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4,000 left without phones for two days

By Jennifer Talhelm
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Almost 4,000 Chapel Hill residents and businesses still were without phone service Wednesday as Southern Bell repairmen worked to repair a cable damaged by construction workers Tuesday afternoon.

About 4,300 Southern Bell customers lost phone service Tuesday when three of five phone cables were cut. Many residents in the northeast quad-

rant of Chapel Hill along both sides of Forham Boulevard and U.S. 15-501 — from Eastgate shopping center northward — were left without phone service for more than a day.

By Wednesday, about 700 lines had been restored, but Southern Bell workers still were trying to fix two cables. Mark Collins, a spokesman for Southern Bell, said service workers had been working all night to repair the lines.

"We'll continue to work until all the phone lines are back up," Collins said.

He said most of the phones should be hooked up by midnight Wednesday and the rest should be restored by this morning.

The phone lines were severed by workers from Bryant Electrical Co. who were digging in a ditch near Bolin Creek on East Franklin Street. The Orange Water and Sewer Authority had hired the High Point company to install a sewer line.

John Green, the engineering manager for OWASA, said when the Bryant

workers uncovered the lines, they tried twice to find out whether they were being used.

"It was indicated to them that they were abandoned lines," Green said. "They proceeded with the excavation until they broke into the cable and discovered they were phone lines."

But Collins said Southern Bell would not blame anyone until they could investigate the incident.

"Our first priority is to restore service," he said. "After that we can inves-

tigate and bill appropriately."

Orange County Emergency Management set up emergency access points where residents without phone service could reach fire, police or ambulance service if necessary. The Orange County Radio Amateurs and emergency management coordinated the points located at: Ephesus Elementary School, University Mall, Hardee's on U.S. 15-501 and Chapel Hill Fire Station No. 3 near the corner of East Franklin Street and Elliott Road.

Southern Bell set up phone banks at Eastgate shopping center and Village Plaza so that residents without phone service could make free, non-emergency calls.

Chapel Hill police and fire department officers also increased patrol in the areas that lost phone service. Chapel Hill police Capt. Tony Oakley, said officers driving through the areas announced the location of the emergency

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A walk on the wet side

Ed Wallace of Carrboro and his son Charlie decide to wait out a Memorial Day rain shower by wading through Bolin Creek at Umstead Park on Umstead Drive. Scattered

thunderstorms throughout the day Monday put a damper on many outdoor activities. Memorial Day marks the start of the summer season.

House approves tuition increase minus surcharge

By Jennifer Talhelm
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The N.C. House of Representatives finished weeding through Gov. Jim Hunt's 1993-94 budget proposal in a session that lasted until the wee hours of Friday morning and approved a tuition increase for UNC-system schools that did not include the controversial \$200 surcharge for students at UNC-CH and N.C. State.

But student leaders who have been lobbying members of the House and Senate for weeks say their fight against the surcharge is far from over.

"We are happy with (the House's proposal), but you can't take anything for granted," said Rebecah Moore, State Relations Committee coordinator.

Members of the House and Senate will meet in a joint conference committee to come up with a compromise plan. The Senate approved a 5-percent tuition increase May 12 for all 16 UNC-system schools and a \$200 surcharge for students at UNC-CH and N.C. State. The surcharge would have been used for faculty salaries, the libraries and financial aid.

The House revised the Senate's proposal Friday, calling for a 3-percent tuition increase for in-state students and a 5-percent increase for out-of-state students for the 1993-94 school year and a 3.3-percent increase for in-state students and 5 percent for out-of-state students in 1994-95. The House budget did not include the surcharge.

Moore said student government leaders were concerned that the House would use the surcharge as a bargaining chip when trying to reach a compromise with the Senate. She added that the \$200 surcharge was just a round figure the Senate had proposed for the two schools.

"If it's used the way it is now, it's not going to raise the money they're looking for," Moore said. "It's just a magic number."

UNC-CH and N.C. State student government leaders will continue to lobby the both houses to let legislators know about students' opposition to the surcharge. Moore said she thought the joint conference committee would be formed by the end of the week but might not come to a decision until the end of the summer.

Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, said there was no consensus in the House for the surcharge. "We're looking for some other way to approve some faculty-augmented funds," he said.

Provost Richard McCormick said the General Assembly would have to find a way to meet the needs of faculty members to keep the University from falling in the rankings among peer universities. According to a list compiled at UNC from data from the American Association of University Professors, the University has fallen to 39th in the ranks of professors' salaries and 58th in assistant professors' salaries.

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Broun throws mayoral hat into the ring

By Kelly Ryan
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After two years of learning the ins and outs of town government, Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun announced Thursday that he would seek another term of office this fall.

