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Construction crews strike Hinton James water pipe

The Hinton James water supply was cut off for four hours Monday.

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Students at Hinton James Residence Hall woke up to a surprise Monday morning — no water. Construction workers on the Ram Road project busted the main water pipe supplying water to the students living in the high-rise residence hall. Workers dug into the six-inch cast iron pipe at about 9 a.m. after they failed to mark it on the construction path. "Well, they took the top of the main feed," said Clay Davis, who works for the Orange Water and Sewer Authority. The water started functioning again

at 12:40 p.m. "It was a state mistake, but it's our line to repair," said Roland Burnette, who also works for OWASA. Burnette said state workers were putting in a storm drain for the road, and workers just hit the water line by mistake. The drain was being constructed by the side of the entrance into the residence hall, and repairing the pipe required workers to tear up the asphalt drive. Workers who struck the pipe said the water flow from the pipe actually cleared away the debris, making the repair process much easier. Workers then constructed a temporary driveway to allow students access to the residence hall. Dick Waghorne, shift supervisor for the Department of Transportation and Parking, said Monday morning he just

wanted to make sure that students were able to get in and out of the Hinton James parking lots. "We should have a temporary road fixed soon," Waghorne said. Nikie Mayo, a sophomore from Scranton, said the new temporary entrance into Hinton James was difficult to travel on. "Only one vehicle could get across at a time," Mayo said. "It's tiny. It's just rocks on the side of the road ... when we crossed, they went everywhere." Students in the residence hall were not pleased with the earlier water shortage. They couldn't shower and had trouble brushing their teeth with no water in the entire building for almost four hours. "I went to brush my teeth, and (the

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Orange Water and Sewer Authority workers clean up water that burst from the main water pipe Monday beside Hinton James Residence Hall.

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Price chairs discussion on federal funds

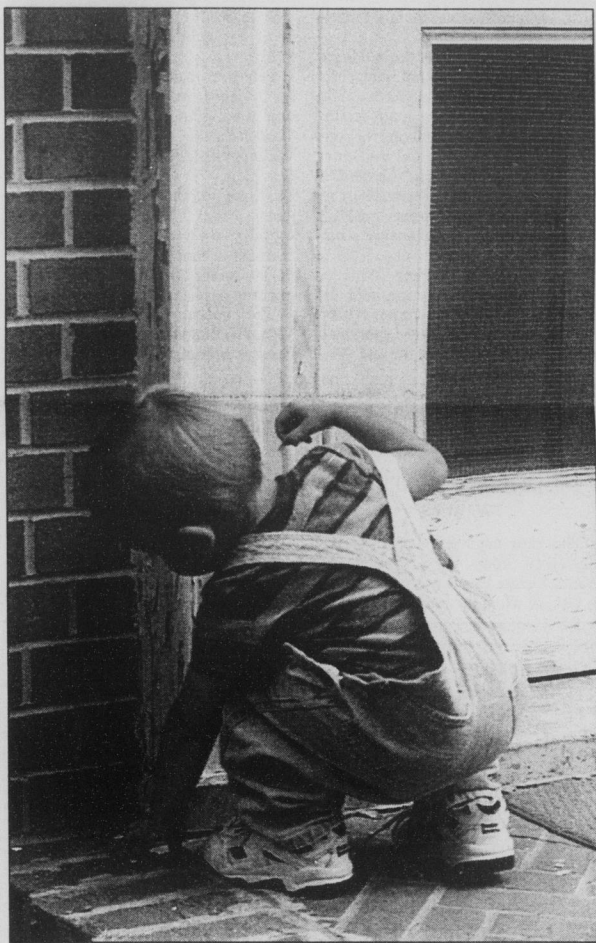
UNC chancellors agreed that better technology was important to the system.

BY EMILY HOWELL
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Making UNC-system schools more "wired" for technology tops UNC-system President Molly Broad's wish list for the U.S. Congress this year. Broad and other state education leaders met in Raleigh Monday with U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., to discuss the re-authorization and improvement of the Higher Education Act. Both Broad and Nan Keohane, president of Duke University, stressed the importance of graduate programs and further use of computers and technology in the classroom. "Congress should look for ways to work with colleges and universities in improving their technological capacity to further student and faculty access to the educational benefits of advanced telecommunications," Broad said. Keohane cited a recent tax bill that required employees offered tuition support from their employers to pay taxes on those funds as an area Congress should re-examine under the HEA. "I encourage Congress to seek appropriate ways to ensure that students have access to the benefits of distance education," she said. Increased funding for computers also concerned N.C. Central University Chancellor Julius Chambers. He and St. Augustine's College President Bernard Franklin stressed the need for further funding of historically black colleges. Many historically black schools look to the federal government for financial support, Chambers said, because they often fail to bring in the matching corporate grants other universities receive. Franklin called the HEA to improve financial aid, especially for minorities. Panelists also emphasized the importance of funding graduate programs. "Many of the historically black colleges are trying to build graduate programs," Chambers said. "But to do this we need to loosen the restrictions on the use of federal funds," he added. Keohane said, "A strong federal investment in graduate education is essential if our nation is to produce scientists and engineers needed to conduct the nation's research and development into the next century."



