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Problems plague North Campus halls



Construction tape marks off a section of the sidewalk leading to Winston Residence Hall. Connor community has been having problems.

SOME STILL SEE GLITCHES IN NEWLY RENOVATED BUILDINGS

BY MICHELLE MCGRIER
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The renovations are done, students have moved in and school has started.

But some students say the newly renovated residence halls of the Connor community still have some glitches to work out.

Nick Griffin, a senior living in Winston Residence Hall, said that while his roommate was taking a shower earlier this month, the shower head fell off the wall.

Freshman Sharon Yu, who lives in Connor Residence Hall, said Friday that the water fountains on the third floor weren't working and

that some shower stalls had no hot water.

But school officials say those problems are expected in the renovated buildings, which also include Alexander and Joyner residence halls.

"Any time you need to retrofit older facilities there will always be residual problems," said Christopher Payne, director of the Department of Housing and Residential Education. "We tried to anticipate some of the problems that would occur, but some of the problems can't be found until after installation."

Residents in the Connor com-

munity are experiencing some of these unexpected problems firsthand.

Graham Long, a senior in Connor, said, "The water pressure is too high, so sometimes it hurts to take a shower."

Junior Jenny Strong, who lives in Winston, also said water pressure created problems in the second floor bathroom.

"In the showers, water pressure is so hard that the showers will flood and get all over the bathroom floor," she said.

Payne said that he is aware of the reports of high water pressure and that University staff are

addressing the problem.

"We've taken a look at the hardware on the shower heads, and we learned that there needed to be a different type of restrictor," he said.

Payne said that after hearing comments from students about the difficulties they experienced with the water temperature, a pattern could not be established.

"One of the things we have done to address shower issues is post lists in the bathrooms for students to record their shower experience so we could identify the source of the problems," Payne said.

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Textbook requests see major drop

Professors' spring requests drop 10 percentage points

BY JOHN ZHANG
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Despite student government's increased efforts to convince professors to submit textbook request forms by the deadline set by Student Stores, the total number received dropped 10 percentage points from last semester.

This fall, Student Stores received 24 percent of textbook request forms for next semester's books by its Friday deadline — 428 forms of a possible 1,748. Last spring's total was 34 percent.

The book buyback plan, which was implemented last year by Student Body President Matt Tepper, achieved relative success.

Student government encouraged professors to submit their lists by the deadline, because doing so increases the amount of money students can save on textbooks. Student leaders continued their efforts this semester by issuing a memorandum Sept. 22.

Before officials sent the letters, professors had submitted only 4 percent of textbook request forms.

Last spring, before student government officials sent their reminder, 24 percent of professors had submitted their requests for fall semester books.

After professors received notifications then, Student Stores reported a 10 percentage point increase from 24

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Price calls for analyzing Iraq

BY KATHRYN ROEBUCK
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U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., emphasized Monday the importance of analyzing President Bush's recent request for an additional \$87 billion to rebuild Iraq.

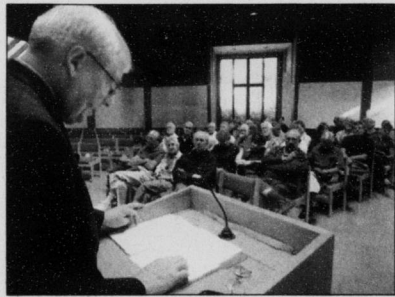
"We need to hear the accountability for funds thus far expended, the justification for the present request and an honest estimate of the costs yet to come," Price said.

In a speech at Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, Price told the West Triangle United Nations Association that the United States must support a stable conclusion to the conflict in Iraq, including the rebuilding of Iraq's economy and the development of a democratic government.

"We must provide our forces in Iraq the resources they need to complete their mission and to enhance their safety and security while they are performing their mission," he said.

"But the Bush administration must give a full accounting of how we plan to reach these goals, how we are going to meet the costs and how we are to

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U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., speaks to the West Triangle United Nations Association on Monday at Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church.

CHECK IT OUT



Gabriella Stapel, 4, plays the computer game "Barney's Circus" as her mother, Maureen Stapel, watches Monday afternoon at the Chapel Hill Public Library on Estes Drive. Due to the high volume of use, both library officials and residents of Chapel Hill say the library's facilities and book collections are inadequate.

LOOKING FOR BOOKS

Overtaxed library prompts referendum on expanding facilities, services

BY SUSIE DICKSON
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Nestled in the woods off Estes Drive, the Chapel Hill Public Library quietly services thousands of residents as the most frequented library in the state.

On a typical afternoon, people of all ages bustle through the library doors to check out books, use the computers or attend meetings.

Inside, long lines of people wait to use computers, and every desk is occu-

piated.

Considering the high volume of use, residents and library officials alike say library facilities and book collections are inadequate.

"The library is certainly not physically large enough to provide the kind of services that the people of this town want," said resident Scott Radway. "When I've used (the library) ... it was very clear that additional resources were needed."

But this fall, local residents have the

opportunity to change conditions drastically.

The library could receive authorization to issue a \$16.26 million bond project if Chapel Hill residents vote for it in November.

Library expansion is one component of the \$29.4 million bond package, the largest in Chapel Hill history.

Town officials are launching the "Invest in Chapel Hill" campaign today

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Students seek to end peers' political apathy

BY AMY THOMSON
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In 1972, the Vietnam War was raging, Watergate broke into the news and 18-year-olds won the right to vote. The presidential election that year witnessed a voter turnout of about half of the nation's 18- to 24-year-olds.

Almost 30 years later, the 2000 U.S. Census reported that only about 32 percent of young people are voting.

"A lot of it is because they feel alienated by politics. They don't know what

to vote for or who to vote for," said Maya Enista, northeast regional coordinator for MTV's "Rock the Vote" program.

These feelings of alienation lead some to apathy and some to action. Recent years have seen an increasing number of students running for and winning political office.

Enista called students who campaign for political office admirable. "Students are feeling like they're not represented, so they're taking it upon themselves to represent themselves."

Mike McSwain, a senior philosophy

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major at UNC-Chapel Hill, decided to run for the Chapel Hill Town Council this election season. While working in downtown Chapel Hill and acting as a student liaison to the council for UNC-CH, McSwain saw a rift between students and town residents.

Terming opportunities for student-town interaction "very rare," McSwain

said he hopes to be an intermediary between the two and to increase student involvement in local politics. "I feel like students are overlooked. It's hard (for students) to come to a new community and feel like they understand the issues."

But young candidates such as

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Campus construction boundaries can put local fire emergency response in a peculiar situation **PAGE 3**



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Lindsay Usher, a North Carolina senior, returns from the Kayak Surfing World Championship **PAGE 6**

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