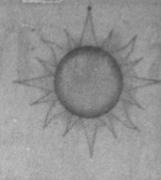


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Davis Ready for Broader Clientele

The food and noise policies at Davis will stay the same despite the closing of the more relaxed Undergrad.

By **BROOK CORWIN**
 Staff Writer

Students shifting their study setting from the recently closed Undergraduate Library to Davis Library will encounter a quieter and less casual atmosphere than their previous locale.

But Davis Library officials and librarians say that by not changing food and noise policies in Davis, students accustomed to the Undergrad will learn to

adjust to the new environment.

"We'll have the same food and noise policies that we've always had, even with the increased traffic," said Joe Hewitt, associate provost for University libraries.

Unlike the Undergrad, Davis does not allow any food to be eaten within the building, a policy that Davis librarians and officials say will be enforced through an increase in hired security.

"We recently established security guards to patrol the lower levels for food," said Clifton Barnett, a Davis staff member at the circulation desk.

But Hewitt said the noise policy in Davis will require student enforcement. "Noise is something we hope students will control themselves by asking others

to display courtesy," he said.

Hewitt also said noise complaints from students will be handled by full-time employees trained to deal with the situation.

"We don't want just any employee approaching a student," he said, citing an incident last year caused by an employee trying to handle noise complaints in an overly confrontational manner.

Barnett said that the circulation desk staff, along with the security guards, can handle complaints relayed by the reference librarians or students.

But Carol Tobin, who heads the reference desk at Davis, said that the responsibility of dealing with concerns varies according to the complaint.

"It depends on the situation," she said.

"We may talk to the person ourselves, go to the circulation desk or call security."

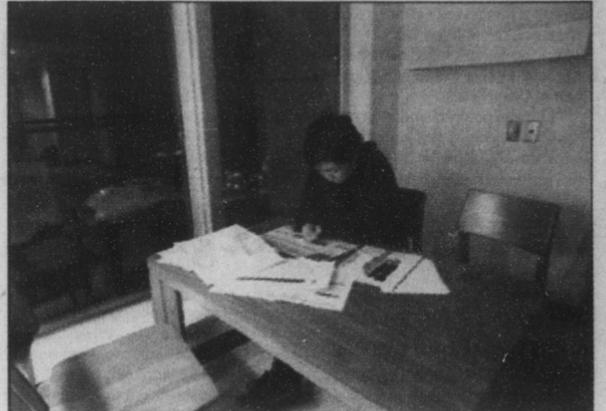
Whether such complaints will arise is something library officials say is too hard to predict and will require some flexibility in policies and services.

"Our policy is not going to be static; it will be responsive," said Diane Strauss, the associate university librarian for public services.

"We may not have anticipated all the student needs that will arise."

Hewitt said that one possible change in Davis policies is making study

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Soo Yeon Kwon studies in Davis Library. Davis is now the main campus library, open 24 hours, while the Undergrad is being renovated.

Edwards, Price Question NRC Ruling in Letter

The NRC ruling found "no significant hazards" in the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant plan for additional storage.

By **GINNY SCIABBARRASI**
 City Editor

Two N.C. congressmen are showing signs of support for Orange County's appeal of a Nuclear Regulatory Commission ruling allowing the Carolina Power & Light Co. to expand its nuclear waste capacity.

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., and Rep. David Price, D-N.C., sent a letter to the NRC on Friday, questioning the Dec. 21 ruling. The decision came while the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, a division of the NRC, is still debating whether additional storage at CP&L's Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant poses any environmental safety risks.

"The 'no significant hazards' finding by the NRC staff appears to turn on the very issues that are still pending before the (ASLB)," the letter states. "We understand that NRC regulations permit it to approve a license amendment prior to the conclusion of the proceedings before the ASLB. We think it would be helpful, however, for the NRC to more fully explain the rationale behind these regulations."

The NRC decided to allow CP&L to open two existing nuclear waste storage pools at the power plant, located in Wake County.

Price press secretary Thomas Bates said the impetus for the letter stemmed from residents' concerns about the NRC's ruling. "We've been working all along with our constituency to ensure facilitation of public participation," Bates said.

