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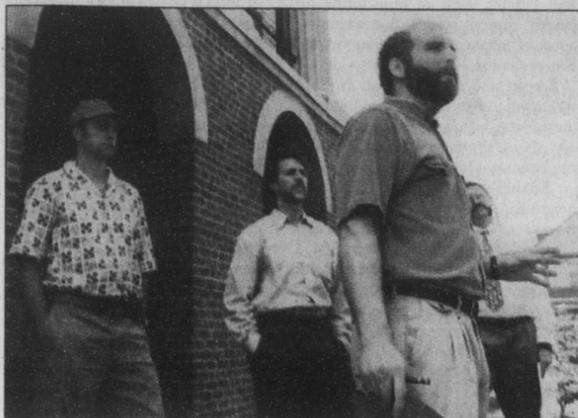
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Jim Warren of N.C. WARN holds a press conference in Pittsboro to discuss a meeting N.C. WARN and other concerned parties had Tuesday with CP&L.

Investigation Renews CP&L Conflict

By COKE WHITWORTH
Staff Writer

PITTSBORO — An internal investigation by a federal agency has local activists optimistic in their struggle against the expansion of a nearby nuclear facility.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of the Inspector General is investigating the decision by NRC staff that allowed Carolina Power & Light Co. to expand nuclear waste storage potential at the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant. Activists said the investigation potentially could be a huge step forward in their 2 1/2-year campaign against the expansion.

Activists from Orange and Chatham counties met with executives from CP&L on Tuesday to discuss concerns regarding the expansion of waste storage potential at the plant. Those who attended the meeting said it is a possible step in the right direction.

Jim Warren, executive director of the N.C. Waste Awareness & Reduction Network, said the meeting called by CP&L officials could be a significant development in the ordeal.

But Warren said the investigation, which started in late March, could have greater implications.

"We are pretty confident the NRC investigation is going to bear some fruit and justify the position we've taken all

along on this matter," Warren said. "We feel that if the inspector general looks at the evidence presented, it will be determined that the NRC staff and the (Atomic Safety and Licensing Board) were influenced by pressure from CP&L."

Gary Phillips, chairman of the Chatham County Commissioners and one of the activists, said the meeting called by CP&L was a promising development in the ongoing struggle. "I'm not going to say the meeting was a lovefest," Phillips said. "CP&L has put out an olive branch here. The meeting was hopefully the start of some constructive dialogue on the issues of concern."

Keith Poston, spokesman for CP&L, said the meeting was very productive

and was typical of the company's concern for the area.

"We are passionate in our commitment to serve this area as safely and effectively as possible," Poston said. "We really looked at this meeting as a part of our ongoing commitment to the community that we serve, and we feel like we are doing our best to answer the many questions and concerns of those from the area."

Warren said both CP&L and NRC officials have admitted that Orange County consultant Dr. Gordon Thompson was correct in his calculation of the damage the area would sustain in

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Officials Worry Classroom Cuts May Go Too Far

A UNC-system vice president said faculty positions would need to be cut to meet a projected 7 percent reduction in funds.

By MICHAEL HANDY
Staff Writer

The UNC system's recently submitted proposal of \$125 million in possible budget cuts — which could eliminate close to 450 faculty positions systemwide — is raising concerns among some state legislators and UNC-system officials.

Last week, the N.C. General Assembly Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education requested that UNC-system officials present a plan to cut 7 percent from the system's recurring budget — a total of about \$125 million.

The request is one of many that appropriations committees have made of state agencies in the legislature's ongoing struggle to construct a budget in the wake of an \$800 million budget deficit and a downturn in the state economy.

Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president for finance, said all 16 system schools were asked by UNC-system President Molly Broad to protect undergraduate programs first, followed by graduate and professional schools.

Davies said the 16 schools followed these recommendations as best they could by proposing cuts in administrative areas and equipment lines. But he added that if cuts of this magnitude were carried out, the schools could not absorb them without the elimination of both faculty and nonfaculty positions.

Davies also said cuts could cause serious damage to instruction across the UNC system. "There are reductions of faculty proposed at all of (the campuses)."

Many of the proposed cuts also call for drastic reductions in library, distance education and classroom supplies funding. Sen. Walter Dalton, D-Rutherford, co-chairman of the education subcommittee, said they will now begin the process of reviewing the proposed cuts submitted by the UNC system. "We'll be taking suggestions from advisers, committee members and the public," he said. "I would hope and think that we would not be looking at substantial faculty reductions."

Dalton added that all proposed cuts in the UNC system hinge on revenue projections based on state tax returns filed by April 15. He said the budget deficit could become much smaller, stay the same or become larger once the revenue projections are out.

