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Well drillers

The men who drill the water wells on campus find the grimy job rewarding. Find out why on page 4.

## Waiting for rain

Today and Thursday will be mostly sunny with highs around 80. The low tonight will be in the mid 50s. There is a 20 per cent chance of rain today and a near-zero chance tonight and Thursday.

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## Moss unhappy about keeping 4-week drop

### Likes committee plan to lengthen drop-add

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Student Body President Bill Moss said Tuesday he was displeased with the Educational Policy Committee's proposal to retain the four-week drop policy, but said he was happy with the committee's recommendation to extend the drop-add period from four days to the first full week of classes.

"The four-week policy is pretty well accepted by the faculty," Moss said. "I think the faculty is being insensitive to what students think is important in their educational process and over-sensitive to their (the faculty's) own needs."

Moss said he will attempt to persuade the Faculty Council to consider a proposal other than the one the committee submits at the council's Oct. 21 meeting.

"I hope that before the Faculty Council votes on it, the whole council will be willing to listen to someone else's proposal besides that of the committee," Moss said.

"I don't think the Faculty Council wants to be perceived as a rubber-stamping body of what a committee proposes."

E. Maynard Adams, Faculty Council chairperson, said the council would consider any motion presented on the floor of the council.

"I don't think the individuals on the council are going to rubber-stamp a committee report," he said.

"I think that an elected faculty committee has established a position on it (the drop policy) and it will have weight. We'll look at the case the committee has presented and the reasons for it," Adams said.

Moss said he was disappointed that no students appeared at the Education Policy Committee's open hearing Monday to express their views on the drop policy.

"I think an open hearing was a good idea, but apparently it was poorly executed," Moss said. "The Tar Heel could have encouraged students who were interested."

Moss said he didn't attend the meeting because he didn't think the committee was interested in further recommendations from Student Government. "I got the drift that they were not interested in getting any more input from my office," he said.

Moss and Tal Lassiter, secretary of academic affairs, submitted a Student Government proposal to extend the period to eight weeks at the committee's Sept. 19 meeting. "They (the Educational Policy Committee) asked us to submit a proposal," Moss said. "I didn't even know we were able to go (to the Sept. 19 meeting)."

## Renwick appointed as minority affairs adviser

By STEPHEN HARRIS  
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There's consolation in knowing that sometimes even the chancellor must go see his adviser.

For Chancellor N. Ferabee Taylor, that would mean a visit to Hayden B. Renwick, recently-appointed special assistant to the chancellor, recently promoted associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and an important figure in UNC minority affairs.

As special assistant, Renwick advises Taylor on minority student matters at UNC.

As associate dean, Renwick advises students on academics and other matters. He considers advising students his primary job and has been pleased to see more white students coming to see him.

But the additional responsibilities brought on by Renwick's promotions may change his role at UNC. He has turned over the directorship of the minority student advising program, which he started, to graduate student Barbara Hand.

UNC has committed itself to a policy of increasing black enrollment, said Renwick, one of the University's minority-student recruiters, must concern himself with meeting these new enrollment objectives.

Recruiting has been part of Renwick's job since 1973. He tries to inform blacks about the University and convince them to come here, a job he still finds difficult.

"White students usually hear about Carolina from their father or an uncle that went there," Renwick said. "But for blacks, this is usually not so. When I finished high school, all I heard was Duke and State, and then only because of basketball. I just did not hear about Chapel Hill."

Another reason for recruiting difficulty is UNC's reputation as a predominantly white university.

"There is a large segment of black students," Renwick said, "that are still not convinced that you want them here."

Renwick's duties as special assistant to the chancellor include recruiting, advising Taylor on ways to increase black enrollment and help black students in the University. Renwick said he believes that as more and more blacks do well at UNC, other blacks will be encouraged to come to Chapel Hill.

Renwick has noted an academic improvement in minority students on campus. He credits this to the advising program and the preorientation program conducted by the Black Student Movement (BSM).

The black orientation program this fall "was nothing but successful," Renwick said. "It was 200 per cent better."

The orientation was necessary, Renwick said, because it gave all black freshmen the opportunity meet together. The



Ron Nessen, former White House press secretary, came to UNC Tuesday for a full day of activities including a speech last night in Memorial Hall. Nessen was also the guest of honor at a dinner and reception. Staff photo by Fred Barbour.

