

# Residents discuss expanded water supply

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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted unanimously Tuesday night to hold a public hearing to discuss the concerns of the American Stone quarry mediation process.

American Stone Co. is granting the land to the Orange Water and Sewer Authority in order to build an expanded water facility for residents of Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Residents of neighborhoods near the quarry voiced their opinions on the mediation process that has taken place.

"The process so far has been for

OWASA and American Stone to decide what they should do, but does not necessarily represent what the neighborhood wants," said LeeAnn Nease of Carrboro. "In this particular issue, common ground was not found."

Supporters of the project said they have gone above and beyond.

"(Through mediation) we have done way more for this issue than we have done for our other 244 quarries ... even though some quarries are closer to neighborhoods than this one," said Paxton Badham for both OWASA and American Stone Co.

Barry Jacobs, chairman of OWASA's Board of Directors, said OWASA con-

tinues to be mindful of the community at large.

"There have been 10 months of discussion and 21 meetings to better understand the citizens' concerns," he said. "We tried to address as many concerns as could as a group. The next process would be to move it to a public hearing so citizens can voice their opinions."

Residents gave a brief summary of the complaints they planned to address at the public hearing, ranging from excess noise to traffic problems.

"We can hear incessant pounding of the crushing of rocks 1 1/2 miles away," said David Jenkins of Carrboro. "Folks who live even closer are having trouble

with their wells and muddy water."

Maria Hitt, who lives a mile and a half away from the site, also voiced concerns about the quarry.

"Studies show we don't need the stone or water now, so why are they doing this?" she said.

"It may be 30 to 70 years before it will be needed."

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, who called for the mediation, touched on the topic. "I believe it is our job to make decisions concerning water with the next 100 hundred years in mind."

One resident will not stop protesting. Rem Malloy of Carrboro said, "We will fight this at every level possible."

# Arboretum safety concerns alleviated through education

BY CYNTHIA EAKES  
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Students hear rumors of assaults, campus groups issue warnings about safety and C-TOPS leaders drill it into new student's heads.

Almost everyone on campus knows to stay away from Coker Arboretum at night.

"People have told me not to go in the Arboretum," said Reine Wilson, a sophomore from Havelock. "I've heard people have been raped there."

However, because campus officials have done a good job of getting the word out about the danger of the Arboretum, the area has not been much of a safety hazard.

In fact, there have only been a handful of reported assaults in the past five years, Lt. Angela Carmon, Crime Prevention Officer for the Department of Public Safety said.

"If you're looking at the Arboretum as an area infested with crime, that's just not the way it is," said Carmon.

University Police Chief Donald Gold said the dark, isolated, wooded areas have inherent safety problems.

"We emphasize the Arboretum as an

area that students don't need to be in at night, and most people comply," said Gold.

Carmon said that even though police had not received many reports of assaults in recent years, the Arboretum definitely had the potential to be dangerous because it is so dark at night.

Herbert Paul, Physical Plant director, said that his department would basically have to destroy the arboretum to make it light enough for safety.

"We also don't want to advertise it as a place to be at night because there is no way to fully light all areas and it changes from time to time due to the growth," he said.

Mike Kozel, a junior from Pittsford, N.Y., said he did not think the University should light the Arboretum.

"I don't think people should walk through there at night in the first place," Kozel said.

Susan Ehringhaus, assistant to the chancellor and senior university counsel, stressed the importance of students realizing the danger of the Arboretum and all dark areas at night.

"We want people to use the buddy system and walk in well-traveled areas," Ehringhaus said.

# Study reveals declining strength of N.C. families

BY LAUREN BEAL  
STAFF WRITER

A study released Tuesday by the Jordan Institute for Families shows a significant decline in the ability of North Carolina families to deal with life's challenges.

The 1997 Family Strength Index shows 55 percent of North Carolina residents said they could cope with life's problems, a 7 percent drop from the previous two years.

Dennis Orthner, associate director of program development and analysis at the UNC School of Social Work, started the Family Strength Index in 1994 because of the institute's concern about an increasing negative focus on families.

Its objective is to inform the public how North Carolina families deal with life's challenges.

Orthner and George Cole, senior research associate, revealed the results of

their four-year study at a conference of the Family Council of North Carolina on Tuesday.

"We have spent four years tracking the indicators of family strength in North Carolina," Orthner said.

"There has been a significant decline on every family strength indicator we've been monitoring in the last 12 months."

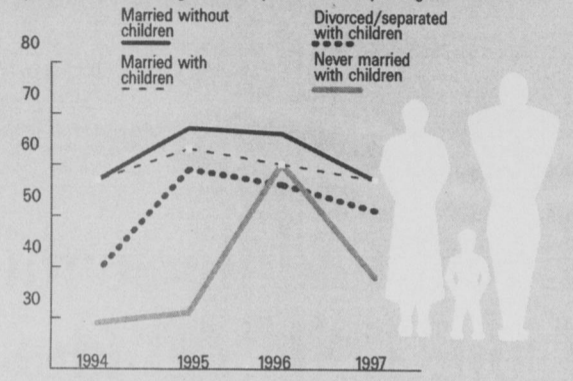
The researchers defined family strength as being able to acquire basic necessities, solve everyday problems, agree on values and beliefs and turn to others in times of trouble.

The 1997 index also revealed a significant gap between white and black families surveyed — a difference which has appeared every year. Sixty percent of white families said they were coping, in contrast to 39 percent of black families surveyed.

Orthner and Cole referred to specific data that showed black families reported that they struggled more than whites

## Family ties that bind

A study released Tuesday states that North Carolina families have more trouble coping with problems than they did a year ago. Researchers said that divorced or separated families had significant drops in their family strength.



