

OWASA requests end of mandatory restrictions

From staff reports

The Orange Water and Sewer Authority called for an end to mandatory water conservation measures Tuesday as the level of University Lake rose to 39.5 inches below full.

OWASA spokesman Pat Davis said the decision was based on the continued improvement of the lake level and the recent trends in water consumption.

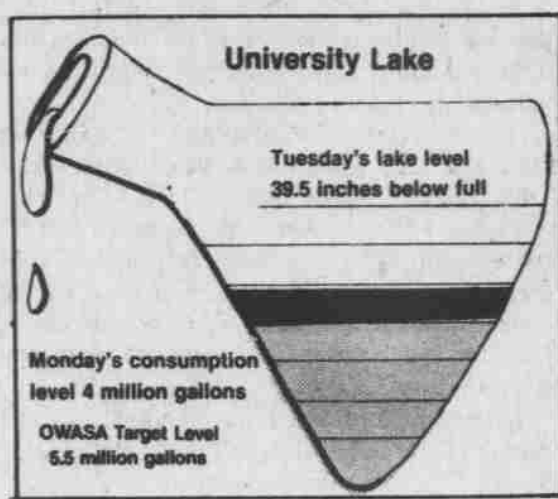
The lake was 57 inches below full Sunday but rose to 43 inches below full Monday. Tuesday the lake level rose to 39.5 inches below full.

Davis said water consumption in the past few days had been averaging about 4 million gallons a day, considerably less than the 5.5 million gallon target set by OWASA when the crisis began. Mandatory clamps on water use were imposed on Sept. 6.

The lifting of restrictions will become official when local boards make proclamations declaring an end to mandatory restrictions.

But Davis urged water customers to continue conserving water. Stage I voluntary water restrictions will remain in effect, he said.

Davis also said OWASA would stop purchasing water from Hillsborough. The local utility had been buying about 1.5 million gallons a day from that town. "The average daily demand has been



dropping," Davis said. "We (OWASA) felt fairly comfortable that we will have a sufficient amount of water on hand in the coming months."

Council adopts revised thoroughfare plan

By DEBORAH SIMPKINS Staff Writer

After 10 months of foot-dragging and debate, the Chapel Hill Town Council unanimously adopted a revised Thoroughfare Plan Monday night.

The town has been working from a Thoroughfare Plan adopted in 1968. Since that time, town planners have made several recommendations for revisions to the plan, but no definite proposals were adopted.

The proposal that passed Monday, however, was not the plan proposed by town planners in January.

The Estes Drive extension and the one-way pairing of Franklin and Rosemary streets were deleted to form an alternate Thoroughfare Plan.

The Parker Road extension, the most debated element of the plan, will cross the UNC Botanical Gardens as a parkway, as requested by the University.

As originally proposed, the Parker Road extension would cut across the Mason Farm tract, used by the University for biological research and teaching.

In February, UNC Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III sent a letter to town officials asking that the adopted thoroughfare plan not include the Parker Road extension.

But University and town officials recently reached an agreement on the proposed extension. Fordham said the University would support the extension provided that several guidelines were followed.

Those guidelines include restrictions on vehicle speed and

weight, highway width and designation. According to the stipulations, the road will be named the Laurel Hill Parkway.

Although the original plan called for the extension of McCauley Street to Merritt Mill Road, Chapel Hill Town Manager David Taylor said Merritt Mill Road would be upgraded instead of extended.

According to the plan, Pittsboro Street would be extended across Cameron Avenue and West Franklin Street and join Airport Road. This plan would require partial or total removal of the Kappa Alpha and Zeta Psi fraternity houses and Walker's Funeral Home.

The Pittsboro Street extension, another controversial element, remains part of the Thoroughfare Plan. Council member Winston Broadfoot said he did not favor the extension.

"I personally don't like any part of it (the plan), but I'm going to vote for it," he said.

The Thoroughfare Plan now goes to the N.C. Department of Transportation for final approval. The adopted Thoroughfare Plan will aid local governments in obtaining state funds for specific road projects outlined in the plan.

In other action, the council approved a 250-space parking proposal to be developed on a town-owned lot.

