

# OWASA recoups from Fran

OWASA suffered major damage from Hurricane Fran, but is recovering.

BY KATE HARRISON  
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Many residents remember the effects Hurricane Fran had on water systems, from boiling their water to fearing showers until the Orange Water and Sewer Authority declared the water safe.

In an attempt to prevent inconveniences in future disasters, Ed Kerwin, executive director of OWASA, announced last week OWASA's plans for the expenditure of \$355,000 in improvements as a result of the hurricane.

Expenditures for the planned improvements are in addition to the approximately \$1 million expense the company faces from hurricane damage.

"This was by far the worst disaster OWASA has ever had in the 19 years we've been around," Communications Assistant Vic Simpson said. "We're still digging out, still making repairs."

Ed Holland, OWASA director of planning and development, said the main improvement they would make was purchasing a portable backup generator for use at either of the water supply lakes in the case of a power failure.

He said both lakes, located nine miles apart and on different power grounds, simultaneously lost power during the hurricane, causing low pressure and the possibility of water contamination.

"The likelihood of us losing power at both reservoirs at the same time was very low, and we didn't think it would happen," he said. "We rolled the dice and we lost. With the backup power of the generator, we would expect not to lose water in the next emergency."

The organization will also install portable generator quick connects to each of its 21 waste water pump stations and a new 24-inch valve at the Morgan Creek pump station to replace the one which partially failed and caused further flooding during the hurricane.

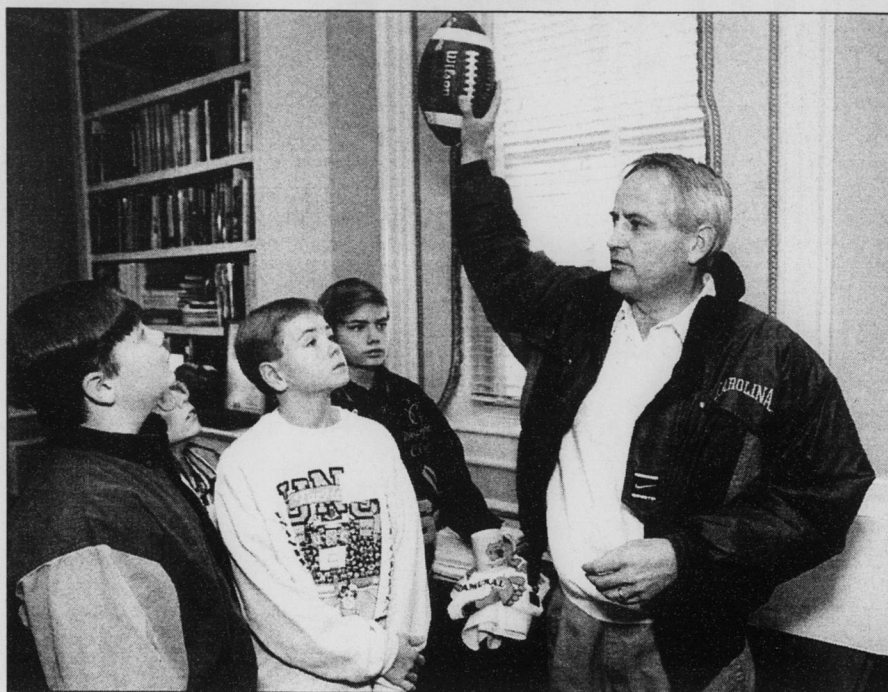
Barry Jacobs, chairman of OWASA's Board of Directors, said the organization's insurance and the Federal Emergency Management Agency would reimburse the company for damages, but not for the backup generators.

He said he was unsure how rates would be affected by damages and additions.

"We're talking about a potentially high rate increase, but we hope to keep it at a minimum by cutting costs in some areas and operating more efficiently in others," he said.

The majority of OWASA's million-dollar repairs come from \$500,000 of damage to the wall surrounding the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The plant also had \$165,000 in electrical damage and \$65,000 damage to its lab furnishings.

