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Chilling rain raises lake four inches

by Tom Watkins
Staff Writer

University Lake may rise almost four inches as a result of the .95 inches of rain Sunday and early Monday, but UNC Utilities Director Grey Culbreth cautioned that the reservoir would still be 24 inches below what he considers the "safe point."

Between 8 a.m. Sunday and 1 p.m. Monday, the .95 inches of rain and accompanying one-inch rise in the level of the lake were recorded. The reservoir was 56 inches below capacity Monday afternoon, and Culbreth anticipated an additional two to three-inch increase by Tuesday morning.

"We're in just about as good a shape as we were two months ago," Culbreth said. "But I don't think we'll really be safe until we reach 30 inches below capacity—that's the place we'd like to get to."

Culbreth explained that even a level of 30 inches below lake capacity could not be regarded as safe during the summer months. He added, however, "It should be a safe level at this time of the year. We'll probably have pretty regular precipitation from here on, particularly in December, January and February."

Culbreth said that the decision by Carrboro Mayor Ruth West to lift all water restrictions in that town has not greatly affected Chapel Hill's water problems. "Carrboro only accounts for about 15 per cent of the community's water use," he said.

But Culbreth said the action by West constituted a breach of trust between the two towns.

He said that the level of University Lake had been dropping steadily one-half inch per day before the weekend rains.



Staff photo by David Dalton

This shivering mutt had some friends who draped a blanket around him to protect him from the raw weather which has been chilling us all.

Employees ask delay of telephone transfer

by Chuck Alston
Staff Writer

More than 100 employees of the Chapel Hill Telephone Co. requested that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) delay approval of the sale of the University-owned telephone company to Southern Bell Telephone Co.

The delay request results from employee's displeasure with the terms of the sale. Upon approval of the sale accrued retirement benefits of some employees earned under the State of North Carolina Retirement System will be lost.

Early this month Chapel Hill attorney F. Gordon Battle sent a letter to the FCC signed by 105 Chapel Hill Telephone employees expressing concern over the loss of retirement benefits. A copy of the retirement plan was included in the letter with Southern Bell's purchase bid.

Battle said in the letter, "A group of employees of the Chapel Hill Telephone Co. are extremely concerned about loss of retirement benefits that will result if the proposed sale is approved."

The employees' letter stated that "many concerned employees would like to ask the FCC to please postpone the date of the proposed sale until the retirement issue is completely solved."

FCC approval is the final step needed for Southern Bell to assume operations in Chapel Hill. The sale has already been approved by the UNC Board of Trustees, the consolidated University Board of Governors, the State Advisory Budget Commission and the State Utilities Commission.

Southern Bell, in compliance with federal law, filed an application Oct. 13 with the FCC requesting permission to acquire the Chapel Hill Telephone Co.

A 30-day period for response to the application is required before the FCC makes its decision.

According to an FCC spokesperson in Washington, the staff is now compiling a report to present to the commission. The spokesperson said the commission should make its decision soon.

"Under the present State of North Carolina Retirement System, any employee with 30 years of service is eligible to retire with full benefits," the employees' letter stated. "When the sale of the company is completed, our long-term employees have the option to leave their contributions in the state retirement fund, but they have to wait until age 65 to make any use of it."

The letter included an example of an employee who began working for the Chapel Hill Telephone Co. at age 18. Under the state plan, the employee would be eligible to retire with full benefits at age 48. But under the terms of the agreement with Southern Bell he would have to wait until age 65 to retire.

According to the letter, individuals with

less than five years of State service are asked to remove their contributions from the state retirement fund. These employees will be given retirement credit for their service by Southern Bell.

"Unfortunately, Southern Bell will give no credit for anything over five years of service," the letter stated. "Consequently, the present sale provisions penalize all individuals with more than five years of service."

"Some employees have as many as 20 to 28 years of service and will not be able to benefit from the 30-years retirement. We feel that some provisions should be made to allow long-term employees to benefit from the early retirement which the state offers," the letter said.

"Many employees who wish to remain with the state retirement system would be willing to contribute their six per cent to the retirement fund, and hopefully the state could be allowed to set funds aside for contribution of its share in order that they may retire at the end of 30 years of service," the letter stated.

A spokesperson for Southern Bell in Charlotte said that the company's attorney was aware of the letter, but they would have no comment until later in the week.