The proposal to open two existing cooling pools, which would make the plant the largest storage facility in the country for high-level nuclear waste, is causing concern among Orange County officials. The county is worried that a nuclear accident could potentially affect a 50-mile radius, which includes Chapel Hill. The county has appealed the NRC's decision and the full commission will review the case.

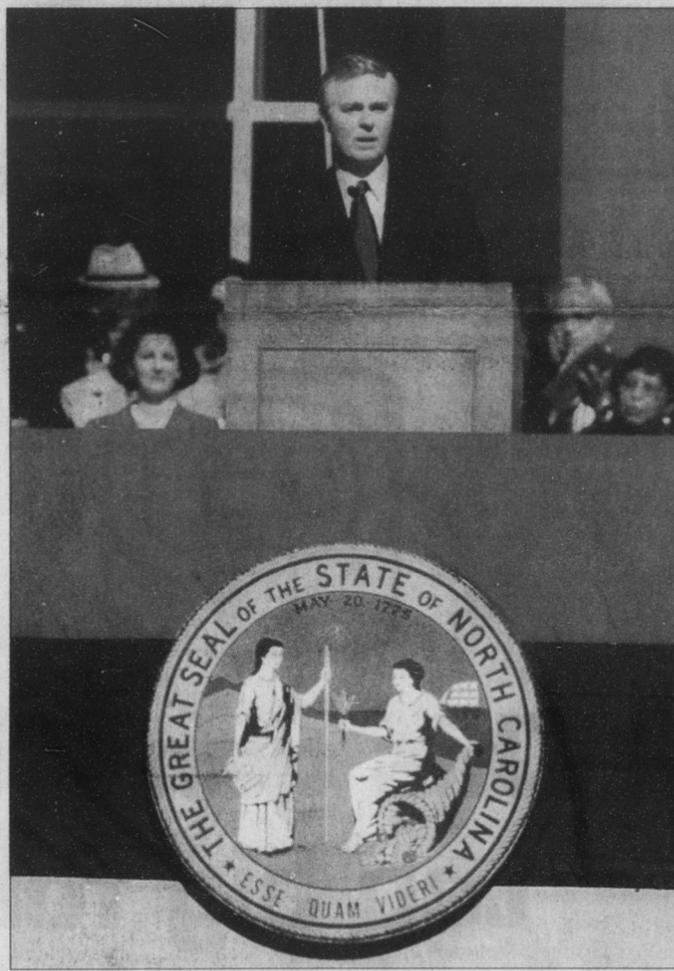
Orange County Commissioner Steve Halkiotis said the NRC's ruling was based on pressures from CP&L. "I'm very disappointed but not surprised because of the NRC's past track record and connection to the industry," he said in a news release.

But CP&L spokesman Mike Hughes said the decision was made after a full scientific inquiry.

"This is hardly a rubber stamp - a rubber stamp doesn't

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Easley Takes Office Amid Festivities



Newly sworn-in Gov. Mike Easley addresses bundled-up crowds in front of the N.C. Archives and History Building in downtown Raleigh on Saturday.

New Governor Heralds Unity as Key to Future

By **LUCAS FENSKE**
 Assistant State & National Editor

RALEIGH - Mike Easley officially became North Carolina's 67th governor Saturday, vowing to continue education reforms and to unite a state increasingly divided along economic lines.

More than 4,000 people, some wearing fur coats to ward off the cold, gathered in downtown Raleigh to witness the historic inauguration. Easley is the first baby boomer and practicing Roman Catholic to serve as governor. He is also the first governor in more than 25 years not named James.

Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue, also sworn in Saturday, is the state's first

female lieutenant governor.

The inauguration was billed as One North Carolina - a theme repeated throughout Easley's inaugural address.

"We must remember that North Carolina is more than a collection of regions and people," he said. "We are one state, one people, one family, bound by a common concern for each other."

Easley said economic growth, which has caused some portions of the state to prosper and others to stagnate, is dividing the state.

