UNC, OWASA Negotiate, Accept Availability Fee

Due to UNC growth, OWASA wanted to change the terms of an agreement that exempted UNC from fees.

By Eric Meehan
Staff Writer

UNC and Orange Water and Sewer Authority have reached an agreement for the payment of water and sewer service availability fees.

The agreement comes after several months of discussion and formalizes a conceptual agreement reached last September.

Deputy for Facilities Services Jim Mergner explained the significance of service availability fees.

"Availability is a one-time charge – the amount the University will pay for connecting to the system," he said. "If we build a new facility, it has a one-time connecting fee."

Under the previous deal, UNC was exempted from paying for future connections to OWASA's main sewage and water system. The new agreement is meant to address the future water needs of a rapidly expanding UNC main campus.

Currently, UNC's main campus consists of 13.7 million square feet of existing and approved building floor area. The main campus is projected to reach 14.8 million square feet within the next few years.

Mergner said the new deal will cost UNC substantially more than the one established in 1977.

"There is no question that there is an additional cost to the University," he said. "It's an additional cost to our development."

Mergner said OWASA originally suggested the program to UNC officials.

"The subject was brought up by OWASA," he said. "They were concerned about the specifics of the old sales agreements."

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Officials said that with the new deal, both OWASA and UNC can look forward to the stability that will result from the agreement. UNC officials can continue to plan for expansion with full knowledge of what it will be charged for connecting to OWASA's system in its new facilities.

Mergner said, "Resolving this and putting it behind us is good for everyone involved."

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Bush to Cease Overseas Abortion Aid

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – On Monday's anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, President Bush signed a memorandum reinstating the full abortion restrictions on U.S. overseas aid that his father and former President Reagan had instituted before him.

"It is my conviction that taxpayer funds should not be used to pay for abortions or advocate or actively promote abortion either here or abroad," Bush wrote in his executive memorandum to the U.S. Agency for International Development, which oversees family-planning aid to foreign countries.

It was Bush's first major policy action since becoming the nation's president on Saturday.

It reverses the Clinton administration's position on unrestricted family-planning aid and bars U.S. money to international groups that use their own money to support abortion – either through performing the surgery, counseling on abortion as a family-planning option or lobbying foreign governments on abortion policy.

On his first workday in the White House, Bush also gave a written statement to marchers on the 28th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

"The promises of our Declaration of Independence are not just for the strong, the independent or the healthy. They are for everyone, including unborn children," his statement said. "We share a great goal, to work toward a day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law … to build a culture of life, affirming that every person at every stage and season of life, is created equal in God's image."

Abortion-rights supporter Kate Michelman saw it as Bush's latest act of war on women's reproductive rights, following on his nomination of staunch abortion opponents to key Cabinet posts – former Sen. John Ashcroft for attorney general and former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson as secretary of health and human services.

The University and Towns IN BRIEF

Forms Now Available For Chancellor's Awards

Nominations forms for the Chancellor's Awards are now available at www.unc.edu/chancellorsawards, the Union Desk, the Campus Y building, and 104 Steele Building.

The awards are for outstanding students who demonstrate excellence in student activities and leadership.

The deadline for nominations is Feb. 14.

Marketing Seminar Scheduled for Feb. 23

The UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication will host the seminar "Redefining Marketing: An Integrated Marketing Communication Seminar" scheduled for Feb. 23.

Feb. 15 is the registration deadline for participation in the seminar geared for public relations, marketing and advertising professionals. Registration costs $150.

Forms are available online at http://www.ibiblio.org/jomc/general/special/execeducation/RedefiningMarketing/Brochure.html.

To have a form mailed, contact Sabrina Davis at 919-966-7024 or ssdavis@email.unc.edu.

Organization to Host Art Collection Tips

The Women's Center will be presenting a free program, "How to Collect Art," led by Donna Soto, the owner of Green Tara Gallery in Chapel Hill.

Participants can learn how art can enhance the quality of life, and what to consider when starting a collection, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at Barnes and Noble in New Hope Commons. For more information, call the Women's Center at 968-4610.

