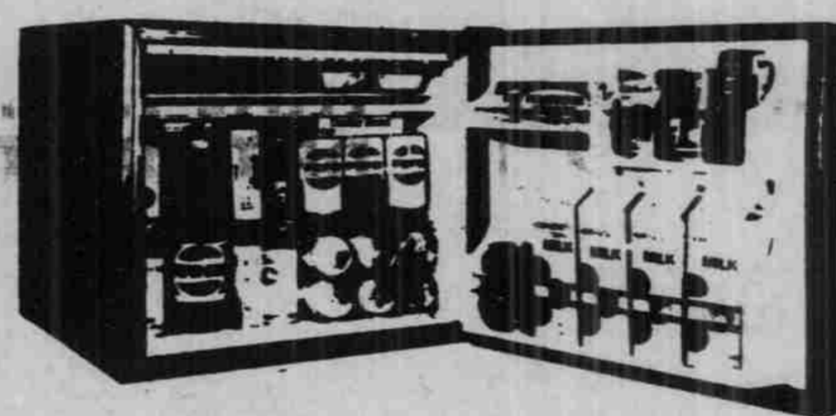
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