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## Council reforms noise committee

By TOM PARKS

*Staff Writer*  
The Chapel Hill Town Council did not change the noise ordinance Monday, but the members voted unanimously to reconstitute the Noise Ordinance Monitoring Committee to report to the council on the matter.  
The council refused to take action despite requests by town residents that the council eliminate noise permits and lower the allowable decibels (dBs). But the council may still change the ordinance after the committee has met.  
"What we currently have on the

books would not be touched," said council member James Wallace about the council's Monday resolution.  
The council first called the committee together in 1987 after amending the noise ordinance to reduce the permitted noise level by 10 decibels to the current 75 dBs.  
The committee met for about a year and delivered two preliminary reports to the council. The committee met for the last time on May 6, 1988, and then was not called together again.  
"I find it unfortunate that we don't have their final recommendation,"

council member Nancy Preston said.  
Monday's vote was prompted by a group of residents from the Pritchard Avenue and Short Street area who petitioned the council last month to stop issuing noise permits or to lower the highest permitted noise from 75 dBs to 50 dBs. Fifty dBs is about equal to the background noise on a busy street, according to a former member of the committee.  
Town Manager David Taylor recommended that the council now lower the level to 70 dBs and write up guidelines for police to use in administering

applications for noise permits. Taylor said a compromise would best serve both sides even if everyone were not happy with the results.  
Council members asked that the committee come back as soon as possible with a recommendation.  
Preston asked that the committee consider guidelines for police similar to Taylor's suggestions, specifically requiring any group that receives a noise permit to notify their neighbors.  
Assistant Town Manager Cal Horton said the town staff has also considered not allowing permits to people

who have violated the noise ordinance.  
Although Taylor said that he and Police Chief Arnold Gold supported the idea of guidelines, he did not make suggestions. "I can't be real specific."  
The first noise ordinance committee that met included about five students, said Bill Hildebolt, student liaison to the council.  
Student Body President Brien Lewis said he would like to see the committee hold a preliminary meeting before Christmas. "I'd hate to see this thing drag on and on."  
The council should ask student gov-

ernment for suggestions on what students should serve on the committee, Lewis said. "Hopefully, they'll come to us and ask."  
The council made the right decision by allowing all the groups involved to make their voices heard through representatives on the committee, he said.  
Before the council recreated the committee, Hildebolt presented a petition asking that the council not change the ordinance but reconstitute the review committee to receive its final recommendation. He said about 1,000 town residents signed the petition.



### Saluting the past

John D. Kennedy (left), a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9100 in Chapel Hill, salutes the flag and sings the National

Anthem Monday afternoon as part of the University's Veteran's Day ceremony in Polk Place.

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## Transformer shuts down, darkens UNC

By SARAH CAGLE

*Assistant University Editor*

For almost an hour Monday afternoon, clocks in classrooms across campus read 2:45 p.m. But it was too dark to see them anyway.

About two-thirds of the University had no electrical power from about 2:45 p.m. to 3:43 p.m. because one of two transformers that supplies power to the campus shut down.

A crew of Duke Power investigators is working today to determine why the Cameron Avenue transformer shut down. "I don't remember this ever happening," said Sam Blankenship, district engineer for Duke Power. "It's an unusual occurrence."

Buildings on campus from the North Carolina Memorial Hospital (NCMH) to Morehead Planetarium were without power, and bank machines and computers were temporarily useless. South Campus residence halls were not affected by the power outage, because a transformer on Mason Farm Road supplies that area, Blankenship said.

"It's like a breaker in your home. If a breaker senses a problem, it will open up to keep from overloading. That's

basically what happened here."

Back-up generators supplied power for patient care at NCMH. "There are no problems for patients and nothing is slowing down," Jon Ross, a spokesman for NCMH, said Monday.

The Student Stores and Lenoir Dining Hall closed during the power outage. Both had backup power for one cash register to check out remaining customers. Union Station remained open with the use of calculators.

"We tried to get everyone out as quickly as possible, because of the danger of people tripping over things and the security question," said Rutledge Tufts, Student Stores general manager.

Computer labs were also affected, but they did not close. "Most people just left," said Anne Menkens, a lab assistant at Greenlaw.

"Luckily most students were saving what they were doing at the time. Some people were happy to have an excuse not to turn in a paper."

