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## Parking rates hiked by UNC

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Parking meter rates at UNC have risen 250 percent per hour, and parking permits prices have gone up \$25 per permit effective July 1, traffic officials said.

UNC Director of Transportation Mary Clayton said that the increases were necessary to cover the costs of providing new parking and maintaining current parking areas.

"In prior years, parking was priced to accommodate the physical changes that impacted the parking situation (new construction taking over lots, restructuring of current lots, etc.) In the past couple of years, this couldn't be done."

Clayton said that parking, like other University service departments, needed to be self-sufficient.

"This year, the Board of Trustees approved an increase of less than what we asked for," she said. "As a result, the maintenance and new parking costs will be twice what we will receive from the permits and meters."

Clayton also cited abuse of the parking meters as a reason for the increase in their cost. The meters were never intended for long-term student use. However, some individuals had been parking in the metered spaces for long periods of time, sometimes for days.

"Students were parking and putting money in the meters then just leaving their cars. They seemed to

have found it cheaper to pay the fine than to pay for the meter," Clayton said.

"We also studied the parking in Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh and found that we were about 15 cents cheaper per hour than they were."

She said that the transportation office was seeking to simplify parking rules and make them uniform throughout the area.

Overall, the parking meters on campus have been raised from 10 cents to 25 cents per hour. Rates for parking permits, which cover the fall and spring semesters, have been increased from \$108 to \$132 per year for the Ram's Head lot, located across from Kenan Field House. Clayton said that the increases were just the beginning.

"We are seeking permanence," she said. "We are looking at structural parking in the future, like decks. A deck space will cost from five to six hundred dollars to build and maintain." She said that buildings and other structures will soon take all of the available standard parking, and decks will be the only alternative.

The traffic office is also working on ways to decrease the costs. "Many campuses are moving to universal campus transit systems for which all students would pay a fee," Clayton said. "Also, automation would possibly decrease the cost. We have the in-house computers, and we are looking into software."

## Night moves



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Relaxing after a game at Carmichael Auditorium, Tom Boldt, a senior from Kinston, and Mike Tornero, a junior from Greensboro, keep refining their basketball skills.

## Authors gather at benefit to protest Harris plant

By ALLISON BELL  
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The Hardback Cafe & Bookstore on Columbia Street raised over \$2,000 to fight the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant at a benefit Sunday.

Although tickets were \$50 apiece, 52 people came to hear area writers read from their works. Organizers had to turn away 30 requests for tickets because of fire codes that limit the Hardback Cafe's seating capacity. The Hardback Cafe raised another \$300 through a book sale.

Profits will go to the Coalition for Alternatives to Shearon Harris (CASH).

A member of the audience, Peggy Dowd, a UNC graduate of 1981, praised the benefit and said that it was worth the \$50. "It was excellent. Good variety. The writers all lived up to what I hoped they'd be."

Hardback Cafe co-owner Grant Kornberg was pleased with community response to the benefit. "It's difficult to raise funds of any kind," he said.

Nevertheless, Kornberg said that he thought the event would be a success when he began to plan it. "There are a lot of people around who are against the nuclear plant, and a lot of people are coming to hear the writers."

Kornberg said that solar power should be developed further and ultimately replace nuclear plants. In

the meantime, he said, conventional power generation systems should be substituted despite their drawbacks.

"A coal plant can't melt down and irradiate half a million people at one shot," he said.

The staff decided to donate its time. Chef Darrell Beauchaine said that he walked into the kitchen at 2 o'clock the morning before the benefit and cooked till 6 a.m., then returned at 3:30 p.m. and cooked until 7:30 p.m., when dinner was served.

Because the restaurant has a small kitchen, Beauchaine had to cook cold foods which could be made in advance. He prepared such delicacies as chilled cantaloupe-strawberry soup, poached salmon and cheese-cake with raspberry sauce.

"I wish more people in the surrounding counties believed in CASH," he said.

Other Hardback Cafe employees put out white tablecloths and formal place settings. According to server Angela Pittman, the usual atmosphere of the combination restaurant and bookstore is much more casual. Asked what was different, the UNC senior joked, "We're all dressed up." Pittman said that she and other staff members were happy about donating their time for the cause.

Server Holly Coldiron, a 1984 UNC graduate, agreed. "It's great. It'll raise a lot of money, and all the money will go straight to CASH."

Even the Hardback Cafe's neighbor, Spanky's, chipped in by donating extra tables and other supplies.

Six writers gave their time to the reading: Joe Ashby Porter, Jill McCorkle, Clyde Edgerton, Lee Smith, Garrett Epps and Elizabeth Spencer. All of them are Triangle residents.

