

State raises air pollution limits

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The North Carolina Environment Management Commission recently raised state air pollution limits on soot and smoke concentration from 60 micrograms of pollutants per cubic meter in ambient air to 75 micrograms of pollutants per cubic meter.

"In 1980, several measuring stations across the state went from below 60 micrograms to way over," said Dr. Russell Hageman of the Division of Environmental Management. "We think that the increase may have been caused by last year's severe drought."

According to Hageman, the amount of pollutants and dust particles in the ambient air, the atmosphere closest to earth, is measured by air-sampling monitors throughout the state. The Commission runs a sample for a 24-hour period every

six days. Nearly 55 values are taken during the year. The annual average is formulated from these values.

"The federal ambient air quality standard is bi-level," Hageman said. "First, the primary standard allows 75 micrograms of pollutants in the air in order to protect people's health. The secondary level (60 micrograms per cubic meter) protects property and non-health items. We simply upped ourselves to the primary level."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency does not oppose the state increase. North Carolina was previously the only state that had not accepted the primary ambient air quality standard.

"The EPA sets standards to protect the people's health and welfare," said Atlanta EPA spokesman Walter Bishop. "North Carolina is just making the state standard consistent with federal standard."

Some concern was indicated about the affect of the increase on the amount of soot and smoke emitted by large industries in North Carolina. "The emission standard sets for the emission limit for industries. The ambient air quality standard allows no industry to increase emission," Hageman said. "However, if the problem continues to grow, we will have to move upward the trigger level that will cause industries to control emission of soot and smoke even more than they are now."

Hageman feels that no significant rise in air pollution will occur over the state.

"The most effected areas will be those of great economic activity," he said.

A 1977 state law prohibits North Carolina from having stricter standards than the federal government.

The new standard goes into effect Oct. 15.

Hubert S. Liang

Chinese journalist set to speak

Hubert S. Liang, a Chinese journalist, is scheduled to speak at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday in 104 Howell on United States-China relations.

The talk is sponsored by the Office of International Programs, the School of Journalism and the North Carolina China Council.

Liang, 79, has had a long and interesting career, said Dr. Larry Kestler, director of International Programs. "He is really a part of two societies."

Liang was raised in China and went

to Christian missionary schools there. He did his undergraduate studies in engineering and journalism in the United States. Liang worked on the *Detroit News* in the mid-1920s.

"His lifetime has spanned major political upheavals of modern China," Kestler said. In the 1930s and 1940s, Liang went on "goodwill missions" to the United States from China, and has been involved with nationalistic and revolutionary movements since the 1920s. "He has a wealth of experi-

ences to talk about."

Since 1949, Liang has been a professor of journalism in Shanghai and Nanking. He was a visiting professor in the school of journalism at the University of Missouri in 1980, and at the University of Maine last spring.

If anyone is interested in talking with Liang, or in learning more about him, Kestler may be contacted at the Office of International Programs.

— LYNN PEITHMAN

Election date scheduled to fill council vacancies

As a result of recent resignations, an Oct. 6 election is scheduled to fill five vacant seats on the Campus Governing Council, Elections Board Chairman Mark Jacobson said Monday.

CGC representatives from Districts 2, 6, 7, 20 and 22 will be chosen. District 2 comprises graduate students in art, drama, music, education and social work. Graduate students in the schools of medicine and nursing constitute District 6.

District 7 includes graduate students in

ecology, geology, zoology, pharmacy and public health.

District 20 — which covers western Carrboro — includes Old Well, Poplar, Hillmont and Bim Street apartments. Southwest Carrboro — including Royal Park, the Villages and Kingswood apartments — comprises District 22.

Students interested in running are requested to call Suite C of the Carolina Union and ask for Jacobson or ElChino Martin, CGC speaker, for filing information. Filing deadline is 5 p.m. Sept. 29.

Norberg appoints committee members

Student Body President Scott Norberg announced his recommendations for several Student Government Executive Branch positions and other committees Monday.

LaVie Ellison, a junior from Eden, was named head of the State Affairs Committee. Ellison worked with the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments at its September meeting. The committee will concentrate on state aid and other issues that must be approved by the N.C. Legislature. Ellison's

appointment is expected to come before the Campus Governing Council in the next two weeks.

The student health advocate, an independent position linking Student Government with the Student Health Services Advisory Board, will be Don Rose. A senior from Greensboro, Rose will keep Student Government officials informed of student complaints about the Student Health Service.

Sean Alvarez, a junior from Fayetteville, was appointed to *The Daily Tar Heel* board of directors. The DTH board manages newspaper policy not involving

editorial positions.

Pauline McNeill was named to the Chancellor's Committee of Student Conduct. McNeill, a junior from Erwin, will review the University's honor system if her appointment is approved by Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham.

Norberg said he had suggested Carla Lillivick, a sophomore from Eaton Town, N.J., as a member of the Library Board. Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Samuel Williamson will make the final appointment.

— ELAINE McCLATCHEY

Register bikes on Wednesday

Students can have their bikes registered between 1-5 p.m. Wednesday in the Pit.

The registration, sponsored by the transportation committee of Student Government, will be conducted by the campus police and Student Government.

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