SOURCE: JORDAN INSTITUTE FOR FAMILIES

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even when other areas, such as education and income, are controlled.

"In North Carolina, we need to be very concerned about race," Orthner said.

The five-question scale, developed by Orthner in 1994, examines family

income, education, race and family type. Orthner and Cole specifically highlighted drops in family strength among divorced or separated families, families with incomes between \$20,000 and \$30,000 and confidence in social support systems.

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place. "We checked with everybody from the utility companies and all the way to the military and did not find any reason for the noise as of yet," Capt. Ollie Bowler said.

UNC Hospitals officials denied that demolition of two old buildings, which have been knocked down over the last week by earth-moving machinery could have had any effect.

Junior Keith Levene from Durham

was in a drama class in Hamilton Hall when he said his class was startled by a large crashing sound and the walls of the lecture hall shaking. "The teacher stopped talking, and some students went outside to check it out," he said. "They didn't find anything."

Students reported similar conditions in Howell Hall, the Student Union, the Pit, Mitchell Hall, Granville Towers and many other places all over campus.

Powell is asking anyone who experienced the phenomenon to call the Department of Geology at 962-2581.

## TEACHERS

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applies, it will impact how successful they are in the classroom."

Tori Lunetta, a graduate of the program from Chapel Hill, is teaching at C.W. Stanford Middle School in Hillsborough.

"I feel I was better prepared," she said. "I went into my classroom, and I knew exactly what was expected of me."

Students may apply during their sophomore year for the program, which

begins during students' junior year and lasts through the end of their senior year. Undergraduates may also participate in an elementary education program. As of this year, secondary education is no longer an undergraduate program, Vesilind said.

But this curriculum change is secondary to students who feel the best teacher is experience itself.

"You actually have to be with the students to learn," said Billy Hampton, a senior from Oak City. "There is no way you could learn this on campus."

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cellor of the University's Department of Finance, voiced similar sentiments.

"We need to do what we can to help eligible students, therefore we are currently planning to defer due dates so eligible students and their families receive the aid which they qualify for," he said.

"There are some challenges to delaying payments, but the pluses certainly outweigh the minuses."

Certain guidelines determine a stu-

dent's eligibility for the tax credits.

"Parents of eligible students will receive tax credit, and the grants would be phased out at certain income levels (\$80,000-100,000)," said Steve Brooks, executive director of the N.C. State Education Assistance Authority.

"To be eligible, however, you must pay income taxes," Brooks said. "Unfortunately, if you are exempt from paying taxes, you can receive no credit."

"Therefore, the very neediest students will likely be the ones who aren't able to receive aid."

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## Campus calendar

### Wednesday

3:30 p.m. — The Undergraduate Sociology Club will meet Union 213. All those interested are encouraged to attend.

3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m. — The Center for Teaching and Learning's graduate teaching consultants will present "The Culture of the American Classroom: A Workshop for International TAs" in Union 226. The workshop will focus on the dynamics of the

American classroom. To register, call 966-1289 or e-mail vslee.ct@mhs.unc.edu.

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. — Hinton James Residence Hall will sponsor a majors fair. Faculty members will distribute information and answer questions about UNC academic programs.

4 p.m. — University Career Services will sponsor a career panel on "Careers in Banking, Finance, Real Estate and

Insurance" in 210 Hanes Hall. The program is open to all interested students. UCS will also sponsor "Job Hunt 101," in 210 Hanes at 7 p.m.

6:30 p.m. — Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc. will hold "The Black Man's Think Tank," in the Upendo Lounge.

7 p.m. — Leaders in Entrepreneurship and Advertising Development will meet in Union 213.

7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. — The Office of Greek Affairs will conduct a required pledge and new UNC National Pan Hellenic Council member seminar in the Great Hall.

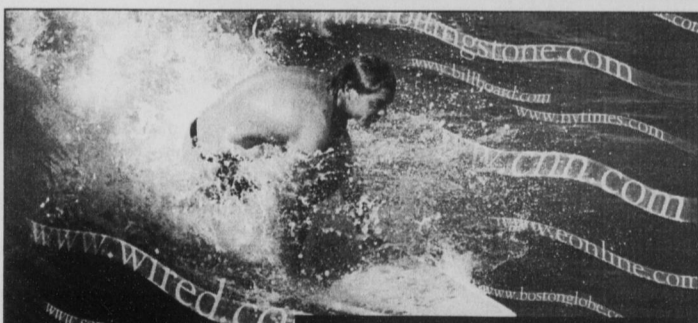
### Items of Interest

Pauper Players will have auditions for "Little Shop of Horrors" tonight. Sign up for a time and place at the Union desk.

### For the record

In the Sept. 16 article titled "Residents praise ordinance to limit yard parking," the two town residents quoted should have been identified as Loren Hintz and Andrea Leach.

In the Sept. 16 article titled "Spencer donates cummings' letters," the donors of the e.e. cummings letters should have been identified as the Loves. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.



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Critical Issues Committee of the Carolina Union Activities Board

INTEREST MEETING

Wed., Sept. 17 @ 5pm, Union 200

Help to organize creative programming for the entire campus on University, local, national, and global issues.



Plastic Soda Bottles



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## Polk Place Walkway Recycling

The Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling (OWRR) has added **three new walkway recycling sites** to Polk Place! They are located near **Dey, Bingham, and Hanes Halls**. These sites include containers for **plastic soda bottles, newspaper, aluminum cans and non-recyclable trash**.

Please empty all containers before recycling!

Contact the OWRR at 9621 442 with suggestions or for more information.

