

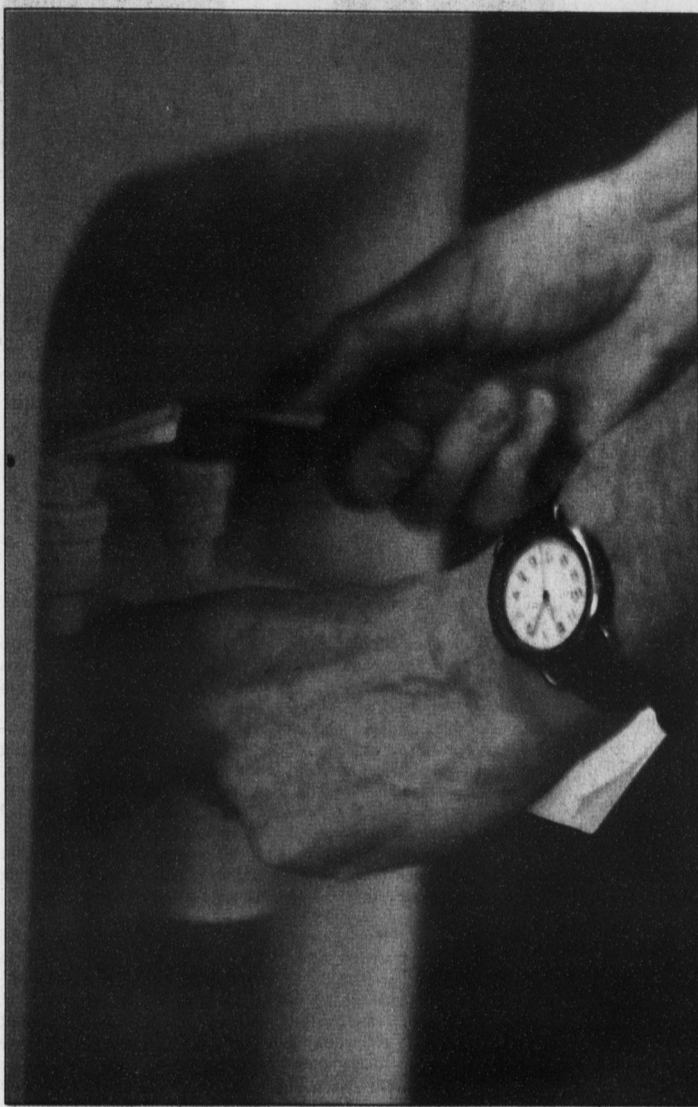
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Response to lead discovery criticized



Professor Paul Hood pours himself some water from the coolers next to the unusable water fountains in Chapman Hall. The building's water is contaminated with lead.

Officials say affected people were notified

BY KEVIN KILEY
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Today's dedication of Caudill Labs will be marred by its recently discovered lead-contaminated water and the announcement of a third campus building's contamination.

The discovery Monday of lead in the water supply of the new Information Technology Services building on Manning Drive follows the discovery of lead in Caudill and Chapman Hall earlier this month.

The combination of the new contamination and continued uncertainty about the science building contaminations have raised concerns about the University's communication to the campus community about the issue.

"All we need is a safe work environment and our questions to be answered," said Leslie Sombers, a post-doctoral research assistant in the Department of Chemistry who spends up to 10 hours a day in Caudill.

The contamination in Chapman and Caudill was discovered after students and faculty complained about an odd taste and look to the drinking water.

The water was tested and showed elevated levels of lead — in some cases 14 times a safe level.

These results were deemed inaccurate

after students in the labs informed officials that the system was flushed prior to the testing.

"I guess one of the last days of March, all the water started running all the time with signs that said, 'Do not turn off,'" Sombers said.

These students, who were not informed that the flushing was conducted by the contractor and therefore not related to their complaints, said it worried them.

