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Fee process causes confusion

APPLES caught in mix-up of fee-increase procedure

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

Navigating the complexities of the student-fee increase process can be challenging, especially for groups unfamiliar with the intricacies of the Student Code.

For the APPLES Service-Learning Program — a student-led initiative that aims to combine classroom education with volunteering — that challenge just got more difficult.

APPLES leaders will present a 30-cent increase

request to the student fee advisory subcommittee today, but student government officials now say the group also must gain approval from Student Congress.

The confusion stems from an overlooked portion of the Student Constitution that states that the APPLES fee must be approved by Congress.

"These are student initiatives," Congress Speaker Tyler Younts said. "I think it's very important that they remain with Congress for that reason."

The APPLES fee is one of nine student fees delegated for congressional approval.

Other such fees include the student activity, the safety and security, and the campus recreation fees.

APPLES Director Jenny Huq said she isn't

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Upcoming student fee meetings

Student fee audit committee

- 3:30 p.m. today.
- Union 250.
- Fees to be discussed: safety and security, public health, athletics, education and technology, Student Legal Services.

Student fee advisory subcommittee

- 6 p.m. today.
- 104 Bynum.
- Fees to be discussed: APPLES, law students activity, Campus Health Services.



DTH FILE/GALEN CLARKE

A vendor at Apple Chill 2006 dips ears of corn into melted butter for people enjoying the now-canceled festivities.

Apple Chill replacement on the table

Proposed springtime event could be pegged to Earth Day

BY SARAH HALE
STAFF WRITER

This spring Apple Chill, the once-annual street festival, will be absent from Chapel Hill for the second year.

But there may be a new event in town. Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department, led by director Butch Kisiah, has proposed a springtime event atop the Wallace parking garage on East Rosemary Street.

"This is definitely not a replacement for Apple Chill," Kisiah said. "It will start small because that is the way the events have to start."

In April 2006, the Chapel Hill Town Council voted to cancel Apple Chill after two separate but nonfatal shootings injured three people. The festival, which drew 30,000 to Franklin Street in 2006, was held for 30 years.

As a replacement for the festival, the town hosted a concert series this past summer.

Final details of the new festival won't be presented until January, but Kisiah said ideas include an environmental event with entertainment. He also has plans to bring in organizations both from around the town and campus.

"The idea is for this to fit Chapel Hill," Kisiah said. "We would love to highlight nonprofits in the area that deal with environmental issues."

The new festival won't draw the crowds Apple Chill did because it will be contained to the parking deck.

