

Voters face many decisions at polls

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When Orange County voters go to the polls today, they'll find varied items on the ballot for positions at the local, state and national levels.

In Chapel Hill, one of the most publicized issues is the bond referendum, which proposes raising \$11.8 million for town improvements.

If approved, the money will go toward a new public library, several street improvements, municipal building improvements and a new fire station. The ballot allows voters to decide on each expenditure separately.

Voters also will be asked to consider three amendments to the N.C. Constitution.

If approved, the first proposal would give the N.C. General Assembly the power to enact laws authorizing the state to issue revenue bonds for financing private or non-profit higher-education facilities.

The second amendment would change the policy dealing with

vacancies in elected positions. The proposal reads, "An election shall be held to fill the remainder of the unexpired term if the vacancy occurs more than 60 days before the next election, rather than 30 days as is presently provided."

Voters also will decide the fate of an amendment concerning the development of new and existing seaports and airports. The amendment would let corporations use bond revenues to finance such developments for their personal uses.

As usual, the ballot will contain names of candidates running for a host of political offices. This year, the legislative list includes spots in the U.S. Senate, N.C. Senate and N.C. General Assembly.

An intense race has been established between Democrat Terry Sanford and Republican Jim Broyhill, both vying for a U.S. Senate seat.

Voters will choose between Democrat David Price and Republican Bill Cobey for the position of 4th

Congressional District representative.

Open judicial positions are for Orange County district attorney and district court judge.

Also at the Orange County level, candidates are running for clerk of superior court, county commissioner (3), sheriff and register of deeds.

Ten offices in the general court of justice are up for grabs. The most notable race is for chief justice of the N.C. Supreme Court, sought after by Democrat James Exum Jr. and Republican Rhoda B. Billings.

Also on Tuesday, 20 superior court judge positions will be filled.

Finally, Orange County voters can expect to choose a soil and water conservation district supervisor.

All polling sites in the county are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. UNC students who are registered in Orange County and live on campus can vote according to the residence hall in which they live.

Those students in Alderman, Kenan, McIver, Old East, Old West

and Spencer residence halls (East Franklin precinct) can vote at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 300 E. Rosemary St.

Students in Alexander, Aycock, Carr, Cobb, Connor, Everett, Graham, Grimes, Joyner, Lewis, Mangum, Manly, Ruffin, Stacy and Winston residence halls (Greenwood precinct) can vote at the General Administration building on Raleigh Road (N.C. 54).

Those in Avery, Ehringhaus, Craige, Hinton James, Morrison, Parker and Teague residence halls (Country Club precinct) can cast their ballots at Fetzter Gymnasium.

Residents of Granville Towers and Whitehead Residence Hall (Lincoln Center on Merritt Mill Road) can vote at the Lincoln Center on Merritt Mill Road.

For other polling places, see accompanying list. Students and residents who live off campus and have questions about which precinct they are in should call the Orange County Board of Elections.

Polling sites

PRECINCT	POLLING SITE
Battle Park	Chapel Hill Community Center, Plant Road
Coker Hills	Church of Reconciliation, 110 Elliott Road
Cole's Store	Union Grove Methodist Church, Union Grove Church Road
Colonial Heights	YMCA, 980 Airport Road
Country Club	Fetzter Gymnasium, UNC Campus on South Road
Dogwood Acres	Grey Culbreth Junior High School, Culbreth Drive
East Franklin	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 E. Rosemary St.
Eastside	Ephesus Road Elementary School, Ephesus Church Road
Estes Hills	Guy B. Phillips Junior High School, Estés Drive
Glenwood	Glenwood Elementary School, Prestwick Road
Greenwood	UNC General Administration Building, Raleigh Road
King's Mill	Aldersgate Methodist Church, 632 Laurel Hill Road
Lincoln	Lincoln Center, Merritt Mill Road
Lion's Club	Lion's Club, 131 Fidelity St., Carrboro
Mason Farm	Community Church Building, Purefoy Road
North Carrboro	Carrboro Elementary School, Shelton Street, Carrboro
Northside	Chapel Hill Municipal Building, 306 N. Columbia St.
Orange Grove	Orange Grove Fire Station, Orange Grove Road
OWASA	OWASA Filter Plant, Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro
Patterson	New Hope Community Center, Whitfield Road
Ridgefield	Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive
St. John	St. John Church, off Hatch Road
Town Hall	Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W. Main St., Carrboro
Weaver Dairy	New Fire Station, Weaver Dairy Road and N.C. 86
Westwood	Frank Porter Graham Elementary School, N.C. 54 Bypass
White Cross	White Cross Recreation Center, White Cross Road

Nuclear plant helps state's economy, officials say

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Although there has been much controversy over the opening of Carolina Power & Light Co.'s Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, area experts agree that the effects of the plant on the state's economy greatly outweigh the disadvantages.

Already, the plant has added millions of dollars to the state's economy in taxes and in employee wages.

The Harris plant will also be a crucial factor in attracting more industry to the state, said Roger Hannah, CP&L spokesman.

"One of the factors of growth in this area has been CP&L's efforts to supply the growing energy needs of the area," Hannah said.

Paul J. Turinsky, head of the nuclear engineering department at N.C. State University, agreed with Hannah.

"Each technology has its own risks," Turinsky said. "We can't escape that fact." Despite the risks, he still considers nuclear power the safest and most economical in the long run.

Turinsky said that while coal plants are less expensive to build, they would prove more expensive to operate.

"(At full power) we will be able to produce 20 percent more energy (with nuclear power) than would normally be produced," Hannah said.

Since construction began in 1978, approximately 4,600 employees have been employed at the Harris site, most of which were in construction and engineering.