## Nessen criticizes television news as oversimplified, often trivial

By MIKE WADE  
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Citing an oversimplification of complex subjects and too much concentration on trivia, former White House Press Secretary Ronald H. Nessen in a lecture Tuesday night criticized the news media, especially television, for giving Americans a "false image" of issues and public figures.

Speaking before a crowd of approximately 400 persons in Memorial Hall, Nessen gave numerous examples of events from his days as former President Gerald R. Ford's press spokesperson to explain his views on the shortcomings of the press. He said television news, due to severe

limitations on air time, was especially guilty of creating false and oversimplified images of news events.

Nessen said the 1976 presidential campaign was especially indicative of the "frightening power" of television. He said President Carter was portrayed as a "dirt farmer" and "good ol' boy" by television, while he is really a "very sophisticated man." He added that Ford was portrayed as a "stumbling, bumbling, not-very-bright klutz" while he is actually well educated, youthful and agile. He called the two television images during the campaign "lousy."

Nessen said Americans are far too

dependent on television as a source of information. "We had better take a hard look at TV -- to make sure we are getting what we deserve and need," he said. He said he would like to see news programs last for an hour and be aired between 10 and 11 p.m. to allow news reporters more time to gather needed information. Nessen added that present television news programs last only 22 minutes, not counting commercials, and said that is not enough time to deal seriously with complex issues.

Nessen also gave some insights into his relationship with the Ford family. He said that after learning Ford had lost the election at 3 a.m., he didn't have the heart to inform

him because he was saying good night to his family. Nessen said the Ford family's reaction to the news was a "heartwarming moment" because "they have a way of literally clinging together and giving each other strength."

Nessen said coverage of what he called trivial news events, such as Amy Carter's first day of school, deprived viewers of necessary news. Nessen said newsman Bill Walker of WSOC-TV in Charlotte provided one example of the press' interest in trivia. He said Walker was granted an interview with the President and asked him, "Have you ever seen an X-rated movie?" "That's trivial!" The day was a whirlwind of activity for

Nessen, who is in the midst of getting a book ready for publication. Following a 2 p.m. press conference at Raleigh-Durham Airport, Nessen was the guest of honor at a reception held in the Philanthropic Society Chambers in New East. A 6 p.m. dinner at the Carolina Inn wrapped up the pre-speech activities.

During the reception, Nessen rubbed elbows with some 40 UNC students, discussing off-the-cuff his days in the White House and his views of the media.

Nessen seemed to enjoy the day, even to the point of rejecting an attempt to cut off the question and answer session following his speech.

## Durham plans cutback in water sales to town

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The city of Durham initiated Tuesday afternoon a cutback of approximately one million gallons per day (mgd) in the water it sells to the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA), according to Terry Rolan, assistant director of Durham's Division of Water Resources.

The cutback is a precautionary measure prompted by the decreasing level of Durham's sole water supply, Lake Michie, Rolan said. The lake's level, 14.6 feet below capacity, is 1.74 feet lower than the level last year at this time.

"We're getting to the level now that we're beginning to worry about the rate it's falling," Rolan said Tuesday. "We could be in a problem area by November."

Last year, Lake Michie fell to its lowest level in October, Rolan said.

"If we have a rain between now and November, we could be all right. If we don't, we could reach a level lower than what we reached last year."

The decision to cut back Durham's supplement from approximately three mgd

to approximately two mgd followed a discussion Tuesday morning between Everett Billingsley, executive director of OWASA, and Robert Peck, Durham's director of transportation and utilities. Peck made the original recommendation for the cutback to the city council's public works committee Monday afternoon.

Rolan emphasized that the cutback resulted from a joint decision between Billingsley and Peck.

Billingsley could not be reached for comment Tuesday afternoon. However, OWASA Assistant Director W. H. Cleveland said he understands the reason for the cutback.

"They're looking after their people first, which is only proper," he said.

Rolan said he believes the cutback will benefit OWASA economically. OWASA has spent more than \$92,000 on water since it began buying from Durham July 13.

"I think it's to their advantage not to have to buy any more water than they have to have, and to our advantage not to have to sell it," Rolan said.

Despite concern over Durham's dwindling water supply, Rolan said he does not expect the supply to give out, basing his belief on calculations of Lake Michie's safe-yield capacity.

He said the reservoir should be able to provide 24 million gallons of water per day on a year-round basis even in drought conditions. Only recently has the lake been tapped for 22 to 23 mgd.