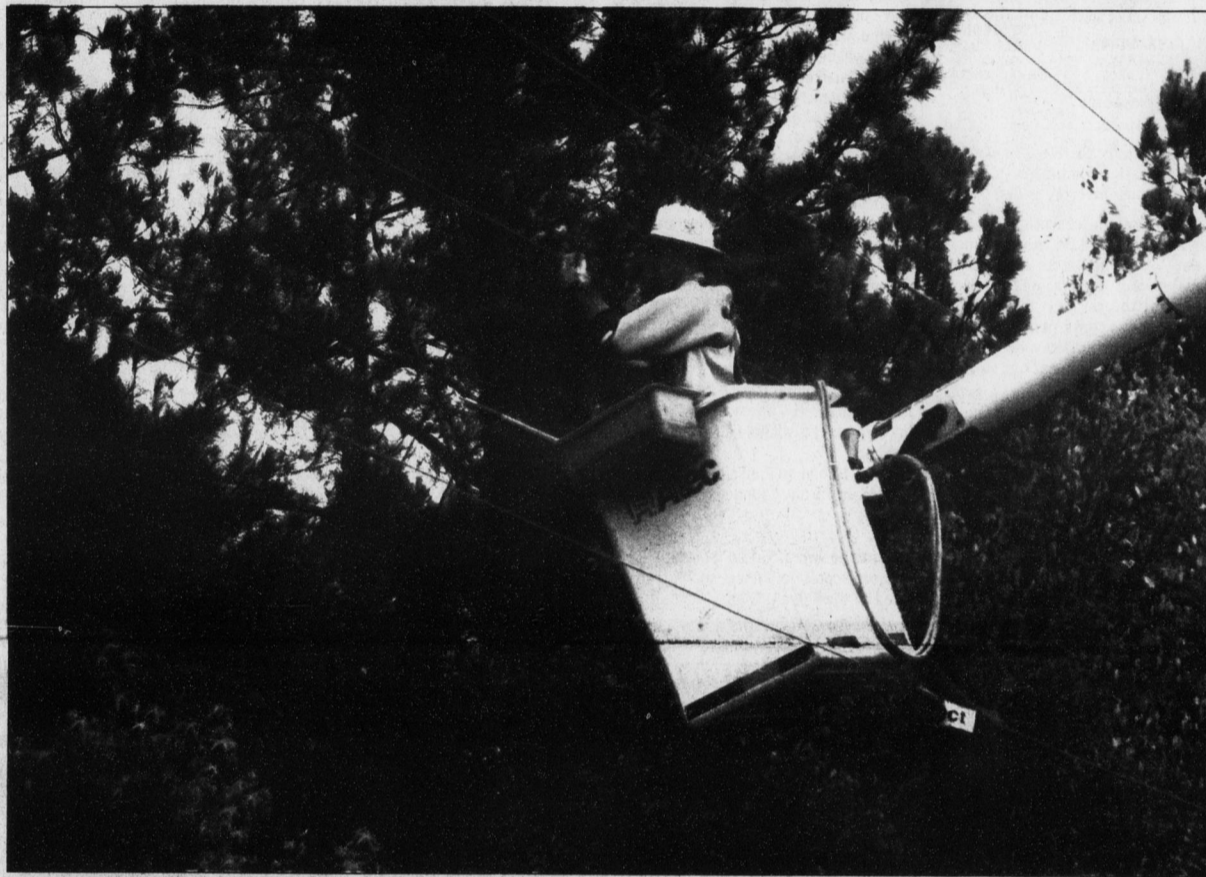
The festival tentatively is planned for April 2008 and could coincide with other area events on or around Earth Day, which will be celebrated April 22.

The violence that tainted Apple Chill before the council ended the event won't be an issue with the new festival, Kisiah said, because "they are completely different types of events."

If the new festival is approved, the parking-deck celebrations wouldn't require blocking Franklin Street the way Apple

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POST-FIRE PATCHING



DTH FILE/TIMOTHY REESE

A firefighter repairs the power lines that were damaged by the heat of one of Tuesday's wildfires in Orange County. The cause of the fire is unknown, and the high temperatures reached by the fire made it difficult to determine if the power lines ignited the flames or if they were damaged afterward.

Area recoups from Tuesday's blazes

BY TED STRONG
SENIOR WRITER

The three fires that raged in Orange County on Tuesday failed to break fire lines Wednesday as temperatures dropped.

"Everything's going OK today," Orange County Fire Marshal Mike Tapp said. "The weather conditions have changed."

No wildfires broke out Wednesday, as forestry officials and local firefighters continued to suppress the 200-acre fire that burned into the night Tuesday.

"We've been out on the site today, and they're out riding the perimeters, looking for hot spots," Tapp said.

Officials had worried that dropping humidity throughout Wednesday along with daytime temperatures could spark a flare-up.

Tuesday was one of the worst fire days of the year as a particularly hot, dry day combined with prolonged

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highest totals this year.

One Orange County fire forced home evacuations and singed hundreds of acres.

Officials warned residents to clear debris away from homes and curtail burning as the fire season continues.

drought to allow six wildfires to burn about 845 acres across the state, more than the previous 10 days combined and one of the

One recent fire in Orange County was started when a resident burned trash against a stump, Tapp said.

There is currently a statewide ban on burning.

"The simple act of throwing a cigarette out a window could cause a fire now," Tapp said. "It's that dry."