About 1,500 workers will remain during the testing period of approximately one year. In this testing stage, the plant will operate experimentally at very low power until it is fully certified by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

At last, 'Ink' goes to press

By TOM CAMP
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The Black Ink, the official newspaper of the Black Student Movement, will be distributed this week, said Co-editor Sheila Simmons.

Delays due to an inexperienced staff have held the paper back, Simmons said, but the paper should be out Thursday or Friday.

"There was no editor of the paper at the beginning of the year," Simmons said. "We have one photographer and eight working staff members. Only three of those are returning from last year. That has really put us back."

Simmons, a junior transfer from N.C. State University, said she was learning to handle a variety of newspaper responsibilities with freshman Co-editor Jeff Rayner. "Neither one of us has background experience as editors," she said. "Layout, graphics and advertising are all new to me."

The Black Ink focuses on the activities and interests of black students on campus, Simmons said. "There has been a big controversy in the past about what the paper should cover," she said. "This year I'm trying to move it away from the strict format. It's been a newsletter in the past. I'm trying to make it a newspaper."

Several changes from previous issues will be made, Simmons said. The Black Ink will add a leisure lifestyle section, which will include profiles of outstanding blacks on campus and extracurricular activities of blacks and black organizations. An entertainment section will also be added, which will review primarily black movies, albums, performances and lectures.

"I want to inform the students around campus what's going on in the black community so they can get out and see some of these activities," she said. Another goal of the paper, Simmons said, is to increase the staff and possibly turn the paper into a weekly in the near future.

When the plant is at full power, it will employ 1,000 clerks, administrators, engineers and nuclear specialists.

Hannah said testing at five percent power is planned to start in four to five weeks, with full-power status being granted in about a year.

Last year CP&L paid \$7.5 million in property taxes to Wake County for the 10,723-acre plant. This figure is not likely to decrease.

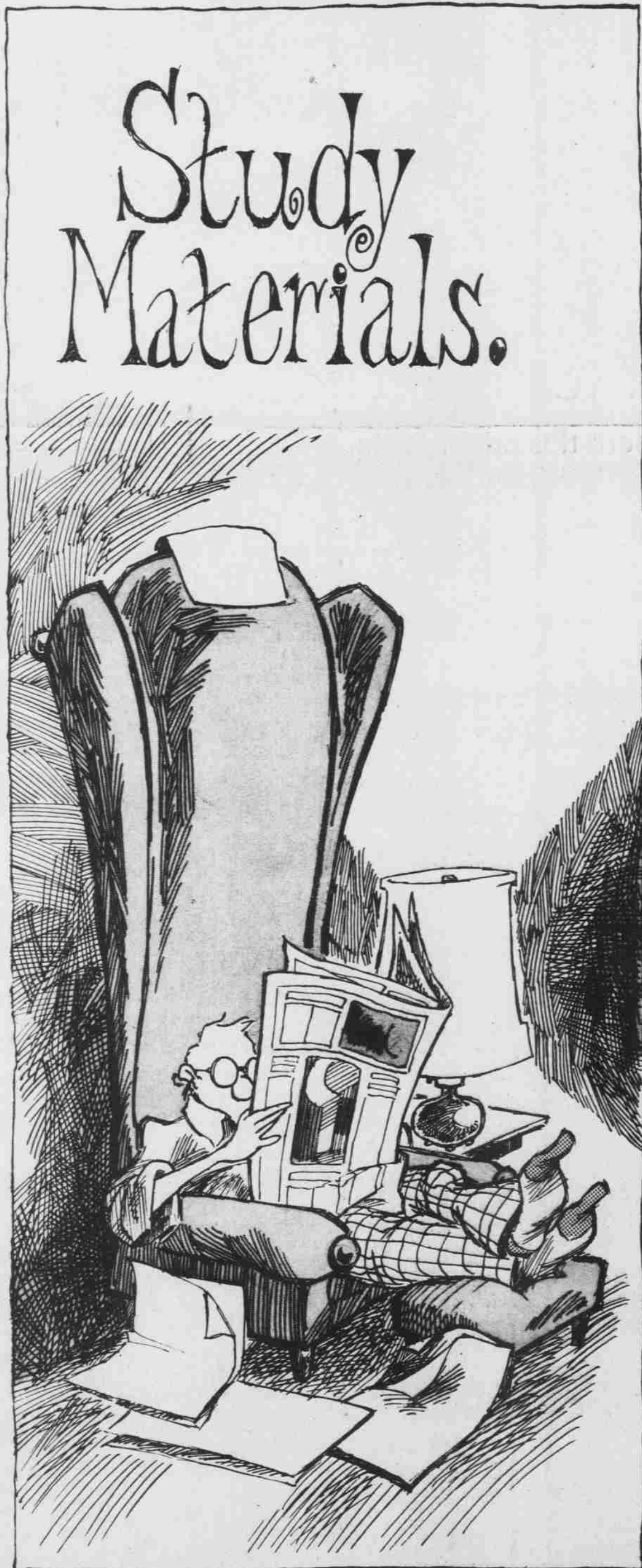
CP&L began experimentation with nuclear power in 1960 with a joint-utilities committee on the Parr Scholes project near Columbia, S.C.

The success of the Parr Scholes experiment led to the H.B. Robinson Nuclear Plant in Hartsville, S.C. There, power is generated by both a nuclear plant and a coal plant. The Robinson nuclear plant served as the prototype for the larger Harris plant. CP&L also owns and operates the

Brunswick Nuclear (steam-electric) Plant in South Port.

The Harris plant has been the object of controversy since its first proposal, but Hannah said most of the allegations against it have been litigated in court as being "without merit or substance."

Few changes within the plant resulted from the negative publicity, he said. Work there has been uninterrupted, and will continue.



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