N.C.C.U. Chancellor JULIUS CHAMBERS said minority college concerns, such as better computers, needed to be addressed.



DTH/ERIN SNYDER

Teddy Boliek, 1, peels paint off a door on Jackson Circle in Odum Village. Studies show that paint containing lead can be hazardous if ingested.

UNC family housing residents worry about lead paint danger

BY KATE HARRISON
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Mark McConnell, a resident of UNC's Odum Village student family housing, had no idea the paint flaking off the walls in his apartment could cause anything more serious than a messy floor. McConnell, who has an infant daughter, was surprised to learn that there could be lead paint beneath some of the chipping paint in his residence. "There's paint peeling off shelves and windows, there's paint peeling outside, there's paint peeling everywhere," he said. "I didn't get anything saying there might be lead in it." McConnell was one of several Odum Village residents who said they had never seen information about the presence of lead in the complex's interior and exterior paint. When the dust and chips from lead paint are inhaled or swallowed over a period of time or in very high amounts, serious neurological damage and learning disabilities can result, especially in children under age 6, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. It can also cause headaches, memory problems and kidney damage in adults. In Odum Village, there is still lead content in some of the window components and baseboards indoors, as well as some of the playground equipment and the door and window components outdoors. Ray Hackney, industrial hygiene manager for the University's Department of Health and Safety, said

despite the lead content in some of the paint, lead would not pose a health risk unless the lead portions were exposed. "It's when it's chipping that it can be a problem," he said. "Especially for children, since they tend to put their hands in their mouths more." Hackney said the recent annual inspection of the complex had shown the exterior paint to be "in good shape." Ruth Thomson, area director of Odum Village, said she sent out a

newsletter in February informing all tenants of the lead paint content in the complex. "Not everybody got a release form when they renewed their leases because they had received the newsletter. That was our way of explaining to the residents about it," she said. "Now, it might be that not all residents read the newsletter." SEE LEAD, PAGE 7

Get the lead out

Recent testing of paint at Odum Village Apartments showed that lead was present on windows, doors and other surfaces.

Surface	No. of samples	No. of positive samples	% positive
Interior surfaces (living room, bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom)			
Wall	20	0	0%
Window components	63	12	19%
Baseboard	21	2	10%
Cabinets	5	0	0%
Exterior and common interior areas			
Door components	21	13	62%
Window components	25	12	48%
Hallway ceilings, walls	1	0	0%
Interior staircase	7	7	100%
Hand rails	1	1	100%
Playground equipment	18	3	17%

SOURCE: UNC HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICE

DTH/CAROL ANN WOODY

Tuition waiver proposal still in discussion stages

BY GINNY HARRIS
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A recent proposal to grant graduate students who serve as teaching and research assistants tuition waivers is just that — a proposal. University administrators said although the proposal is under consideration, it is too early to draw conclusions. "It's a very complicated issue requiring much more discussion," Dean of the Graduate School Linda Dykstra said. "The core of it would enhance our ability to recruit the highest



Provost RICHARD RICHARDSON said the issue was complicated and still in the preliminary stages of discussion.

quality teaching assistants to Carolina." Since it is a complicated issue, graduate students should not expect this waiver in the near future. "It will be months," Provost Richardson said. "It must be put in context with all of the other requests for money for technology, the environment, improving the intellectual climate, etc." The estimated cost for paying for the 2,700 assistants is \$5.6 million. This money would have to come from the N.C. General Assembly or from the re-allocation of other programs' funds. Many universities across the country waive tuition and fees for graduate students who teach and assist with research. N.C. State University uses money from its own budget and not from the legislature to fund its waivers. Richardson said UNC would like the money to come from the legislature.

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Area foster families offer children support, guidance

BY SEJAL VORA
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When Tracy was 8 years old, the idea of family had a very different meaning. Released into foster care by her birth parents at age 8, Tracy was with one foster family before eventually finding a place she could call home. And this home is with Carol and Conrad Kunkle of Hillsborough, who were hand-picked by Tracy's birth parents because they wanted their daughter to grow up in a two-parent household. The Kunkles, who took Tracy in as their first foster child in the spring of 1990, said she has created a new dimension to their lives. "She had a lot of feeling," Mrs. Kunkle said. "She had many foster parents to deal with; it was hard for her to figure out where her allegiance

was." Tracy touched the Kunkles so much they decided to adopt her two years later at age 10. "We worked well as a family and we knew it was right," Mrs. Kunkle said. The Kunkles did not have any children of their own, which sparked their interest in becoming foster parents. "I think a lot of people have a distorted view of foster care, and it's a real shame," Mr. Kunkle said. "But we had friends who gave us good advice and put us in touch with the right people." Some of those people included staff members of the foster parenting program with the Orange County Department of Social Service. Jenifer Montsinger, the program supervisor, defined foster care as a temporary living system for children who cannot remain in their own homes because of abuse, neglect and dependency.

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INSIDE Tuesday

At career fairs, style counts
Your résumés are printed and your shirts are pressed. What else do you need before this week's career fairs? The DTH career fair supplement.

Today's weather

Mostly cloudy; high 70s
Wednesday, Rain; high 60s

Apply now

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Diplomacy is the art of saying "nice doggie" until you can find a rock.

Will Rogers