

DROUGHT

Carolyn Elfland, UNC's vice chancellor for campus services, said there was no substantial rainfall the week before students came back, a possible reason for the increase.

"When it doesn't rain, the consumption goes up anyway," Elfland said. "Consumption is more tied to rain than to students coming back."

Feller cited a record day in June, when most students had left campus, on which about 16 million gallons of water were used - 3 million gallons more than the daily average for that month. He said that was a clear example of why he thinks students on campus haven't affected recent water usage.

Ed Kerwin, OWASA's executive director, said that if the demand level experienced in the past week does not decrease by the end of this week, the next level of water restrictions could be enforced.

"If we have another week of high demand, we are probably days - not weeks - away from moving to the next level," Kerwin said.

But he added that it would have to be dry in addition to the high demand in order to move to Stage 3.

Elfland said the University is following OWASA's guidelines, though UNC

is not subject to the restrictions because it is a state agency.

"However, obviously we are very concerned about the water situation," Elfland said. "And the governor also enlisted an executive order for all government agencies."

Elfland said these restrictions are more limiting than OWASA's.

The University has taken a number of measures to cut water usage, including discontinuing outdoor planting, turning off water fountains and experimenting with water-free urinals, Elfland said.

She said UNC also is cutting back on irrigation, only watering the roots of old trees in McCorkle and Polk places rather than the full lawns. Elfland also

said a team of University engineers has been meeting with OWASA engineers to find a way to use processed water from OWASA for the University's Cogeneration Facility, a combined heat and power facility, which currently uses drinking water.

The effects of the drought are being felt all over campus, even complicating construction, Elfland said.

She said that to test the plumbing in buildings, water must be run through the pipes.

"(The drought) could get really broad-reaching in its effects."

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RANKING

many service opportunities and was one factor the editorial staff considered when ranking it.

Jerry Lucido, director of undergraduate admissions, said that when students begin the college application process, they look at how they will fit into the university - a key reason UNC was included in the group.

"I think students are more comprehensive and holistic than their parents might be," he said.

Lucido said guidebooks like Kaplan give more insight into what applicants are looking for. "This is, in some ways, a strong word-of-mouth measure," he said.

And Lucido said that in recent years, public universities - and their lower tuition rates - have been considered by applicants more often.

But he said UNC's decision to drop its binding early admission policy might

be another factor - if nothing else, he said, it set the University apart. "We're in there as the school that dropped early decision," Lucido said.

Provost Robert Shelton said the University tries to make the entire college experience a good one.

"Chapel Hill has always prided itself on providing a close environment to students," he said. "Just look at the high percentage of undergraduates that choose to live on campus."

Although he stressed that people should not get too tied up in rankings, he said potential applicants and their parents probably will use these rankings as a source when deciding where to apply.

"Students coming to places like Chapel Hill are usually pretty savvy, even if they are first-generation college students," he said. "People nowadays look to sources like this when deciding where to go to college."

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STAGE 6

cut down on the amount of towels used so that less will have to be washed by the hotel staff. "We try to use as (little) water as possible," Desai said. "We're using less laundry because you lose a very good amount of water."

Desai said that for the most part, guests have complied and been helpful in conserving water, but he said some guests have been deterred because the hotel closed down its pool.

"We lost a lot of customers because the pool closed," Desai said. The hotel management decided to close it when water restrictions stated that they were not permitted to add any extra water to the pool.

The employees of the Village Diner at 600 West King Street say they are prepared for the Stage 6 restrictions and

have devised methods to combat the water shortage. "We've ordered our styrofoam plates and cups," said Mike Cox, an employee of the diner.

Cox said the diner has taken other steps, such as taking its filters and deep fryers to car washes in towns under less stringent water restrictions for cleaning. Many car washes are using well water.

"We're saving the best we can," Cox said. "We're trying to do our part, and we're set to go when (Stage 6) comes."

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ACT

grams - an issue Poarch said would come up again at a future meeting. Last year, the BOT rejected a hotly contested plan from the administration that called for a night parking plan.

Dean Bresciani, interim vice chancellor of student affairs and committee vice chairman, said ACT will mostly focus on long-term parking problems and solu-

tions as officials develop the Master Plan, a long-term plan for campus growth.

Daum said one issue student leaders will face is the dwindling number of parking spaces on campus, despite increasing numbers of students living on campus.

"We will never have an ideal parking situation," Daum said. "But we are going to make sure we do the best we can with what we have."

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