Municipal Parking Lot #1 is located on the rear part of the Post Office property extending to the area beside Rosemary Street, east of NCNB Plaza.

The parking proposal passed unanimously after council member Bev Kawalec amended the wording. The re-wording gives Chapel Hill a say in the development's use and makes the Post Office property an optional development.

New campus party wins seats on CGC

By MARK STINNEFORD Staff Writer

A new progressive political party on campus scored its first victories Tuesday, winning two seats on the Campus Governing Council.

Carol Solow, a graduate student in the School of Social Work, was elected to represent district 2. Solow, the only candidate on the ballot, received 18 of the 19 votes cast in the race.

Bill Barlow, a graduate student in the department of city and regional planning, was elected in district 4. Barlow, who ran unopposed, received 34 of 40 votes cast. Write-in candidates split the remaining six votes.

Solow and Barlow were sponsored by Students Effectively Establishing a Democratic System, a coalition of campus progressive groups. They propose making UNC a nuclear-free zone, establishing a water conservation plan for the University, expanding UNC's anti-discrimination policy to bar discrimination based on sexual preference and forcing the University to divest its holdings in companies that operate in South Africa.

Solow and Barlow were elected as part of balloting to fill five empty graduate student seats on the CGC. Students receiving votes in districts 3, 5 and 8 were all write-in candidates, and the results in those races will probably not be con-

firmed until this afternoon at the earliest, said Elections Board Chairman Chris Cox.

In all, 107 votes were cast in the five races. Unofficial results are as follows:

In district 3, 29 votes were divided between nine write-in candidates. Bill Vining was the top vote-getter with 11. Former CGC member Rebel Cole received 3 votes in the race. Cole represented district 4 until August when he was forced to resign because he transferred out of the district.

In district 5, 6 votes were divided between four candidates. Alex Rossitch received 3 votes. The three other write-ins received one vote apiece. Rossitch won the seat last February but resigned shortly thereafter.

In district 8, 13 votes were divided among nine candidates. Jeff Pitts was the top vote-getter with 5.

Cox said he received complaints from some graduate students who said they didn't know about the elections. But the lack of interest and information was partly due to the small number of candidates, Cox said.

In the future, the Elections Board will give greater publicity to elections through campus publications, posters and leaflets, he said.

"We should publicize elections, but not who's running or what the issues are," Cox said. "That's the candidates' job, not ours."

Environmental impact called small

By SUSAN OAKLEY Staff Writer

University officials agree that the Thoroughfare Plan approved Monday night by the Chapel Hill Town Council will have a minimal environmental impact on the area.

Even the most controversial part of the plan, which would extend Parker Road across the University's Botanical Garden, will be met with little opposition as long as the town remains in agreement with the conditions outlined by UNC Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III in his letter to Town Manager David R. Taylor.

These conditions stipulate that the road, which would be named the Laurel Hill Parkway, be built similarly to the Blue Ridge Parkway with only two lanes and with restrictions on speed and vehicle weight limits.

He also requested that the town and University work jointly on all plans and site selections that would involve University lands. Noise, erosion and pollution also should be controlled to the maximum extent possible, he said, both during and after construction.

"The Botanical Garden and Mason Farm Reserve area is critically important as an irreplaceable natural area and laboratory for the study of plants and

animals and the intricate biological systems of which they are a part," Fordham said.

The plan approved Monday night will be the least disruptive to these resources, he said.