Shoplifting down at Student Stores

Security awareness reduces campus thievery

by Tom Watkins
Staff Writer

Theft on the UNC campus appears to be on the decline, and one of the reasons may be tighter security measures.

"I would estimate that dorm thefts may be down by as much as one-half from last year," Campus Police officer Fred G. Giles said last week. "Our reports of overall incidents are down from last year. But we don't have a six-month report yet, so it's hard to say."

Giles is coordinator of the Campus Awareness Program (CAP), a crime prevention program undertaken by the Campus Police this year. The program uses a number of posters, radio announcements, classified ads and other media to inform students of crime prevention measures.

"Our main goals have been to try to encourage the reporting of incidents and to reduce the number of incidents themselves," Giles said. "Thus, it's hard to look at black and white figures on incidents reported and evaluate how successful our program has been."

He said that in the past approximately 15 per cent of all campus incidents have been reported to an authority, a low figure, according to Giles. "We can't function unless we have the input," he said.

"More students are beginning to recognize that we're here to help them, not hassle them." He added that the University police "can't take all the credit for

the drop in dorm thefts. There is definitely better security on campus, particularly in the highrise dorms."

"The problem is definitely not as bad as it has been in the past," Linda Woods, third-floor residence adviser in Hinton James said. "Things have settled down quite a bit," said the four-year James resident. "There's not as much outside traffic as in the past, and a tighter lock-up system has helped, too." She said that she didn't know of any thefts on her floor this year, but she said that more thefts tend to take place on the lower floors.

Fred Kiger, a residence adviser who has lived seven years in Teague, said, "Over the years, things have gotten a little better in overall thefts. Usually, the first of every semester is our trouble spot." He said that there were problems with thefts by gangs in the past, but that the problem now stems more from individuals.

"We've had far fewer problems than in previous years, Charlie Miller, Old Campus residence director, said. He attributed the theft decrease to better lock-up policies. "We've only had about two thefts thus far this school year that I'm aware of," he said.

The decrease in thefts in dormitories appears to be carrying over to the Student Stores.

"I really believe that the situation here is getting better," Thomas Shetley, general manager of the

Student Stores, said. "If the situation was as bad as in the past, it would really be worse because of the security measures we've taken."

Shetley cited the new systems installed in campus snack bars as a major factor in decreasing shoplifting.

"We've had lower inventory shrinkage recently. The management of the snack bars feels the situation has improved. I think it's natural to feel better about it when we don't have merchandise stuck off in a dark corner as we once did."

"The shoplifting problem is a little better this year than last," Hattie Burnett, manager of the Scuttlebutt, said. "The most theft I have is when high schoolers come in."

"Up here we don't have much," B. T. Black, manager of the Blue Ram Canteen snack bar, said. "I guess it's because of our location—right above the University Police."

Phil Evans, Circus Room manager, said that approximately 75 per cent of his business is from girls living in the surrounding dorms. "I hope we're not hit as hard as some of the others. Anytime you can control it (merchandise), you're bound to stop shoplifting."

Shetley provided a philosophical angle to the decline of shoplifting.

"People seem to be different—I get different vibes from people now than during the '60s, with the Vietnam war demonstrations and all."

Women's safety

The darker side of Chapel Hill—assaults increase

by Karen Millers
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the first of a two part series examining the problem of women's safety at UNC and attempts to improve campus security.

Chapel Hill has the reputation of being a snug, quiet town full of friendly people.

Few residents dare suggest that the "village" has urban problems.

Unfortunately, such assumptions are not completely valid.

Five rapes have been reported in Chapel Hill since August 1976, the same number reported in the preceding year and one-half. In Carrboro, one rape has been reported since August, while only three were reported there from January 1975 until August 1976.

Detective Ben Callahan of the Chapel Hill Police Department said all but one of the rape victims in Chapel Hill were students, although the rapes did not occur on campus. He said three occurred in apartments, one in the hospital and one in a house.

Capt. Kenneth Horn of the Carrboro Police Department said the one rape in Carrboro also occurred in an apartment, but the break-in occurred under slightly different conditions.

"A girl accepted a ride home and was then raped in her apartment," Horn said. He said the woman was a student.

Callahan estimated that the five reported

rapes in Chapel Hill represent only about half the number of rapes that have occurred.

Jeannie Peace, a registered nurse at N.C. Memorial Hospital, (NCMH) said that more than half of the rapes in the area are probably never reported.

