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Dorms briefly lose heat

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Almost all North Campus dorms lost the hot water they use for energy during a two-hour period Wednesday afternoon because of a malfunctioning relief valve, UNC Facility Services officials said.

The energy water heats dorm rooms but is not used for domestic purposes such as shower water.

The problem began when a relief valve in Joyner Residence Hall malfunctioned, causing 10,000 gallons of hot water to spill out onto Raleigh Street and down to Country Club Road.

Facility Services employees first replaced the broken valve to stop the spill. They fixed the hot water problem about an hour later by

putting the hydronics system — which provides energy water for North Campus dorms — back online. The system is centered in Joyner, where the spill occurred.

The malfunction's cause isn't clear, and the Department of Housing and Residential Education declined to comment on the situation.

Some said the spill stemmed from faulty equipment.

"I think they cut on (power) too fast, and the pop-off valve was too weak," said Ricardo Mangum, a plumber with facility services who was at the site of the spill.

Others said the problem was an increased demand for heat, as many dorms' heating systems were

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The steps to Joyner Hall spill over with water Wednesday after a relief valve malfunctions, leaving several dorms without heat for two hours. DTH/PAUL KIERNAN

Legislators weigh in on tuition plan

System calls for constant funding

BY JONATHAN TUGMAN
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Despite the four-year tuition plan approved unanimously by the UNC-system Board of Governors on Oct. 13, the system can't count on any guarantees from the N.C. General Assembly.

State legislators cautioned against assuming the General Assembly would provide the six percent increase in funding requested by UNC-system President Erskine Bowles' tuition plan.

"No one gets a blank check," said Rep. Ray Rapp, D-Madison, vice chairman of the House appropriations subcommittee on education, which will review budgets from various departments in the spring.

"It's always based on the revenues available and the number of requests for distribution of funds.

"We certainly will try to provide the money based on the priorities we estimate after we get all the requests in front of us."

Citing last year's 13 percent increase in appropriations, J.B. Buxton, education adviser to Gov. Mike Easley, said the system likely will receive sufficient funding.

"I don't think there's any question that the legislature is committed to funding the university."

Rapp said the plan creates realistic expectations for cost increases based on system growth.

"That to me is a bold move rather than having these annual surprises," he said. "(Bowles is) trying to put some stability in the system."

But not all state leaders are on board with the plan. Easley has criticized the tuition cap, arguing instead that the state legislature should provide the funding the university needs.

"He doesn't believe we need to be raising tuition at all," Buxton said. "The first step should be going to the legislature with the university's needs."

Buxton praised Bowles for trying to establish predictability so families can know what to expect by way

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RAY RAPP, REPRESENTATIVE

of tuition, but still said the process should start in the legislature.

"The government is concerned with affordability," he said. "We don't want to lock in these increases."

John Sanders, a former BOG member, provided one basis for that line of reasoning.

"The (N.C.) constitution says the benefits of education to the people of the state as free as is practical," he said.

Although the BOG generally sets tuition rates for each campus, the General Assembly has final authority on tuition and appropriates state funds for the university system.

The tuition plan takes into account the level of state appropriations when determining the annual tuition cap.

Any year in which state appropriations increase by more than 6 percent, the approximate average annual increase since 1972, the tuition cap will be reduced by the same percentage.

"What Erskine Bowles has done is to create a stronger linkage between the level of tuition and legislative action in setting appropriations for the university system," said Ferrel Guillory, director of the Program on Public Life at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Sen. Bob Atwater, D-Chatham, a member of the Senate committee that appropriates education funding, said his committee will hear from different parties about the tuition plan when the legislature reconvenes in January.

"I think they will make a good case, and I think we'll make a good case to support it," he said.

Guillory emphasized that the appropriation of state funds for the system will depend on available state revenue and on the status of other critical state needs.

"It's always a balancing act when it gets over to the legislature," he said.

"The university budget isn't just a matter of negotiation with tuition as the only variable. ... There are lots of other variables."

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ALL HALLOW'S MONTH

BY LAURA OLENIACZ
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Halloween starts Oct. 1 for senior Matthew Scott Montgomery. And by "start," he means he's finished all his holiday preparations and he's ready to start celebrating.

"I take Halloween very seriously," he said. "I come from a family where holidays are a big deal."

Oct. 31 is a big deal for national and local businesses, too: It's the second-biggest decorating holiday after Christmas, according to the National Retail Federation.

The holiday is experiencing increased participation. The NRF reported that 63.8 percent of consumers will celebrate Halloween this year, topping last year's 52.5 percent.

Montgomery is a self-described "Halloween mess," for whom the holiday is a 31-day affair.

He only listens to Halloween songs for the month of October, he said. He has a playlist of 48 songs on three mixes that meet all of his scary music needs.

He's decorated his room with skeletons, scream masks and blinking bats, and he tries to wear some form of orange and black each day.

