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Greensboro faces severe water shortage

◆Recent rains do little to alleviate situation; municipal reservoirs are being emptied

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A five-month drought has left Greensboro and many other Piedmont communities dry. Steps are being taken to curb water usage as the city starts to buy water from other sources.

There are four levels of water shortage. At level two, where Greensboro currently is, steps are taken to control water use. At level four, outdoor water use is restricted to firefighting.

Some of the current limitations include no private lawn watering or car washing. People caught using water this way will be fined. Some residents get around this by watering late at night, with no regard for the larger problem. In order to prevent some cheating, the city has turned off automatic sprinkler systems.

Restaurants no longer bring customers water unless they ask for it. Businesses are encouraged to cut water use by 25%.

Buying water from other cities, mainly High Point, is only a short-term solution, and an expensive one.

Greensboro is paying High Point \$114,000 a month for 1.5 million gallons a day. Customers can expect a 5-10% increase in their water bill, according to city manager Ed Kitchen.

Some of this price increase will be used to construct a pipeline to tap into Winston-Salem's water supply, the Yadkin River. This will benefit Winston-Salem, which can also charge Greensboro for water.

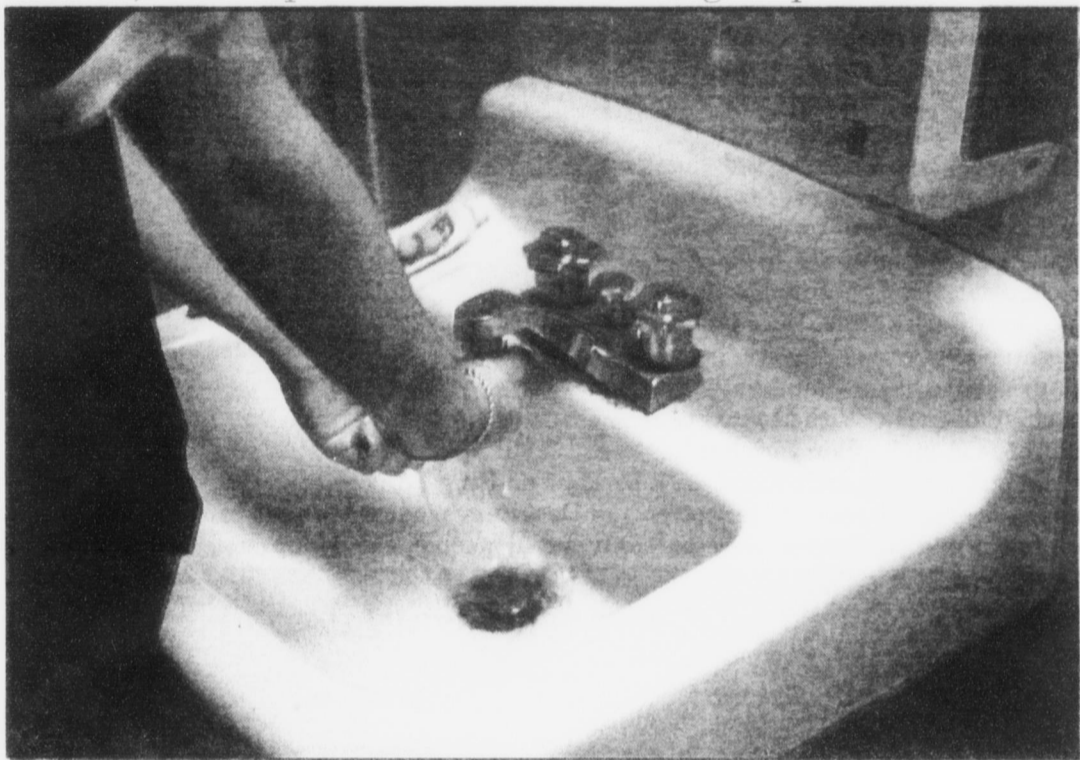
High Point city manager Strib Boynton says, "if the drought continues, we will not have any excess water and we will need to discontinue sales to Greensboro."

Greensboro's inadequate water supply is not a new obstacle. A small watershed is part of the problem. Source lakes like Brandt and Townsend are being emptied

of 31.5 million gallons daily, compared with a mere ten million gallons flowing in. Usually this time of year is used to restore a supply depleted by summer. Expected rains have not materialized and the first few will do little

more than saturate the ground.

Here at Guilford students should watch their water use. Shorter showers and not leaving water running are steps that can be taken towards helping the larger community.



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The water being used by Guilford students is costing the city of Greensboro dearly.

Campus computer network undergoes some alterations

◆Information Technology Services hopes problems are solved

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It's late Monday night and you're working on a paper for class. You're typing away and almost finished but need a vital piece of information from a website that you saw last week. You pull up Netscape and type in the address. The net starts going. And going. And going. And nothing happens. And that's all you know.

During the first few weeks of November, the campus computer network experienced intermittent connectivity in some of the buildings on campus. The internal network—sharespaces, administrative programs, and Banner—all worked, but anything coming in

from outside the campus, which included email and the Internet, didn't.

Information Technology Ser-

"While no one is more frustrated than ITS, we are doing everything we possibly can on a daily basis to keep the amount of technology [we have] in good working order."

—Teresa Sanford

vices (ITS) spent a frazzled 24 hours pinpointing the problem and then correcting it. Basically, the problem was that the college's router needed upgraded firmware

[combination of software and hardware], but when the firmware was installed, the hardware could not handle it. Hardware was eventually found and the firmware installed. Finally, the network was working again.

This, of course, baffles most of us who only know that our computer isn't doing what it is supposed to be doing. So Jeff Sellick, ITS associate director and caretaker of the central network, explained the process. He said:

"There are two protocols [information senders] on campus: TCP-IP and Netbeui. Netscape uses the first and is routed while the internal network uses Netbeui, which is broadcast. The

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Ways you can help minimize water use:

- ◆ Take shorter showers
- ◆ Turn faucets completely off
- ◆ Don't waste drink or food prepared locally
- ◆ Don't let water run unnecessarily when brushing teeth, washing hair, etc.