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Fire destroys apartments early Sunday

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A woman died and at least two were injured in a fire that left a Colonial Village at Highland Hills apartment building destroyed and 20 residents displaced, including

UNC students.

The Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department was dispatched at about 2 a.m. Sunday to the fire at 180 BPW Club Road, off of Smith Level Road.

Most of the 14-unit G building was already destroyed when fire rescuers arrived.

The name of the woman who died, age 55, was not released. Two women who jumped from the second story to

escape the flames were taken to UNC Hospitals for broken legs and ankles.

One displaced resident, UNC senior Kate Connor, said about half of the complex is made up of students.

The cause and starting location of the fire at the apartments is still being investigated, said Lt. William Kitchin of the Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department.

Carrboro firefighter Hugh Miles said the source might never be determined.

"The damage is so extensive, it's very

hard," said Miles, a six-year veteran of the force. "You really can't do a point of origin, maybe an area of origin."

The fire also melted the windshields and front bumpers of cars parked nearby and drew neighbors out of their homes.

"All I could see when I opened the front door was fire," said apartment resident Zack Strange, who called 911 when one-third of the building was in flames. "Within 10 minutes, the



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A two-alarm apartment fire started early Sunday morning in Carrboro and destroyed 14 apartments, killing one woman.

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One-stop voting to be put to test

BY MELISSA MOSER
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This summer N.C. lawmakers made it easier for voters to take part in the upcoming municipal elections on Nov. 6 — particularly for transient residents like students.

And UNC graduate student Sara Peach plans on voting. "Local elections are the ones in which your vote has the potential to make the most difference," she said.

The new "One-Stop No Excuse" voting process gives N.C. residents the ability to register and vote at the same place and time during a designated two-week period before the election. This allows residents who fail to register before the Oct. 12 deadline to vote.

Three locations offer this new

way to vote. Voters can register and vote in Chapel Hill at the Franklin Street U.S. Postal Service office starting Oct. 22.

In Carrboro, voters can go to the Town Hall starting Oct. 18. The Orange County Public Library in Hillsborough will start Oct. 18.

Nov. 3 will be the last day for one-stop voting, and all locations close at 1 p.m. that day.

The traditional system of voting, in which you register ahead of time and visit your local precinct on election day, will still be available.

Voter registration forms are available at the Department of Motor Vehicles, post offices, county libraries and online. Voter registration forms must be postmarked by Oct. 12.

If this deadline is missed, one-stop voting should be used in order to make sure the vote counts.

A provisional ballot is given to voters who vote on election day but have not previously registered. That ballot will need to be verified in the weeks after election night.

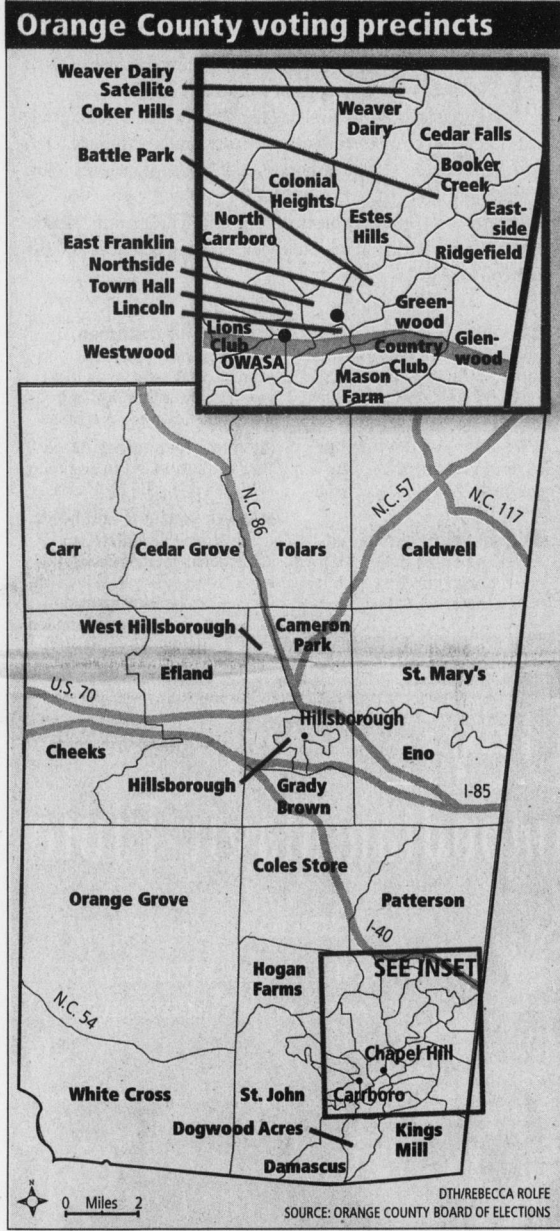
Though he expects the one-stop voting system to work, Barry Garner, Orange County elections director, doesn't expect a huge turnout.

"Municipal elections have a lower turnout than partisan elections, so I expect a 10 to 15 percent turnout," he said.

Katie Baker, chairwoman of VoteCarolina, said students tend to focus on national elections, but municipal elections are important.

