

N.C. State water safe after odor reports

Students at N.C. State were urged not to drink tap water on campus.

By Alex Pyun
Staff Writer

An odor in the N.C. State University water supply kept orientation students from drinking fountain water for more than a day.

Immediately after the university received calls from a maintenance worker June 27, campus officials began notifying students and distributing bottled water.

Signs were posted at all water fountains and in bathrooms, a home page alert and campus-wide e-mail was issued, and dining halls refrained from using tap water in preparing food.

The odor was reported in the Cates Avenue area on main campus.

NCSU spokesman Mick Kulikowski said the odor disappeared after the water system was

flushed on Thursday afternoon. Tests of the water system subsequently showed the water was safe to drink.

No reports of the water causing anyone harm were received by the university.

Robert Massengill, associate public utilities director for the city of Raleigh, said that they investigated the issue and could not determine what the odor was or where it came from.

He said the odor was most likely caused by the polyvinyl chloride piping glue used during the installment of new plumbing at NCSU.

PVC glue is used for the smaller pipes on NCSU's campus, while the larger pipes that serve most of the city do not use the glue. After PVC glue is used, an odor can occur if the pipes are not flushed properly, Massengill said.

Kulikowski said the water odor was not reported in any other part of Raleigh. He said he couldn't recall a similar occurrence in more than a decade.

Massengill said he couldn't give an estimate on the cost of flushing

the water system.

Greg Feller, spokesman at the Orange Water and Sewer Authority, said the authority receives up to 75 calls a year from customers who report a taste or odor other than chlorine in their water, and that water odor complaints are usually not dangerous and do not require a system flush.

NCSU students said despite some inconveniences, the university handled the situation well.

Yaseline Munoz said she was not affected by the issue because of the university's actions.

Will Swaringen, a freshman orientation student, said there was no shortage of drinking water available to him.

"There were water bottles stationed everywhere. You'd be walking, I'd have like ten water bottles at the end of the day," he said.

"Every water fountain everywhere had a sign on it too, which was pretty impressive."

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Court rules in favor of for-profit universities

The universities have been accused of burying graduates in debt.

WASHINGTON (MCT) — A federal judge has struck down a key provision in an Obama administration regulation that would have penalized programs whose graduates end up with huge debts and low job prospects.

The Department of Education's "gainful employment regulations," which would have gone into effect Sunday, were designed to prevent career-training programs, mainly at for-profit colleges, from leaving students with unaffordable debt and limited employment options.

Critics of for-profit colleges expressed disappointment over the decision.

It "leaves students and taxpayers exposed to unscrupulous schools that seek to swindle them and routinely saddle students with debts they cannot repay," said Pauline Abernathy, vice president of the Institute for College Access and Success, a nonprofit

research organization that seeks to make higher education more available and affordable saying it.

For-profit colleges celebrated the ruling, "which makes it clear that you can't make random decisions that seek to significantly impact one sector of higher education," said Steve Gunderson, president of the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities, the plaintiff in the case.

The rules required career-training programs to meet one of three standards: 35 percent of graduates must be repaying loans; loan payments of typical graduates did not exceed 12 percent of their total earnings, or loan payments did not exceed 30 percent of graduates' discretionary income.

But in his ruling, Judge Rudolph Contreras called the 35 percent standard "arbitrary and capricious." He said the department chose that threshold based not on expert research or an industry standard, but because it would result in about one quarter of the career training programs failing.

"It's an unusual way of thinking," Gunderson said. "Why would

you eliminate 25 percent of programs offered to students most in need of education and skills?"

The judge upheld the department's right to require career-training programs to inform students about graduation and placement rates, as well as median debt load for students in their programs.

A spokesman for the department could not say whether it would be readjusting regulations or appealing the decision. But he said he was pleased that the judge signaled a need for regulation.

"The court upheld our authority to regulate career college programs while urging a clearer rationale for standards around repayment rates," Peter Cunningham said in a statement.

The Department of Education reviewed 3,695 career-training programs at 1,336 public, for-profit and non-profit schools over two years. It found that 193 programs, all at for-profit institutions, were not meeting any of the gainful employment metrics, according to data released by the department last week.

BEATIN' THE HEAT



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Seniors Corinne Guard (left) and Laura Koehler (right) cool off from the heat on Monday at the Chapel Ridge pool. The weekend's temperatures tied for the all time high in the area at 105, previously set in 1887. Temperatures also broke daily and monthly highs.

Centers will merge to prevent violence

The Compass Center will help clients achieve self-sufficiency.

By Rahel Gebremeskel
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The Women's Center and the Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County have merged into one organization.

The newly-formed Compass Center for Women and Families opened July 1.

For now, the Women's Center will remain in its Henderson Street location, and the violence prevention center will stay at its current location on Wilson Street.

Ann Gerhardt, executive director of the Women's Center said the two centers wanted to empower clients.

"Our goal is to provide more comprehensive services in the most seamless way possible," she said.

Gerhardt will serve as Compass Center's executive director.

Hudson Fuller, executive director of the violence prevention center, will continue to work with

Compass Center, as will the combined staff.

Sharon Ringwalt, board chair for the Compass Center, said that while both organizations have had a strong track record of referring clients to each other's services, the new merger will make community service seamless.

In addition to safety, the center offers clients help with financial literacy, tax and legal services, career exploration and information resources.

Ringwalt said the new name was chosen to make it clear to the community that the services offered are for everyone.

Gerhardt said the Compass Center will give clients access to the full continuum of services from both the Women's Center and the violence prevention center.

Fuller said the boards hope to eventually move to a single location, but are waiting for the dust to settle on the merger.

"By having a name change, it might take a while to rebuild familiarity," she said. "We've got some work to tell the community that we are still here."

The two centers previously

served a combined total of about 3,700 residents in Orange County annually, including men.

Fuller said that the community can look forward to a series of

events in October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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