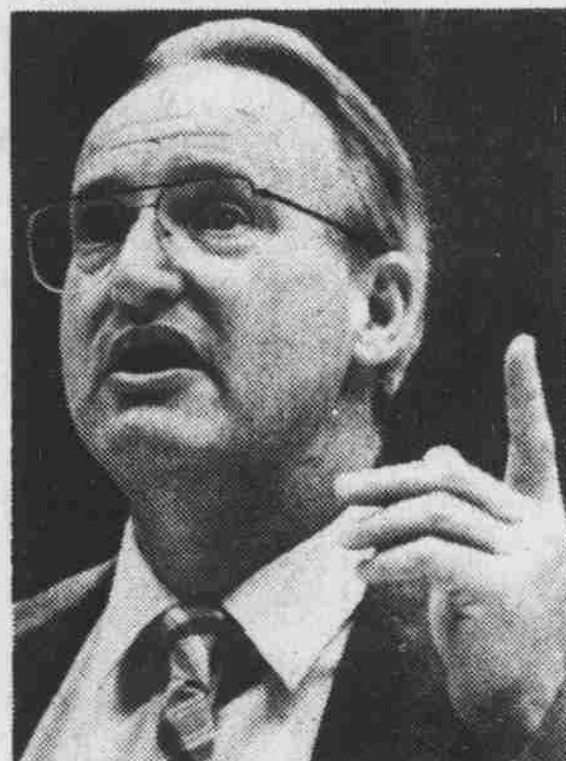
"I personally feel we have made a major step forward," said Dr. Haven Wiley of UNC's biology department, which worked closely with the town on the Thoroughfare Plan.

"I think we have a good solution to the town's transportation problems that will result in the absolute minimum disruption to the University," he said.

The former plan, which would have bisected Mason Farm, would have made the land useless for University research programs, he said. But because the town has agreed to work with the University, the road will produce only a minimum impact on the gardens and the farm, he said.

Dr. C. Ritchie Bell, director of the Botanical Gardens and a UNC biology professor, agreed with Wiley that the town and University should work together on the plan.

The approved plan is the best compromise that could be made," he said. "It would have been nice for us if we didn't have to have a road, but this really would not be fair for the town." He said if



Christopher C. Fordham III

Fordham's suggestions are followed, the University and its research programs should be in good shape.

While reactions from the University are mostly favorable, a spokesman for the Triangle Sierra Club voiced much skepticism about the plan.

Robert Smythe's objections arise from the process by which the town council approved the plan and the way the town plans to finance the project.

"The Thoroughfare Plan was never submitted to a planning board or the public," he said. "It was railroaded through by the town manager."

Grenada

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In London, the domestic news agency Press Association said Britain had been asked to contribute troops to the invasion force but refused. It did not say if the request came from the United States or the Caribbean countries.

The Organization of American States called for an emergency meeting in Washington this morning.

Nicaragua's left-wing Sandinista government asked for an urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council.

The resort island has been under Marxist sway since a coup in 1979. But in a new upheaval that began two weeks ago, a military-led group that was identified by Washington as hard-line Marxists took command, and Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and some of his top officials were slain.

The new "Revolutionary Military Council" was headed by Gen. Hudson Austin.

The U.S. administration said the island, 1,500 miles southeast of Miami, posed a strategic threat to the United States because Soviet-bloc aircraft might eventually use the airport at Point Salines, whose runway was being extended by the Cuban work force.

Reagan, appearing at a White House news conference, listed three reasons for the invasion: to protect American lives, "to forestall further chaos" and to "restore order and democracy."

The president asserted that the island had been under the control of "a brutal group of leftist thugs."

He said the joint operation had been mounted at the request Sunday of the OECS. But a senior State Department official in Wash-

ington, who declined to be identified, said the decision to invade was made in the "middle of last week."

The prime minister of Dominica, Eugenia Charles, appeared with Reagan before reporters and said the operation was aimed at "preventing this thing (Marxism) from spreading to all the islands."

A Reagan administration official said Grenada's British-appointed governor-general, Paul Scoon, who had been under house arrest, has the power to form a provisional government that would plan elections.

Seaga told the U.S. Cable News Network that the U.S. forces would remain on Grenada only a few days, but the Caribbean nations' forces would stay up to six months.

LOCAL ELECTION FORUMS

TONIGHT: CARRBORO BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND MAYORAL CANDIDATES, Carrboro Town Hall, 8 p.m. The forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2: CHAPEL HILL TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYORAL CANDIDATES, Culbreth Junior High School, 7:30 p.m. The forum is sponsored by the Chapel Hill Homeowners Association.

THURSDAY: CHAPEL HILL TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYORAL CANDIDATES, Village Cable, Channel 14, 7 p.m. The forum is sponsored by Village Cable.

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