"It allows students to choose representatives who can voice their concerns."

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Voting registration 101

North Carolina Voter Registration Application/Update Form

SECTION 1: Write your full name. (Embarrassing middle names included.)

SECTION 2: Personal ID numbers include your N.C. driver's license or the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

SECTION 3: Remember a P.O. Box number is not sufficient as your address.

SECTION 8: Enter the name and address used for your last voter registration, if applicable. Be honest. "It is actually a felony to be registered to vote in two places," said Barry Garner, Orange County elections director.

Task force starts talks

Nonresident tuition an issue

BY ERIC JOHNSON
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In the last two years, a tuition process that used to be governed by uncertainty and frustration has been largely stabilized.

As the University's tuition and fee advisory task force gathers today for the first time this year, members know there will be specific guidelines on what kind of in-state tuition hikes they can consider.

The UNC-system Board of Governors implemented detailed guidelines in 2006 to clarify what used to be a highly unpredictable process of setting resident tuition.

Anything outside those guidelines is unlikely to win approval from the board and therefore unlikely to be considered by the campus task force.

"I think that policy has been successful in giving campuses a clear idea of what they can expect," said Hannah Gage, who served as chairwoman of the BOG's budget and finance committee in 2006.

But the policy only applies to resident tuition. For out-of-state students, uncertainty still reigns. University trustees have abandoned the goal of setting

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Film festival tests students' mettle

BY ALEXANDRIA SHEALY
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From run-ins with police on the roof of Swain Hall to filming a moustached "janitor" in a bathroom at 2 a.m., Carolina Production Guild gave 20 participants a taste of "a little Hollywood" in just 24 hours.

The guild's first-ever 24-Hour Film Challenge, where three groups of six or seven people collaborated

to make digital short films against time and a maze of specifications, kicked off at 1 p.m. Saturday and concluded at 1 p.m. Sunday.

"The main thing we talk

about is Murphy's Law," said Robyn Hoskins, who along with three others, helped run the event as executive producers. "What can go wrong, will go wrong."

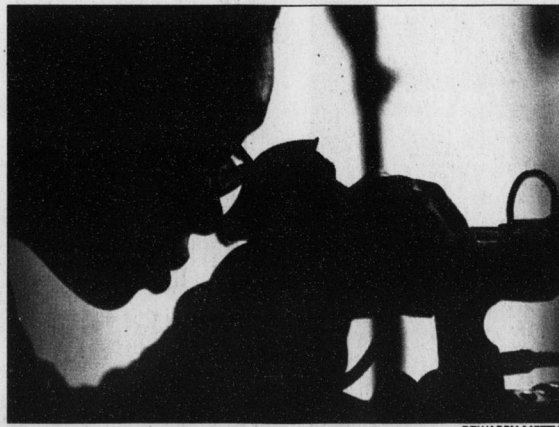
And things did go wrong, but luckily no one was arrested, said Garrett Kemble who arranged the challenge and served as one of the executive producers.

CPG required groups to fulfill five out of 10 "elements" included in the films, ranging from "something being broken" to having a scene filmed on top of a building.

One group was filming a character dressed as a gorilla on the roof of Swain Hall when authorities asked them to come down.

"Besides getting nearly arrested, it's run a lot smoother than

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Tiffany Dixon, a sophomore psychology major, films the romantic comedy Gonzo 6 during the 24-Hour Film Challenge on Saturday.

Lejeune confronts chemical exposure

BY MEGHAN COOKE
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When retired Marine Corps Master Sgt. Jerry Ensminger's daughter Janey was diagnosed with leukemia in 1983, he wanted answers.

"Any parent who ever had a child diagnosed with a catastrophic illness begins to wonder why," he said. "It was a mystery. I went to researchers, and nobody could answer that nagging question."

It wasn't until 1997 — 12 years after Janey's death — that he found a possible answer.

Between 1957 and 1987, as many as one million people living and working at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune were exposed to

dangerous chemicals through the base's water wells. The contamination was discovered in 1980, and the last of the tainted wells were closed in 1987.

The U.S. Senate approved a measure last week to require that military officials notify all Marines, their families and civilian employees who lived or worked at Camp Lejeune during the 30-year period of chemical exposure. Outreach efforts would include a voluntary health survey and a national media campaign.

Ensminger, of White Lake, learned of the contamination in 1997. While making dinner, he

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CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the outline of the photo with Friday's front-page story, "Varsity sticks to art through the ages," spelled Varsity Theater employee Stuart Hoyle's name incorrectly. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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SLAMMIN' PLAYS

Playwrights proved that not just poets can "slam" at the 5th Annual N.C. PlaySlam Saturday night. Contestants had three minutes to put on a play for an audience of about 200, and the winner took home a jar full of cash.



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TOPPING OFF

A ceremony commemorated the new Kenan Music Building on Friday with the signing of the last beam. The building is expected to be completed in October 2008.

this day in history

OCT. 1, 1973 ...

The Union Board of Directors announces its plan to end a student directory and locator service due to a lack of funds. Officials deemed the service too expensive to continue.

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