Many 3 p.m. classes were canceled, although some classes were moved

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## Leaders call for further steps to raise black enrollment

By BRYAN TYSON

*Staff Writer*  
Recent increases in black enrollment in the UNC system and at UNC-Chapel Hill are a significant accomplishment, but more needs to be done to increase enrollment and retention, University officials and black student leaders said Monday.  
The Board of Governors released

figures Friday indicating that total black enrollment in the UNC system increased 3.3 percent between fall 1988 and fall 1989, while UNC-CH raised its black enrollment from 7.83 percent — 1,838 students — to 8.14 percent or 1,907 students.

Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of student affairs, said that the increase was encouraging but that ef-

forts to recruit black students must continue. "I'm pleased to see the increase and that black students are choosing to come here in increased numbers, but this is a long-term commitment. I think it's a step in the right direction, but not a major step."

The University has no specific numbers goals, but it abides by compliance rules, Boulton said. "The figures

aren't important. We're trying to reach our own goals."

Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, agreed with Boulton. "We're moving towards accomplishing our goals. I'm pleased that we're doing so well."

Black recruitment is a very serious concern among University officials, Cell said. "We have had a serious re-

cruiting effort in place for some years, and I think it's paying off."

Cell said that although there were no specific goals in place now, efforts to increase black enrollment at UNC would continue to be a priority. "The ultimate goal is to have a minority percentage of students on campus that reflects the minority percentage of residents in the state."

Black students also said they find the numbers encouraging.

Junior Ann Ards, corresponding secretary for the National Collegiate Black Caucus, said the figures were significant because they showed increased enrollment in predominantly black schools. "The statistics are very

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## University may pioneer limits on hardwood use

By WILL SPEARS

*Assistant University Editor*  
UNC may become the first University in the nation to adopt a policy minimizing its use of tropical hardwoods, resulting from the efforts of UNC's Rainforest Action Group.

"If we're sincere in wanting tropical deforestation to stop, we have to curtail our own use," said Jeff Merron, co-chairman of the group, a division of the Campus Y's Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC). "This is the first step in taking our hands off the chainsaw."

Finis Dunaway, chairman of SEAC's committee to ban tropical hardwoods, met with Gene Swecker, associate vice

chancellor for facilities management, and Ben Tuchi, vice chancellor for business and finance, to discuss the possibility of adopting such a policy. Both were receptive to the idea, Dunaway said.

"We're very sympathetic with their objective," Swecker said.

Swecker said he would discuss the issue with Chancellor Paul Hardin, who would probably make an official statement of University policy.

While the University will make an effort to moderate its use of tropical hardwoods, there may be circumstances in which it cannot be avoided, Swecker said.

The possibility that a type of tropical hardwood would have to be matched in future construction would prohibit the University from adopting an all out ban, Swecker said.

"It's very difficult to make a blanket statement like that. I think we'll try to minimize the use (of tropical hardwoods), but there are conceivable circumstances where we may have to use some."

Asking the University to institute such a policy is reasonable, Dunaway said. "It's not drastic or radical. It's the right thing to do."

Because UNC is a highly respected University, it should adopt such a policy, Merron said. "UNC should set an example as a leader for social justice."

UNC now uses only one type of tropical hardwood, and it is more expensive than its domestic alternative, Dunaway said. "Many domestic woods are comparable in price and appearance. There's no reason to continue

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## Gandhi urges building human relations

By JEFF D. HILL

*Staff Writer*

The grandson of Mohandas Gandhi told an audience of about 250 people to "build bridges, not barriers, between people," during the Human Rights Week keynote address Monday night at Memorial Hall.

Arun Gandhi's lecture was sponsored by the Campus Y Human Rights Committee and the Carolina Union Forum Committee.

"We tend to look at human rights only in terms of the right to vote and legal rights, but there is more," Gandhi said that improving human relations was the key to improving human rights but that doing so takes time.

"We can't bring about changes for a whole campus, whole city or whole country by waving a magic wand." Gandhi emphasized the need to continue to help those who have been technically given human rights but are treated unequally.

He said there was a need to build cooperation between different groups. He and group of six others started such a program with one village of "Untouchables," the lowest caste in the Indian social system, in the early 1960s.

His group helped educate the village and integrate it into the rest of Indian society. Gandhi's group helped the village prove to higher castes that they should be treated as humans. He said such programs were designed to help fulfill his grandfather's dreams. Today, Gandhi's efforts have helped nearly 10 million "Untouchables."

"We want to achieve a world where there is no strife, no oppression and



DTH/David Surowiecki

Human Rights Week keynote speaker Arun Gandhi addresses the crowd at Memorial Hall Monday

we can live as civilized human beings." Gandhi urged UNC students help the outcasts, such as the homeless, in

American society. "Charity does not help; it only cripples people." Gandhi is now working with the

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Hate the sin and love the sinner. — Mohandas Gandhi