"When something like that happens, and you're not told why, it makes you nervous," said Jelena Petrovic, who works in the labs.

Though students and faculty with courses in the buildings have been notified, an informational e-mail about the situation has not been sent to the entire campus.

Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus services, said the appropriate students and faculty were told of the problem.

"We notified the people we thought would be affected by what was found," she said. "If we find through our testing that other areas could be impacted, of course we'll notify the rest of those affected."

While the results were deemed inaccurate, officials said they shut off water fountains in the three sites and have posted signs informing people of the danger.

The signs were written in English, leaving some Spanish-speaking employees in the dark about the problem.

Elfland said that issue has been addressed, as signs were posted in

Spanish on Tuesday.

"We have communicated with each housekeeping employee in the affected buildings on a one-on-one basis," she said.

Those concerned can get tested at Campus Health Services for \$18. Free testing is being offered to pregnant and nursing mothers and children under six years old who might have been exposed to the contamination.

"Developing children are especially at risk for the effects of lead," N.C. toxicologist Luanne Williams said.

Petrovic said she was turned away from campus health when she approached officials about getting tested.

"They told me that at this time, they were only testing special groups," she said.

Campus health officials said that such a scenario was probably the result of miscommunication.

"Students would not be denied if exposures and risks are reasonable, but only certain groups were covered by the University," said Carol Kozel, director of nursing for campus health. "That's where some of the confusion came in."

With the results on the exact level of contamination pending, UNC is working to identify the cause of the problem.

Marc Edwards, professor of civil and environmental engineering at Virginia Tech, is working with UNC to uncover the source of the contamination.

He said that lead contamination can

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A sign hung above the water fountains warns passersby of the danger of Chapman Hall's water.

Lead contamination

- ▶ The most common cause of lead poisoning is ingestion, and actual poisoning levels vary from person to person.
- ▶ Adults absorb about 20 percent of lead in water, while children absorb about 70 percent.
- ▶ A child experiences lead poisoning when blood lead level is 10 micrograms per deciliter or greater.
- ▶ Effects are not seen in adults until levels of 30 microgram/dL, with one of the earliest effects being increased blood pressure.
- ▶ By drinking half a liter of contaminated water with lead level of 100 microgram/dL, a pregnant or nursing woman can reach the child-effect level of lead poisoning.
- ▶ Half the lead present in blood leaves the system after 28 days, though it takes five years for lead to leave completely.

SOURCE: N.C. Department of Health and Human Services

Students say climate good for writing

BY ALLISON NICHOLS
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One of the seven stories Kyle Fried submitted for his senior honors fiction thesis follows three people as they navigate a post-apocalyptic world.

Americans begin killing each other for possessions such as guns, food and water after the country converts to communism.

Fried said that although the story's violence bothered some classmates, they offered constructive criticism rather than disgust.

"People focused on the aspect of it being a story, and no one said, 'Why would you write this?'"

Students and faculty in UNC's creative writing program stressed the importance of separating fiction from its creator after events leading up to the Virginia Tech shooting raised concerns nationwide about creative license.

English major Seung-Hui Cho had disturbed classmates and professors with his violent writings months before the April 16 killing of 32 on Va. Tech's campus in the deadliest shooting in U.S. history.

"When we, who are here, hear about what we all heard about last week, we're just stunned and

horrified, as much as anybody," said Bland Simpson director of the UNC creative writing program.

"It's so far beyond any of our experiences at the University."

Junior Daniel Cothran, who was accepted to next year's senior honors poetry class, said UNC's program is strong because professors and classmates get to know each other during the course of the semester.

"A lot of times we write about subjects that are very intimate," he said. "When somebody writes something that might be a little bit disturbing, we have some knowledge of them beforehand, and we can judge it with a grain of salt."

Simpson attributed that approach to the legacy of author and professor Max Steele, who directed the program from 1967-86.

"He just emphasized that his students and all writers need to understand the difference between themselves and the text," he said.