Peace works with rape follow-up treatment at NCMH. Women who receive rape follow-up are not required to prosecute, and their identity and medical records are kept confidential.

Peace said that more than five women had been treated this fall.

"There's been an increase in the last month," she said. "We've seen four in the last three to four weeks."

Peace noted that this figure doesn't necessarily mean that the number of rapes is increasing because incidents of rape often occur sporadically.

"We had the same kind of thing happen last fall." She said that last spring no women came to the NCMH emergency room for rape follow-up for several weeks.

Peace said the usual increase in the fall could be due to the influx of new people into the area and to the increase in the population at this time of year.

Det. Callahan agreed but said that in the past the rise in rapes occurred sooner, usually as the semester began.

Callahan added that there has not been an increase in the number of reported assaults on females. From February 1975 to August

1976, 15 assaults were reported as well as 10 incidents of attempted rape.

Horn said two rape attempts were reported in Carrboro during that period, and two were reported in August. He said assaults of all types are increasing, not only male assaults on females.

"Assaults are going up—very high," Horn said.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Rape Crisis Center receives approximately three calls per month involving actual rapes, according to Sharon Broom, former counselor and publicity coordinator for the center. She said that on the basis of hospital reports, police reports and calls made to area crisis switchboards, the center estimates that two rapes occur in the area per week.

Although none of the rapes reported recently occurred on the UNC campus, efforts are still being made to increase women's safety on campus.

A survey taken by Student Government last month reported that security was a major concern to a majority of the survey respondents. Yet, only 20 to 30 per cent of the respondents said they personally would use the suggested security services.

This discrepancy supports the view of safety-conscious organizations that community awareness of security problems is the key to increasing women's safety.

"The main problem is that there is a general, prevailing attitude of trust in Chapel

Hill," Broom said. "Girls have the idea that Chapel Hill is a neat, cool place to be. They do things here they wouldn't do back home in Podunk."

She said the general attitude of friendliness allows women to feel free to hitch-hike or to leave bars with men whom they have just met. She said women feel there is little danger in such practices.

"Unfortunately, that's just not true," Broom said.

Marianne Hitchcock, assistant dean of student affairs, also said women tend to assume that Chapel Hill is a safe place.

"Even though it's a small town, it's a large campus," she said.

She said that student affairs began an effort to increase community awareness of security problems in 1972 by distributing posters and suggesting practical safety measures.

"At that time, there were several reported attempted assaults, always when women were alone or in a poorly lighted area," Hitchcock said.

Lt. C.E. Mauer of the Campus Police pointed out that it is easier now for women to walk in groups than it was a few years ago when there were fewer women on campus. But, he said all women then lived on north campus, where there was generally more light and shorter distances to travel.

Tomorrow: improving safety conditions on campus

Phone rates could rise \$1

Transfer of the Chapel Hill Telephone Co. to Southern Bell will result in a \$1-per-month rate increase, UNC Utilities Director Grey Culbreth said Monday.

Southern Bell's present base rate for a system the size of Chapel Hill's is \$7.50 per month. The Chapel Hill utility now serves an area of approximately 250 square miles and as of Sept. 1 had 23,339 residential stations and 13,875 business stations.

The state Utilities Commission has approved extension of Southern Bell's rate structure to this area.

Culbreth said the continued practice of free local calls at phone located in the Carolina Union, undergraduate library and other campus locations must be decided by Southern Bell.

"I think their general policy is not to have free public phones," he said. An extension of the area which can be reached without toll charges has also been considered, Culbreth said.

Extended area service (EAS) would cause an increase in monthly rates because it would extend the number of stations reached through local service. Monthly rates are computed on the basis of the number of homes reached, Culbreth said.

"We're sort of reluctant to recommend EAS because the issue has not been presented for a vote of the people," he said.

—Russell Gardner



Staff photo by Rouse Wilson

Tow trucks cause parking tumult; Traffic Office initiates new policy

Tow trucks created a minor traffic jam in the Union parking lot Monday as enforcement of the Traffic Office's newest policy toward parking violators began. Five cars were towed, but more people might have been forced to pay the \$15 to \$25 fines had the rain not continued all day.

"There's no question that the rain slowed up the towing," said Ted Marvin, director of security services. He said the towing would continue until the problem of repeated parking violations is solved.

Under new policy announced Friday, any car without a parking permit and three or more citations will be towed. One car towed Monday had received 19 tickets.