"I don't think we're in any danger of running out of water," Rolan said. "I just wish we would get some rain so everybody would quit worrying."

The cutback decision Tuesday is the second such agreement between Durham and OWASA. Durham initially cut back its supplement to Chapel Hill three weeks ago when officials noted that the level of Lake Michie was dropping rapidly.

Rolan said Durham has imposed no water-conservation restrictions on its residents, but he said there may be a proposal for voluntary conservation measures if Durham receives no rain in the next two weeks.

## No petitions yet filed for CGC elections

No one had filed petitions to run for three vacant Campus Governing Council (CGC) seats as of Tuesday afternoon, said Mike Harkin, Elections Board chairperson.

The election, to be held Oct. 5, will fill CGC vacancies for districts 1, 17 and 20. Petitions for candidates are due by 5 p.m. today.

Harkin expressed concern over the lack of candidates. "It's a good opportunity that no one is taking advantage of," he said.

District 1 is a graduate and professional student district

while districts 17 and 20 cover off-campus areas west of Columbia Street.

Harkin said he believes there is a lack of awareness about CGC elections among students in these districts. He said that in the past many elections in these districts have been decided by write-in votes.

Harkin said that if no petitions are received before the deadline today, a write-in election will have to be held.

Any fees-paying student living in these districts may obtain petitions in Suite C of the Carolina Union.

## 'Hairy buffaloes, whores and pimps' give extra life to ordinary mixers

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"Hairy Buffalo," "Bahama Mama" and "Susie Sorority" all have one thing in common. They are some of the names given to theme mixers held by fraternities, sororities and dorms.

A theme mixer usually involves funny costumes, elaborate decorations or just doing something different from your regular of beer mixer.

"A theme can give a mixer some life," said Fred Venable, a member of Chi Phi fraternity. "Costumes give you something to talk about and a reason to approach a person. I think people are more themselves at a theme mixer than at a regular mixer where they tend to put up a false front."

One unusual mixer theme is the "Whore and Pimp" mixer given by Chi Phi fraternity. Some of the Chi Phis changed roles and came dressed as whores, much to the amusement of their brothers.

Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority has a "Jungle" mixer where participants come dressed in safari outfits, Tarzan and Jane costumes and animal costumes.

"A theme mixer gives you a chance to be crazy without appearing to be a fool," said Walter Ricks of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Kappa Alpha fraternity and Chi Omega sorority recently decided to try something new and have a "Tubing-down-the-Haw-River" mixer.

"It didn't quite turn out like we planned, however," said KA brother Keith Cowan. "It was expected that it would take two and a half hours to complete the tubing course, but the water was low and it took four and a half to six hours to finish."

"It had gotten dark in the meantime and people were really getting scared. The police were on a bridge with bull horns to make sure nobody was lost or

drowned."

R2D2, the Dynamic Duo and Shirley Temple were among the stars at the Beta Theta Pi "Come As Your Favorite Movie Star" mixer.

Also along the movie-star line was the Delta Upsilon "Drive-In Movie" mixer. The DU's spread blankets on the front lawn and passed popcorn as they watched *Dirty Harry* on a screen set up on their front porch.

Not all theme mixers are dress-up mixers. Some are dress-down mixers like the one at Granville Towers in which participants wore their pajamas and drank P.J., coincidentally.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has a "Lady and the Tramp" mixer where the girls are asked to come in semiformal attire. The guys, however, appear in coat, tie and boxer or gym shorts.

"Some of the girls get mad when they find out what we have done," said Fred McCoy, a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother. "Others ask us to change and some just keep their eyes glued to your face, never daring to look below the waist."

## 'Help, murder, police'

### Man attempts Union suicide

A man shouting "Help, murder, police" threatened to jump off the third floor inside the Carolina Union Tuesday night, but was restrained by students and police.

James Cannon, a Chapel Hill resident, was attending a meeting of the Meher Baba Prayer Bible group, a campus organization, when he suddenly became disruptive.

"He started to get violent," said Frank Parker, a member of the group. "He was shouting at the top of his lungs, and didn't make any

sense."

Students attending the meeting, tried to restrain him until University Police and Chapel Hill Police officers arrived.

The South Orange Rescue Squad later arrived and, amid violent protests from Cannon -- "They're going to throw me over the bannister... I'm going to kill myself... Holy Moses... I'm sick, I'm sick" -- took him to N.C. Memorial Hospital for treatment.

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