2 Groups to Sponsor Genealogy Workshop

The National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Society of Colonial Dames of XVII Century are offering a genealogy workshop this Saturday.

The free workshop will address the needs of researchers with all levels of experience. It will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Public Library.

Preregistration is required. Call 942-7199 for more information or to register.

Jung Society to Host Lecture, Workshop

The C.G. Jung Society of the Triangle will host a lecture and a workshop by Dr. Keith Parker, entitled "Ancient Appalachian Wisdom: Cherokee Myths From a Jungian Perspective."

The talk will cost $10 and will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The workshop will cost $40 and will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Both will be at the Binkley Baptist Church in Chapel Hill.

Social Services to Hold Foster Home Programs

The Orange County Department of Social Services is sponsoring a program designed to prepare individuals and families to make an informed decision about becoming a foster or adoptive family.

The program begins Feb. 5 and continues Monday evenings through April 2.

The sessions will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Southern Human Services Building on Homestead Road.

For more information, call 968-2000, ext. 240.

Campus Calendar

Today

3:30 p.m. – The **Institute on Aging's Distinguished Lecture Series** and the **Annual Poster Symposium on Aging** will highlight guest speaker Rosalie A. Kane from the University of Minnesota.

The speech, **"In The Eye of the Beholder: Quality of Life for Long-Term Care Consumers,"** will take place at the Carolina Club in Alumni Halls II and III of the George Watts Hill Alumni Center.

5:30 p.m. – **Pilots of all levels** are invited to come to the **Carolina Flying Club's first meeting** in Union 218.

We will take an interest survey and discuss **flying-related resources** available to students.

7 p.m. – **Saskia Sassen** from the University of Chicago will speak on **"Trade and Globalization: Governance and Accountability"** as part of the Great Decisions lecture series.

The speech will take place in 111 Carroll Hall. For more information, e-mail rbarcott@email.unc.edu.

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. – The **Wesley Foundation** will meet for a program entitled **"B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Beliefs)."**

Thursday

8:30 p.m. – **Annual budget orientation sessions** will be held in 304 Dey Hall today and Thursday.

Any student group interested in the annual budget must have a **representative at one of the orientations**.

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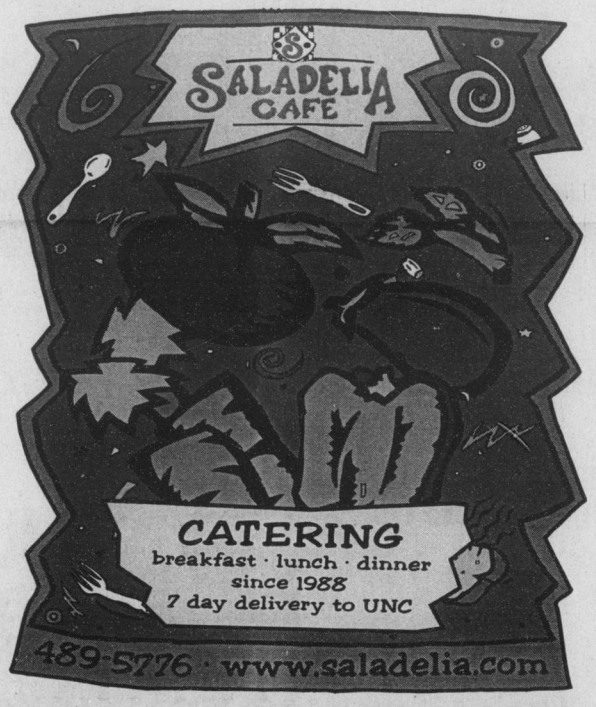
Carolina Economics Club presents:

An economist looks at the war on drugs.

What are the costs and benefits of our nation's anti-drug policies?
Should drugs be decriminalized or should the war be expanded?
Come and discuss with prof Art Benavie.

Tuesday, January 23rd at 7pm in Gardner 105.



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