"Over the past century, our state has prospered," he said. "But our prosperity, unfortunately, has been selec-

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Financial Woes Require Fast Action From Easley

By **JENNIFER SAMUELS**
 Assistant State & National Editor

Severe monetary problems coupled with a rocky transition stand in the way of Gov. Mike Easley's goal of creating a united North Carolina.

North Carolina is facing a budget deficit of almost \$500 million only halfway through the fiscal year.

UNC-Chapel Hill political science Professor Thad Beyle said Easley's term will be different from previous governors because he is starting out with a deficit.

Beyle said Easley must deal with the state's fiscal woes in the first six months or it could get worse.

Rep. Ruth Easterling, D-Mecklenburg and co-chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee in the N.C. General Assembly, said increased health care expenses largely contributed to the deficit.

"Look at the percentages in the budget - education takes about 66 percent and health and human services takes 17 percent," she said.

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Avoiding a Bad Situation

After two recent sexual assaults in Carrboro, the police are offering some pointers on how to stay safe. Follow these guidelines to avoid dangerous situations and know what to do if threatened.

Be aware of your surroundings and the people in them:

- Trust your instincts.
- Stay alert to changes around you.
- Notice places you might go for help.
- If something feels uncomfortable, consider leaving or taking action.

Secure your environment:

- Use door and window locks when appropriate.
- Keep your car in good running order with sufficient gas in the tank.
- Keep flashlights handy in your house and car.
- Make changes that will help you feel more safe.

If someone threatens or endangers you, get angry and take action:

- Look the person in the eyes and express a rageful refusal. Give commands. Don't negotiate.
- Yell ("911!" or "Call the police!"), run or create a scene.
- Outwit your assailant. Lie. Use manipulation.
- Fighting back is one option.

Crisisline: 24 hours a day, 967-7273 or (800) 616-3696

SOURCE: ORANGE COUNTY RAPE CRISIS CENTER

Police Emphasize Safety in Wake of Attacks

By **STEPHANIE FURR**
 Staff Writer

Carrboro officials are working to promote crime education and prevention to residents after two sexual assaults late last month.

Carrboro police Capt. Joel Booker said officials recently met with residents and staff of Ridgehaven Townhomes and The Village Apartments - the sites of the two attacks - to relay information and precautions regarding assaults.

Booker said Carrboro police are working to make sure that students returning from Winter Break, especially those living in the area near the attacks, are aware of the crimes.

"We'd certainly like to be returning University students to be aware and be

cautious," Booker said.

Carrboro officials are still investigating the two incidents. The first sexual assault happened Dec. 22 at Ridgehaven Townhomes at 101 Rock Haven Road at 10:30 p.m. Reports state that the assailant entered the victim's apartment and assaulted her. There was no sign of forced entry.

The second incident, a rape, occurred Dec. 26 at The Village at 1000 Smith Level Road at 5 a.m. Reports state that the assailant broke into the residence and assaulted the victim. The victim was transported to UNC Hospitals and did not suffer life-threatening injuries.

Assailants in both incidents were described as males between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet tall with muscular builds. But the Carrboro police have not determined

whether the two incidents were related.

Booker said the proximity of the crimes, which occurred within one block of one another, suggests a connection. "That is extremely concerning to us."

Booker said he recommends students use the buddy system when walking at night, traveling with at least two or three other people. He said both male and female students should be alert and report suspicious conditions. He also said that those who live alone should make sure that the same lights are on when they return home as when they left and that their residence is secure before entering. "If you see that things are out of place, you don't have to go inside - just call the police," Booker said.

Matt Ezzell, coordinator of community education for the Orange County

Rape Crisis Center, said people should trust their instincts and stay aware of their surroundings.

Ezzell said the center has served 97 sexual assault victims between July and December, and only 35 of those cases were reported to police.

He said the risk of attack can be decreased by things as simple as staying near lighted areas and keeping one's head up when walking.

Ezzell also cautioned against leaving drinks unattended in a social situation or accepting drinks from strangers because of the prevalence of drugs such as Rohypnol, commonly known as "date rape drugs."

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