

OWASA still requests voluntary water conservation

By LISA BRANTLEY
Staff Writer

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the shower...

Officials at the Orange Water and Sewer Authority are still "praying for more rain," said administrative assistant Joan Gilgor. Although this week's rain of 1.22 inches and the subsequent runoff have pushed University Lake, this area's main water source, back up to 38 inches below full, OWASA is continuing to ask residents to follow voluntary water conservation measures.

Pat Davis, systems specialist for OWASA, said the request probably would not be lifted in the near future. "Water usage has remained quite low," Davis said. "It appears that people still recognize the fact that we're not in real good shape."

Wednesday's consumption level was 5.3 million gallons. The target level is 5.5 million.

OWASA's target in lifting the present conservation request is a lake level of 36 inches below the full elevation of 349 feet. Davis said that level could be reached with one or two steady rainfalls but that rain was not the only determining factor in deciding to lift the request.

"We would still take the availability of adjacent supplies very seriously," Davis said. "I doubt that we'll have to purchase water again this year, but it still may be a little while (before we lift the request). We'll be cautious in making a decision."

During the peak of Chapel Hill's water crisis, the town purchased almost 1.65 million gallons from Lake Orange in Hillsborough, but after a rainfall of 5.14 inches in Chapel Hill during the month of October, these purchases stopped on Oct. 25.

Hillsborough spokesman Bill Laws said the town's water supply would be sufficient to support further purchases should Chapel Hill have continued water needs in the immediate future.

Although Lake Orange, Hillsborough's major source of water, is now down 49.8 inches below full to approximately 60 percent of its capacity, water from Lake Orange was still released when it was down by as much as 58 inches almost a month ago, Laws said.

Laws said that there had been steady improvement in the water conditions recently in both towns, and that the water supply in both is in the process of building back up. "Lake Orange has come back up virtually 9 inches," Laws said.

University Lake has increased in water level by more than 17 inches with Tuesday's rain because of its larger watershed.

For the record

In the story "BSM choir's fate in court's hands," the *DTH* incorrectly quoted Assistant Student Attorney General David Maslia as saying scripture and music make up only a small portion of performances of the BSM Gospel Choir. The statement should have read "scripture and prayer..." The *DTH* regrets the error.

In the story "Author to speak Tuesday on human ancestor Lucy," in Monday's paper, it was incorrectly reported that the human skeleton Lucy is 3.5 billion years old. Lucy is actually 3.5 million years old. The *DTH* regrets the error.

Campus parties debate policy

By CINDY PARKER
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A crowd of interested students braved the cold weather in the Pit Thursday afternoon as members of the UNC Young Democrats and College Republicans debated U.S. foreign policy.

The debate, part of Human Rights Week at the University, was led by Young Democrats member Tim Newman, who cited the policy of the Reagan administration as one of "fight now, negotiate later." This is in direct contrast with the policy of Reagan's predecessor, Jimmy Carter, who "showed his commitment to human rights," Newman said.

Ray Shimer, a College Republican, argued that the United States must counteract Soviet aggression. "The policy of the Soviet Union is to take over the entire world," The Soviets seek to achieve this goal through destruction, Shimer said.

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was an "unprovoked assault on an innocent country," said Harry Kaplan, President of the College Democrats on campus. "Yet recently, we have done the same thing," he said, referring to the U.S. attack on Grenada.

The United States violated international law by invading Grenada because there was "no proven danger to American citizens there," Kaplan said. "We have adopted a dangerous policy... If we don't get rid of him (Reagan) in 1984 we'll see this happen again and again."

Martin Lloyd, arguing on behalf of the Republicans, elicited jeers from the crowd when he cited the invasion of Afghanistan as unprovoked and that of Grenada as provoked.

Lloyd briefly summarized the unrest in Nicaragua. "Thanks to the Democrats we have lost another country to the communists," he said. Later, in response to a comment from an on-looker, Lloyd said the word "communist is synonymous with Democrat."

The debate was sponsored by the Young Democrats as a part of Human Rights Week.

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Groups combine over race relations

By CHRIS EDWARDS
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There is no shortage on campus of organizations working to improve race relations. At a meeting Wednesday night, representatives from some of the organizations got together and decided that a little teamwork might go a long way.

Representatives at the first meeting of the University Relations Committee Information Exchange agreed to combine their efforts to create greater racial understanding at UNC. They expressed together the belief that one group proposal would be more effective than numerous smaller proposals from the many different organizations concerned with minorities.

An important issue discussed at the meeting was the further integration of on-campus housing. Mark Dalton, Residence Hall Association president, said it must first be determined if the large black population on South Campus was a sign of racism. "I don't believe this is the case," Dalton said, "but I think a problem does exist."

Dalton said that a student government task force considering the problem had three goals: a revision of the roommate questionnaire received by incoming freshmen, a restructuring of pre-orientation and orientation activities to encourage greater racial interaction, and an expansion of black cultural programs in residence halls. "We need to find a way to expose students to different cultures," Dalton said.

Jennifer Ayer, co-coordinator of People Against Racism, a campus organization that deals with racial issues, said her group was concerned with segregation in general. She cited hiring of more minority faculty members and developing a better racial balance between South and North Campus as the goals of the group.

Those in attendance agreed to try to meet on a regular basis in the future to discuss racial concerns.

Other groups represented at the meeting included the Union Public Relations Committee, the Carolina Indian Circle, and the Panhellenic Council.



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