The writers questioned the safety of nuclear power.

McCorkle, who graduated from UNC in 1980, had not been active in anti-nuclear politics but was glad for the opportunity to get involved. "It's good to make a statement," she said. "I don't think anyone should have to live near a nuclear plant."

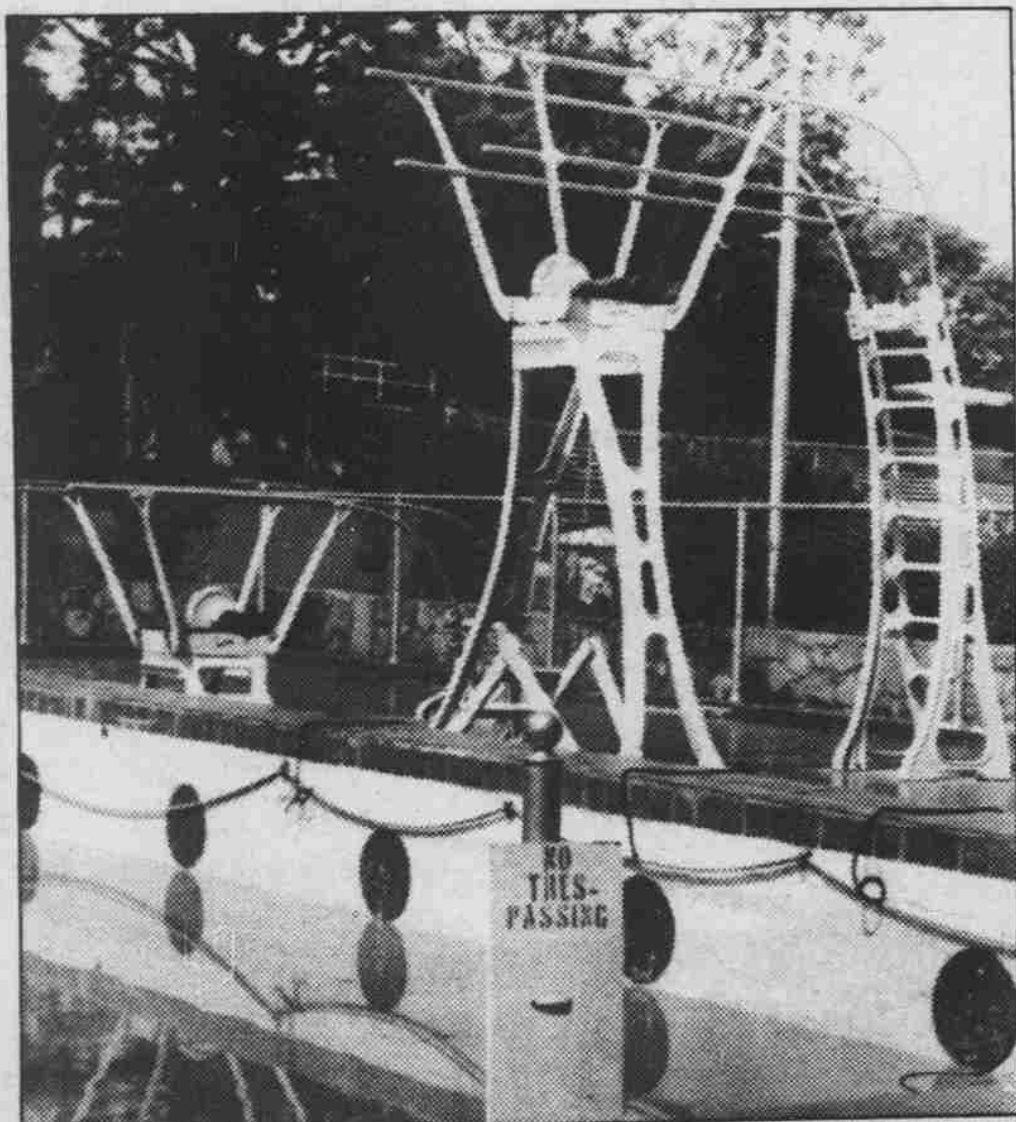
Porter said that at one time, he did not think there could be any nuclear disasters. Chernobyl changed his mind. "For the first time, I realized nuclear power wasn't safe. Alternatives should be available."

Porter suggested that geothermal power, which uses the heat of the earth's interior to generate electricity, was one possible replacement for nuclear fission plants.

Spencer said that she believed the risks nuclear power poses seem greater than the rewards. "It's a scarier thing than human beings ought to be subjected to," she said.

Smith agreed. "We don't need it, and it's something we have to eradicate."

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