## SPORTING CHANCE



Chancellor Michael Hooker displays the game ball from the UNC-Syracuse game to students from Phillips School for Science, Mathematics and Technology on Sunday.

UNC NEWS SERVICES

# UNC helps learning disabled students

BY KAITLIN GURNEY  
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In a corner of the basement of Wilson Library lies the heart of a program whose ramifications extend throughout each level of the University: Learning Disability Services.

LDS currently assists 230 students who have been clinically diagnosed with learning disabilities, Attention Deficit Disorder or an acquired brain injury. The program is primarily composed of undergraduates, but students from each professional school, including law and medicine, are eligible for services, said Jane Byron, director of LDS.

"We're talking bright, capable students," Byron said. Services are offered to enrolled students who have shared documentation of their disability with members of the LDS team. Each case is reviewed individually and confidentially.

"We work one-on-one to develop strategies to enable students to show all their smarts and full potential," Byron said.

"Everyone's disability is different, and every class will affect that disability in a different way."

"With a learning disability often comes wonderful strengths and creativity. But it also makes some things really difficult."

Appropriate services for each student are determined on a case-by-case basis. Many of the services are mandated by federal law, while others are added for a more comprehensive program.

Some programs are entitled "direct services," and work with students to develop strategies on how to cope with their disability in an academic environment.

Other programs are accommodations made by the University to meet students' needs. Students using LDS services schedule their classes earlier, have extended test time, and are offered the assistance of readers and note-takers.

Seminar on learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder in the workplace

noon to 2 p.m. today  
Wilson Library

"These changes help to level the playing field," Byron said. "The balance of classes, for example, is very important for a student with a learning disability."

Services are made possible by a team of four LD specialists, three graduate student assistants and a testing coordinator. Many parts of the program depend on volunteers from the University and the community. Community groups have recorded entire books on tape, and students take notes in classes for LDS.

"The (student volunteers) have been wonderful and we really appreciate their effort," Byron said.

LDS recently developed a student leadership group as well. The big brother/big sister program tries to pair up new students with students used to LDS so they will have a mentor.

"This is a place for me to come that will always put a smile on my face," said a senior with a learning disability who is a member of the leadership group.

"The leadership group is a way for me to put into the office what it has given me."

## Campus Calendar

**Tuesday**  
11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — The UNC Retired Faculty Association will hold its 46th quarterly meeting at the Friday Center. The speaker will be Dr. Linda Dykstra, the associate vice chancellor for graduate studies, and the lecture will be titled, "The Future of Graduate Studies at UNC."  
12:30 p.m. — The Sonja H. Stone Black

Cultural Center will present the Blacks in Diaspora Lecture Series with Professor Carlton Wilson at the BCC.

2 p.m. — The Department of Physics and Astronomy will present a theoretical physics seminar titled "Constraint Quantization of a Dilatonic Model of Gravitational Collapse," featuring Karel Kuchner of the University of Utah, in 258 Phillips Hall. The department will also present a particle theory seminar titled

"Dimensional Regularization Supersymmetric Field Theories" by Peter Van Nieuwenhuizen at 3:30 p.m. in 258 Phillips Hall.

3:30 p.m. — University Career Services will conduct "Taking Off: International Options" for undergrads in 209 Hanes Hall. Explore internships, volunteer opportunities and short-term (3 months to 6 months) work abroad options.

# Employees need input in privatization debate

BY DANA SPANGLER  
STAFF WRITER

The key to privatization is to involve employees in the process, representatives from a consulting firm that deals with privatization said on Monday.

Representatives from HDR spoke about their experiences with outsourcing at a meeting of the Outsourcing Steering Team held at the Friday Center. The Outsourcing Steering Team was designed to determine if privatization would be beneficial to the University.

John Williams, director of HDR's municipal advocacy program, gave an overview of privatization development. He said the program looked after the best interests of the community it served. "We are focused on getting the best deal possible for the constituents."

Jeremy O'Brien, a product manager with HDR, described the privatization process that took place in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department. Through employee involvement, the contract for operations was given to CMUD instead of a private contractor.