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Sen. Hamilton Horton, R-Forsyth, suggested eliminating system administrators rather than faculty.



DTH/KIMBERLY CRAVEN

Sophomore Toni Mazzaglia tries to knock aluminum cans into a recycling bin Tuesday afternoon at the Earth Day celebration on Polk Place.

Earth Day Event Spreads Awareness

By JENNY FOWLER
Staff Writer

The springtime sun shining on Polk Place on Tuesday did not stop many environmentally minded students and faculty members from manning nearly a dozen tables with posters, signs and cloth banners celebrating Earth Day.

The event — co-sponsored by the Student Environmental Action Coalition, the Carolina Environmental Student Alliances and the UNC Sustainability Coalition — included games,

music, awards ceremonies and presentations.

Organizers hoped to increase knowledge of Earth Day and its meaning, and also to award campus environmentalists who have implemented change at UNC. "The purpose of the celebration is to spread awareness of the environmental issues surrounding us globally and locally," said CESA President Jennifer Walton.

Many posters covering the CESA table outlined President Bush's policies, which CESA members claim are anti-environmental, pro-industry and apathetic toward the issue of global warming.

Bush has decreased his campaign promises on clean air and has already reversed several of Clinton's initiatives on drinking water. And his administration is now in the process of withdrawing its support from the Kyoto Protocol, a 1997 global warming agreement.

SEAC members also made their voices heard by playing games for gift certificates and candy prizes. SEAC members used their posters and games to promote their two main projects — pre-

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CAA Probe Dies Again In Congress

Congress also gave the nod to CAA Cabinet appointees, marking the first time its approval has been required.

By RACHEL CLARKE
Staff Writer

Student Congress breezed through its meeting Tuesday night, passing every bill with minimal discussion.

The only proposal voted down was a motion by Finance Committee Chairman Tony Larson to suspend the rules to possibly discuss a bill calling for an investigation of the Carolina Athletic Association.

On April 10, Congress members voted down a bill to create a committee that would have investigated allegations of wrongdoing this year within the CAA.

For Larson to reintroduce the bill, Congress' rules would have to be suspended, but Congress members voted Tuesday against this motion.

Congress members approved every appointment put before them. They also set their meeting schedule for the upcoming year and authorized a special election to fill congressional holes.

All four of CAA President Reid Chaney's picks for his Cabinet were approved. The 82nd Congress passed a bill in early April requiring Congress' approval of CAA's four main administrative posts.

Jon Kanipe will serve as the new CAA vice president, Vicki Wade as the secretary, Chase Choplin as the treasurer and Mike Kuhn as the chairman of ticket distribution.

Kanipe said he plans to make CAA more accessible and accountable. "One of our first ideas, I guess our main goal, is to start a campus outreach," he said.

Congress also approved a special election to fill the 14 empty Congress seats. Students can cast their vote on Student Central from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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A five-part series examining Chancellor James Moeser's vision for the University and how he will see it to fruition.

Monday: Inheriting a Legacy
Tuesday: Activism's Impact
Today: A World Focus
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Moeser Wants University to Think, Act Globally

By STACEY GEYER
Staff Writer

After completing his undergraduate education at the University of Texas at Austin, James Moeser spent a year in Germany as a Fulbright scholar.

Now as UNC's chancellor, he wants UNC students to have a similar international experience and for the entire University to globalize.

"We have to recognize that part of our goal of being a great university is being a

world university," he said. "The greater understanding we have about the rest of the world and the people who make up the rest of the world — that's going to be an essential quality of an educated person."

University officials said state legislation and a smaller financial base than elite private schools presents Moeser with the challenge of developing a vision of how a public university should interact globally.

"It provides an opportunity for Chancellor Moeser, as a leader of a public university, to develop the methods of how

(public universities) can do this," said Raymond Farrow, development director for International Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences. "It's going to be a different path than private universities."

But Director of International Studies James Peacock said the bond between a public university and state can survive in a globalized world.

"Public universities need to respond to its constituents," he said. "The state is moving in a similar (global) manner; therefore, the University can respond to the state and

move in a global direction."

The path for UNC so far involves three areas — increasing the number of undergraduates who study abroad, establishing relationships with international institutions in cooperative research and service, and improving the global atmosphere on campus.

When Moeser traveled to Monterrey Tech in Mexico a month ago, steps were made toward all three areas.

"They would like ultimately 500 Mexican students with an opportunity to

come to this campus, with the opportunity for 500 Chapel Hill students to study in Mexico," Moeser said.

"It's actually moving on a fairly rapid track, but I think that it will be a gradual process being that large of an exchange process, of course."

Efforts in the three areas will be aided because foundations already have been established.

Nearly 800 undergraduates study abroad

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I am at two with nature.

Woody Allen