"At the very least I have orange and black bracelets for every day," he said.

During Fall Break, he went to the 3-D world premiere of "The Nightmare Before Christmas" in Los Angeles, and visited some famed haunted houses as well.

"I watch 'Scream' a few times a week," Montgomery said, commenting on the importance of enhancing his Halloween experience with movies such as "Halloween" and "Hocus Pocus."

Even Montgomery's diet is affected by his devotion to All Hallows Eve.

Standard liquids this month have been Frightening Fruit Punch Hi-C and Candy Corn Soda. "It's so gross but I make myself drink it anyway. The can is so cool. My roommates think I'm nuts."

But not everybody is getting an early start on Halloween.

For a smattering of students hanging around campus on a Tuesday afternoon, Halloween means finding a costume at the last minute or deciding whether or not to go out to Franklin Street to watch the spectacle.

"I haven't started," said Tiffany Rivers, commenting on her costume preparations. The senior

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"I take Halloween very seriously," said senior Matthew Scott Montgomery in his dorm room Wednesday. Montgomery begins preparing for Halloween well before Oct. 31. DTH/SELKET GUZMANA

Season may affect business

BY SARA GREGORY
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In the Wentworth and Sloan storefront window on Franklin Street, next to the necklaces, bracelets and rings the store sells, a framed photo of head football coach John Bunting is displayed.

"I have to show how much I respect that man and that team," said Ken Jackson, owner of the shop.

After being in the hot seat during this year's 1-6 season, Athletics Director Dick Baddour announced his decision to fire Bunting at a news conference Monday.

On Franklin Street, the reaction to the announcement has been mixed.

"He did a phenomenal job representing this University across the state," Jackson said. "The impact he has had in the business community has been incredibly positive."

Bunting is often seen walking on Franklin Street on Sunday mornings,

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JOHN HUDSON, CAROLINA PRIDE OWNER

frequenting restaurants and stores. When Bunting brought recruits to visit the town, he took them downtown.

"He lets them know that they are going to be a part of a community," Jackson said.

Still, business owners acknowledged the football program was not performing at its best.

"His heart was in Carolina football, but he just wasn't delivering the results," said Hector's manager José Constantino.

The relationship between the football team and Franklin Street business is a complicated one.

Retailers and restaurateurs love satisfied fans. Happy fans, like those who

hit up Franklin Street after Late Night With Roy, are of a different tenor than the average customer, Carolina Pride owner John Hudson said.

"Happy fans always buy more than less happy fans," Hudson said. "It doesn't matter what school or what sport."

So repeated losses can make for unhappy business owners.

"When they lose, we lose too," said Shelton Henderson, owner of the Shrunken Head Boutique.

The Shrunken Head has been a hub for game-day apparel, including the famous "Beat Duke" buttons, since

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Fights follow last call

Police say bar scene stretches officers thin

BY LIZ GILLIAM
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At 2:46 a.m. Saturday, Brenden Stucky, a senior in Kappa Alpha at 211 Henderson St., made a 911 call to report eight to 10 subjects yelling at a male victim and beating him with baseball bats outside the residence.

But when Chapel Hill police arrived at 2:52 a.m., the assailants and victim fled the scene, preventing any arrests.

Following the incident Perry Young, caretaker of The Women's Center located across the street, wrote an e-mail to Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy saying he's had enough.

Young, who has been living in a basement apartment at the women's center for 14 years, said that he heard the incident occur and that he awoke later that morning to find blood smeared on the women's center sign.

"It happens every Friday and Saturday night," he said. "But I guess the blood was what did it. I realized for that much blood to be on the sign, somebody must have really gotten hurt."

Young said he thinks disturbances occur in the downtown area on weekend nights after bars close because police do not have enough of a presence.

"It's simply between that bewitching hour of 2 (a.m.) and 3 (a.m.) that they should have patrol cars riding by every 15 minutes," he said. "People get drunk and they raise hell; that's just the way it is."

Foy forwarded Young's e-mail to Chapel Hill Police Chief Gregg Jarvies shortly after receiving it.

Jarvies responded in an e-mail that police often have to "begin 'babysitting' the bars" at about 1 a.m.

Jarvies said Wednesday he agrees with Young's general complaint.

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FACE OFF Campus political groups debate President Bush's legacy

EXONERATED Deep Dish Theater play focuses on wrong convictions

CAMPAIGN RUN Man runs across district for GOP candidate

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ANOTHER BRICK

Company Carolina is putting on "The Wall," a play production premiering tonight and inspired by iconic rock band Pink Floyd.



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SCARE AND CARE

The UNC American Red Cross club holds a haunted hospital to benefit the AIDS Community Residence Association in Durham.

this day in history

OCT. 26, 1895 ...

A UNC football player completed the first forward pass, illegal at the time, in intercollegiate history against Georgia. Legend holds the referee claimed he missed the play.

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