Fire staff officer Gary Wood of the N.C. Division of Forest Resources urged people to keep flammable debris such as pine straw away from their houses to keep wildfires from

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Dancers strut their stuff at UNC tryouts

BY SARAH FRIER
STAFF WRITER

While growing up in Chapel Hill, junior Mandy Brannon always wanted to be a part of the UNC dance team.

"I came here for this," Brannon said after strutting, leaping and turning across the floor of Eddie Smith Field House on Wednesday with 45 other dancers at the team's open tryouts.

It was her third time auditioning. Dancers are required to have jazz, pom, and hip-hop dance skills.

But the first part of the tryout focused on traditional dance technique.

"Although the fall tryouts are open, the requirements remain the same," coach Mark Lyczowski said.

Lyczowski said he judges the girls on flexibility, technique, strength and style.

"People usually only see what we do on the field and court," assistant coach Amber Rogers said. "They don't realize we compete and do technical shows."

Because the new dance Web site listed requirements, dancers were better prepared this year, Lyczowski said.

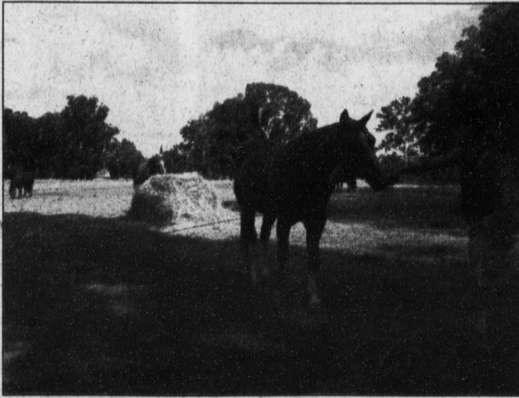
Even so, a few hastily taught each other to pirouette just before the auditions. Others walked away.

Most dancers who showed up for the tryouts, however, said they have been in the business since they could walk.

"They're at a level that's so elite," said

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Drought's hay losses prompt aid to farmers



DTH/JORDAN HARRELL

Tim Zachary of Boothill Farm tends to his horses on Wednesday afternoon. Zachary has to feed them hay because of the drought.

BY LINDSEY NAYLOR
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The state will help foot the bill for farmers to transport hay this year, in a move that could salvage the livelihoods of those who depend upon the drought-stricken N.C. livestock industry.

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services began looking into avenues for helping farmers as the drought worsened in July. After traveling the state and taking stock of farmers' holdings, officials determined that the magnitude of this year's hay shortage would surpass those faced in earlier years.

"I don't recall anything quite like this," said Brian Long,

public affairs director for the department.

A \$500,000 grant from the Golden Leaf Foundation will help pay for hay to move from the farmers who have it to those whose livestock need it.

At Boothill Farm in Chapel Hill, Carol Zachary has fielded more than 200 phone calls this year from state livestock farmers looking desperately for hay.

But with the drought at the level it is, Zachary said, she doesn't have any to spare.

"It'll be like that one year when people were stealing it," she said in reference to the 2002 hay shortage. "I came home and was missing a couple hundred

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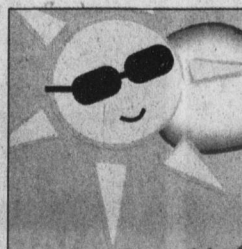
Wednesday's front-page story "Initiative supports women scientists" had the incorrect name in the photo caption. The photo is of Laurie McNeil, chairwoman of the Department of Physics and Astronomy. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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UNITED NIGHT Campus leaders come together to discuss first impressions.

OUT WITH THE TRASH Chapel Hill's first recycling facility will close its doors.

CULTURE TALKS A film series opens today exploring "Blackness Inside/Out."



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OUT AND ABOUT

Dive explores the great outdoors. Whether it's disc golf, dog parks or playgrounds that you're looking for, we've got you covered.

this day in history

SEPT. 13, 1993 ...

University officials announce a commemorative postcard to celebrate UNC's bicentennial with a watercolor rendering of Historic Playmakers Theatre.

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