He said this was done through public contract operations, when public employees provide service under the same terms and conditions that a private company

would. "Competition drove the process in Charlotte," he said.

There needs to be a move from the notion of outsourcing to the notion of managed competition, he said. Both employees and society can benefit from the process of privatization, O'Brien said. "The key is to involve employees throughout the process."

Williams said the privatization process could be effective through several actions.

Showing, not only telling, employees and administrators about the comparisons with private operations is essential and the development of a final plan is necessary, he said.

Williams also encouraged team members to work with a group that represents all interests.

He said employees should be given incentives for good performance. This could be done through financial rewards, job security and skill enhancement.

"These principles along with deep employee involvement equal savings," he said.

Employees must be aware that privatization is not necessarily bad, Williams said. The process could be beneficial to them with employee involvement, he said.

# Student groups collect gifts for disadvantaged children

HYPE members will take donations in the Campus Y building until Dec. 2.

BY LESLIE QUIGLESS  
STAFF WRITER

An old toy, some clothes, maybe a little candy.

Perhaps not impressive items in your eyes, but contributing these items to the "Adopt a Kid" project, sponsored by Helping Youth by Providing Enrichment, could make a child's Christmas smile extra bright this year.

"It'll be something great for the kids," HYPE Co-chairman Russell Hendrix said. "We want to spread some type of well-being in the spirit of giving."

The project involves members of HYPE, a subgroup of the Campus Y, giving donated gifts to children between the ages of 5 and 12 who live in the Trinity Court and South Estes communities.

The gifts will be collected until the week of Dec. 2 and will be distributed at a party for the children that same week — the last time HYPE members will visit those communities this year.

HYPE's Executive Advisor Chaim Chad Tureff brought the idea for the "Adopt a Kid" project from his high school.

"We went to school in the middle of the projects, so we adopted kids in the neighborhood for Christmas," Tureff said.

"They really had nothing, so to get anything — a sweater or a Tonka truck — their faces would just light up," Tureff said.

Tureff said the project was a way for

HYPE members to show the children in these communities their appreciation for a fun semester.

HYPE members have been working with children from Trinity Court and South Estes on a weekly basis since the beginning of the semester.

"It's our way of giving back to them what they've done for us," Tureff said.

Hendrix said the project would make the holidays better for the kids.

"We want them to have a really good holiday and have more to be happy about at Christmas," he said.

HYPE is inviting Residence Hall Association members and members of fraternities and sororities to participate in their effort.

Trae Allen, HYPE co-chairman, said the participation of these campus groups would make a difference.

"They're making a contribution to kids who really need their support and who otherwise may not have as good a holiday as they could," he said.

Hendrix said this kind of support would promote a more unified feeling throughout the campus community during the holiday season.

"It's a sense that we're all a part of the University because we want everybody to chip in and help," he said.

Allen said the program was a campuswide effort, and everyone was encouraged to donate items.

"Anybody who wants to contribute can bring something to the Campus Y," he said.

Allen said each contribution would make a child's Christmas better.

"Each kid may not get everything they want, but if everybody pulls together for the holiday season, we should be able to get them some of what they want."

## PARKING

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ences. The permit prices vary from \$32 to \$268 according to the location of the space, Young said.

Some students say permit prices are too high, but they are not surprised by these high costs.

"Because there's such a great demand (for the permits), they can charge whatever they want," said Katherine Woody, a sophomore from Greensboro.

Young said the current price levels were necessary for DTP to pay for maintenance of the parking facilities on campus.

Some of the money from permit costs goes to things such as sealing and striping parking lots, improving lighting and maintaining access to parking areas, he said.

DTP is attempting to remedy the parking problem by creating more parking spaces and reducing the demand for parking.

UNC Hospitals attempts to reduce the demand for parking by purchasing bus passes for employees willing to trade in their parking permit.

Young said DTP was always "trying to make the parking here on campus more efficiently used."