"A four-year term is a much more comfortable time for someone to provide leadership," he said in a telephone interview Tuesday. "It's time I cash in on my experience."

Broun said his first term made him more enthusiastic about the chance to tackle the town's problems.

Broun, a professor at the University's School of Law, won his mayoral seat Nov. 6, 1991, in a three-way race after securing 49 percent, or 3,992, of the vote. Candidate Rosemary Waldorf received 40 percent with 3,061 votes and candidate Tommy Gardner received 903

votes.

Among Broun's goals for a second term are easing transportation problems, combating rising crime and improving the town's economic climate.

"I think I have the leadership to accomplish that," he said. "I think we're going to have some significant questions to answer in the next several years."

Broun said he announced his candidacy before he officially filed next month for a spot on November's ballot to let voters and other mayoral-hopefuls know where he stood. "I know of no one else running right now," he said.

When former Mayor Jonathon Howes ran for his second term in 1989, he ran



uncontested.

Transportation

Broun, who is the chairman of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Transportation Advisory Committee, said he thought obtaining federal funds to widen N.C. 86 to include a median, pedestrian walkways and bike paths was a major local accomplishment.

"I've worked hard to establish local influence on transportation projects, road projects," he said. Broun also serves on the board of the Triangle Transit Authority.

Broun said he had worked hard to determine alternative modes of transportation to the single-occupancy vehicle, including developing increased mass transit regionwide, a possible fixed guideway system, more bicycleways

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Mayor Ken Broun

Students to get two reading days in fall 1994

By Mary Jo Tumey
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For students who needed an extra day to prepare for exams or just a longer break between the last day of class and finals, their wish finally has been granted. Almost

UNC students will get two reading

days before final exams, but the change won't happen until fall of 1994.

"Our students asked for this through their student government, and we were able to grant it," Chancellor Paul Hardin said. "This is great for the students who need the extra reading time."

Hardin said the extra reading day was former Student Body President John

Moody's idea.

Moody said increasing the number of reading days had been a major issue students talked about when he campaigned for student body president.

"Even though this may be a small thing, it is something that affects everybody," Moody said.

Many students like the idea of having

two reading days, but they say it should have come along sooner.

"I think having two reading days is a great idea," said Jennifer Moye, a senior from La Grange. "They should have done this years ago because we have needed it for a long time."

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Copland working with administration to improve energy efficiency on campus

By Yi-Hsin Chang
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The Green Lights program, virgin paper and automatic radiator valves are terms Student Body President Jim Copland seems to be throwing around a lot these days.

That's because Copland and members of his staff have been meeting with administration officials to push the University to purchase more recycled paper and to make the campus more energy efficient.

"We would like the University to take more of a leadership role in this," Copland said.

Copland initially met with Chancellor Paul Hardin and other administrators May 3 to discuss Gov. Jim Hunt's April 22 executive order that requires state agencies and universities to increase their recycled-paper purchases to 25 percent by 1994.

"The administration wasn't really aware of Gov. Hunt's order," Copland said.

According to Hunt's directive, re-

cycled-paper purchases also will have to increase 10 percent every year after 1994. By 1998, 65 percent of all paper purchased by state agencies must be recycled paper.

The University already is meeting Hunt's requirement for 1994. Currently, 29 percent of the University's paper-product purchases, which includes toilet paper and paper towels, are recycled.

But less than 2 percent of the bond paper — copier paper — is recycled, Copland said. He would like the University to shoot for buying only re-

cycled paper and no virgin paper by the year 2000, he said.

Copland also is urging the University to take bigger steps to become more energy efficient. He suggested that the University join the Environmental Protection Agency's Green Lights program, in which the agency helps businesses and institutions audit their lighting systems to come up with ways to make the systems more energy efficient.

Other ways to become more energy efficient include replacing incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent ones and

installing automatic radiator valves, Copland said.

"I think the great thing about these things are that, in addition to being on the cutting edge of environmental leadership, it also saves money," he said, adding that the administration was supportive of both of his ideas.

Wayne Jones, vice chancellor of business and finance, said he and Copland had a mutual understanding and would continue to meet to discuss these issues. "We had no disagreement on the fact that recycling and energy-saving

projects are commendable and need to be addressed," Jones said. "I think it's just a matter of funding and how much we can do when."

Jones agreed with Copland that the University should do more than simply meeting Hunt's requirements. "I think we can probably do better than just the minimum required by the governor, and we're looking at different ways to do that," he said.

But Josh Busby, former co-chairman

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People are more fun than anybody. — Dorothy Parker