Ross White, poetry professor and UNC alumnus, said it is important not to infer too much from a person's writing, because knowing what the writer hoped to accomplish is difficult without proper context.

"You have to be really diligent about protecting the imagination."

Fried said his story that describes a materialistic America-turned-communist was an exercise in trying

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Athletics costs outpace returns

BY LINDSAY MICHEL, BRIAN SOPP AND MICHAEL STAFFORD

Contrary to popular belief, most Division I athletics programs are not profitable.

Myles Brand, president of the NCAA, said that during the last decade only six institutions consistently had athletic revenue surpluses at the end of the fiscal year.

"In fact, 52 percent of all Division I-A programs require subsidies greater than 5 percent every year," Brand said during his annual State of the Association Address in January. "For these institutions, keeping up with the pace means ever-increasing subsidies, as well as institutional investments for facilities that could have long-term financial impact."

Even athletics programs that do not require large subsidies often fail to generate the revenue that university administrators expect.

Depending on how financial data is reported, an athletic department can appear more financially suc-

cessful than it is, said Bill Friday, former UNC-system president and founding co-chairman of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

"Taxpayer money goes into maintaining stadiums, coliseums, all of these things," he said. "And when people just take gate receipts as against expenditure, that doesn't tell the story at all."

Although the NCAA has found that Division I athletics programs are not profitable, the data reported to the U.S. Department of Education under the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act shows a different picture.

During the 2004-05 school year 110 out of 120 Division I athletics programs broke even or made a profit, according to the EADA data.

But there are discrepancies between the EADA data and the NCAA data for individual schools, as well as in the aggregate.

For example, the athletics department at N.C. State University made about \$250,000 in 2005, according to the EADA reports. But N.C. State athletics ran a

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Who makes what? Annual institutional head coach salaries

Duke University
Men's teams: \$170,432
Women's teams: \$85,639
N.C. State University
Men's teams: \$87,486
Women's teams: \$67,148
UNC
Men's teams: \$125,113
Women's teams: \$86,210
Wake Forest University
Men's teams: \$303,337
Women's teams: \$79,062

SOURCE: 2005-06 data from U.S. Department of Education and the Office of Post Secondary Education

Fletcher juggles tasks on and off field

BY KRISTIN PRATT
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Bond. James Bond. No. 6 on the North Carolina men's lacrosse team garnered 007 status last summer while on his Morehead Scholar travel study program in India — for running.

"The people ended up calling me 'James Bond' because they thought that I was doing these secret missions and going on all these crazy adventures," said Fletcher Gregory, a junior defensive midfielder and team captain.

For some, jetting to India to intern for Wachovia and learn about globalization and business for six weeks might seem a little intense — especially after traveling to Japan with the UNC team

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Location: Durham, Duke campus
Info: www.tarheelblue.com

to participate in the International Lacrosse Friendship Games.

For Gregory, it was simply part of meshing his roles as a varsity athlete and a Morehead Scholar.

Gregory, also a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, received the Athletic Director's Scholar-Athlete Award for this year's men's lacrosse team on Monday at the All-Sports Banquet.

"He's a complete person," UNC head coach John Haus said. "He's involved academically at the high-

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Junior Fletcher Gregory, carrying the ball down the field during UNC's win Saturday against Providence, is both a Morehead Scholar and team captain.

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KEEPING IT CLEAN Program raises awareness of issues associated with prom

POETRY IN MOTION Theater group to give spoken word performance at UNC

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Residents of Northside voice concern to the Town Council that there still is not enough police presence in their neighborhood.



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SONGS OF SUMMER

Diversions says farewell with sentiment with "Summertime Jamz," a tracklist to the hypothetical mixtape we made from the bottoms of our hearts.

this day in history

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Trustees discuss plans to require students to declare a major by their seventh semester at UNC, on penalty of having class registration canceled until a major is chosen.

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