DTP is considering using the Bell Tower Lot and the lot adjacent to Health Affairs as potential sites for parking decks to create more spaces.

Until the University can provide more parking spaces, students can purchase permits to park in town parking lots accessible by the S or N/S buses. The town of Chapel Hill allocated long-term parking spaces on Eubanks Road, Southern Village and N.C. 54 East near the Friday Center.

Students can purchase overnight parking permits to these lots for \$60 per semester from Chapel Hill Transit.

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**Freshman/Sophomore/Junior Workshops:**

Taking Off: International Options	Tues., Nov. 19	3:30pm	209 Hanes
Introduction to UCS Services (Freshmen-Juniors)	Thurs., Nov. 21	3:30pm	209 Hanes
Introduction to Internships	Tues., Nov. 26	3:30pm	209 Hanes

**Senior/Graduate Student Workshops:**

Job Hunt 101: UCS Orientation	Mon., Nov. 25	4:00pm	210 Hanes
Job Hunt 101A: Exploring Your Options	Wed., Nov. 20	4:00pm	209 Hanes
Job Hunt 102: Resume Writing	Mon., Nov. 25	5:00pm	210 Hanes

**Employer Presentations: (Presentations open to all interested students unless otherwise specified)**

Menasha Corp.	Tues., Nov. 19	7:00pm	209 Hanes
Circuit City Stores	Tues., Nov. 19	6:00pm	210 Hanes
Sapient Corporation	Tues., Nov. 19	7:00pm	Carolina Inn
Bowles Hollowell	Wed., Nov. 20	7:00pm	Spanky's
Colorworks	Wed., Nov. 20	6:00pm	219 Hanes
Wheat First	Thurs., Nov. 21	7:00pm	Carolina Inn
Conagra	Thurs., Nov. 21	7:00pm	210 Hanes
Colorworks	Mon., Nov. 25	6:00pm	219 Hanes

**Open Sign Up Beginning Nov. 19 (Organizations recruiting week of Jan. 6-10 and Jan. 13-17)**

Organization	Position	Degree Required	Major
Alex Brown & Sons	Financial Analyst	BA, BS	Any Major
Ewing Monroe & Co.	Financial Analyst (2 yrs)	BS	Bus. Admin.
J.P. Morgan	Invst. Analyst	BA, BS	Any Major
McKinsey & Co.	Bus. Analysts (2 yrs)	BA, BS	Any Major
Robinson Humphrey	Corp. Analysts (2 yrs)	BA, BS	Any Major
American Airlines	Analysts Pos.	BS	Bus. Admin.
Chase Manhattan	Financial Analyst	BA, BS	Any Major
J.C. Bradford	Analyst Pos. (2 yrs)	BA, BS	Any Major
J.C. Bradford	Research Analysts (3 yrs)	BS	Bus. Admin.
Morgan Keegan	Bank Analyst (2-3 yrs)	BA, BS	Any Major
Morgan Stanley	Financial Analyst (2 yrs)	BA, BS	Any Major

**Open Sign Up Beginning Nov. 20 (Organizations recruiting week of Nov. 25-29)**

Organization	Position	Degree Required	Major
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Customer Service	BA, BS	Any Major
High Voltage Software	Programmers	BA, BS, MA, MS, PhD	Comp. Sci., Math Sci/Comp. Sci.
IBM	Client Reps	BA, BS, MA, MS	Biostat. Envi., Sci. & Eng., Public Health
Nabisco Food Groups	Territory Mngmnt.	BA, BS	Any Major
Nortel	Mngmnt Program	BA, BS	Bus., Admin., Econ., Math

**Special Resume Drops: Nov. 19 (For organizations not recruiting on campus)**

Organization	Position	Degree Required	Major
Furman Selz	Invst. Analyst	BA, BS	Any Major (Please include cover letter)
Parker Hunter	Invst. Analyst	BA, BS	Any Major
MSI Consulting	Assoc. Consultant	BA, BS	Bus., Econ.
MSI Consulting	Consultant	BA, BS	Bus., Stat., Econ.
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