

# Children need core courses to gain success, author says

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American children need to be taught a basic core curriculum in elementary school, E.D. Hirsch told about 150 principals and school administrators Tuesday at the Principals' Executive Program Conference at UNC's Institute of Government.

The core knowledge will lessen the difference between advantaged and disadvantaged children and enable the United States to raise its educational level to compete with foreign nations, he said.

Hirsch is the author of the 1987 book "Cultural Literacy," which discussed the decline in the American educational system, including a controversial list of terms that "culturally literate" Americans should be familiar with.

Children from a socially advantaged family enter school with more knowledge than those from disadvantaged families and build on this knowledge, Hirsch said. This increases the distance between the two groups. There "is a parallel reason why American kids are behind those of other countries," he said.

Hirsch compared the United States to countries like Japan and Sweden that have a standard curriculum in kindergarten through sixth grade and constantly rank above the American educational system.

"Every country that uses a standard early curriculum outperforms the ones that don't," Hirsch said. "The more background that is shared between groups, the more effective the communication will be."

Hirsch said he would not have had to write his book if America had this "shared background knowledge." He said he created the Cultural Literacy Foundation as an "attempt to get the equivalent of shared common school-base culture that the foreign countries use." The Foundation plans to make supplemental books outlining a common curriculum available to schools, he said.

The reason the United States has no shared background knowledge is the 16,000 independent school districts in this nation that hold onto their independence, Hirsch said. It would be difficult to work out what a common curriculum should be among these schools.

"If it's true that we have to have shared knowledge, then we have to decide what that knowledge should be," he said. "We (educators) have found the whole question of specific content so emotion-ridden that we have avoided the whole situation altogether."

Communities and parents also have a responsibility to provide this knowledge, but "the schools have a responsibility to the kids," he said. "I think we need to make an effort to create school-base culture for what the parents have missed. You can't let yourselves off the hook. Just because there are problems at large in society, it doesn't mean the schools shouldn't try."

Hirsch also answered many questions about his list of terms that the "culturally aware" should know. The list has been criticized by educators who say Hirsch's answer to the problems in American education would simply be to teach all the words on the list.

"The purpose of the list is not just to tell students to learn it in alphabetical order," Hirsch said. "Despite its shortcomings, the list has flushed a lot of things out in the open."



Author E. D. Hirsch addresses school leaders at the Principals' Executive Program Conference

# Applications due for Canadian exchange program

By **DENISE BEAN**  
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The Toronto Exchange program gives UNC students an opportunity to visit Canada on an exchange trip with students from the University of Toronto. Today is the deadline for submitting applications. Students who participate in the program will visit Toronto in late January.

Alex Cousins, one of the four coordinators of the exchange, said the exchange gives students an opportunity to "see things they don't normally get to see."

Lee Warner, who participated in the exchange program last year and is now a coordinator, said, "it was the best vacation I ever took." While in Toronto, Warner said he visited

the University of Toronto, went skiing and attended a Toronto Maple Leafs hockey game. Toronto also has a great night life, he said.

The program started about 30 years ago, Cousins said. Former UNC President William Friday started it along with the Chancellor of the University of Toronto because their wives were friends and thought

of the program.

The members hold fund-raisers to pay for the trip, which also helps them meet other UNC students. Cousins said that was one of the best outcomes of the exchange, because it gave him a chance to meet people he wouldn't have met otherwise.

This year, the students from Toronto are scheduled to visit UNC

on Halloween weekend and will stay with the UNC students who are going to Toronto. They can go to classes and visit the Chapel Hill area, and might be able to go to a UNC football game.

Students can pick up applications at the Student Union desk any time Wednesday, but they must be completed by 5 p.m. The coordinators

said they are looking for students who are outgoing and not easily intimidated. Students must be open to new experiences and be able to work well with others. There is also a time commitment involved, Cousins said.

Students who turn in an application should sign up for an interview as well. The exchange is limited to 40 people — 20 females and 20 males.

# Chapel Hill, Pittsboro get new telephone service

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Southern Bell customers in Pittsboro noticed an increase in their monthly bills this summer, but they asked for it, a Southern Bell spokesman said Monday.

In June 1987, Pittsboro residents petitioned the N.C. Utilities Commission and requested that phone calls between Chapel Hill and Pittsboro become local, Mark Collins, Southern Bell community relations manager, said.

July 31, 1988, marked the first day calls between the towns were local, he said.

Collins said the service will raise Chapel Hill and Pittsboro customers' monthly bills, but they were polled before the services were implemented and found to be generally in favor of the service.

Chapel Hill residents pay 5 cents per month and Chapel Hill businesses pay 13 cents per month extra for the service, Collins said.

The service costs Pittsboro residents \$1.25 and Pittsboro

businesses \$2.98 extra monthly, he said.

The cost is more for Pittsboro customers because there are fewer Southern Bell customers there, Collins said. Pittsboro has about 4,000 customers, compared to over 32,000 Chapel Hill customers, Collins said.

The service was offered after customers went to the Utilities Commission with their request, Collins said. "Any town can petition the Utilities Commission," he said.

The service was not offered previously because of the distance between the two cities, he said.

A similar service is being considered for the Triangle, Collins said. Companies in the area are doing cost studies which will be given to the Utilities Commission in January, he said.

Meanwhile, an optional service to make calls between Triangle cities should be ready by Mar. 31, 1989, he said.

# Bus line makes UNC, Duke connection

By **CHARLES BRITAIN**  
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What a Chapel Hill Transit official described as a "landmark of cooperation" has resulted in the establishment of the new Blue Line Bus Service connecting UNC and Duke University.

In a ceremony held Tuesday in Durham, Durham Mayor Wib Gulley presented a permit to Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes allowing the buses of Chapel Hill Transit to operate in Durham.

This ceremony completed the expansion of the busing service between Chapel Hill and Durham. Limited service between the cities began in the 1988 spring semester.

The expanded service is designed to provide transportation for students cross-registered at the two universities and to eliminate the need for additional parking.

According to Chapel Hill Transit, response to the expanded program has been good, with a daily average of 37 passengers the first week growing to 150 passengers by the service's third week.

The expanded service is offered to university students and citizens of Durham and Chapel Hill, and will use Chapel Hill Transit buses to travel between the two campuses.

Howes said the bus service will be beneficial both to University students and Chapel Hill citizens.

"The service will make cross-registration a reality for students," Howes said. It will also provide Chapel Hill citizens with an added alternative in activities such as shopping, he said.

The program last spring was aimed primarily at Duke students, but the new program is receiving increasing promotion for UNC students wishing

to make use of the facilities in Durham, Howes said.

The specific planning and scheduling for the Blue Line Bus Service "required careful negotiations between the cities and the universities," he said.

Howes said the parties decided that allowing Chapel Hill Transit buses to run the route to Durham would be simpler than establishing a separate franchise to oversee the program.

Howes said he and Gulley are both strong supporters of a Triangle area mass transportation system, and this program reflects that commitment.

The relationship between Chapel Hill and Durham has always been a positive one, Howes said. During the water crisis this summer, Durham helped Chapel Hill by selling water to the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA).

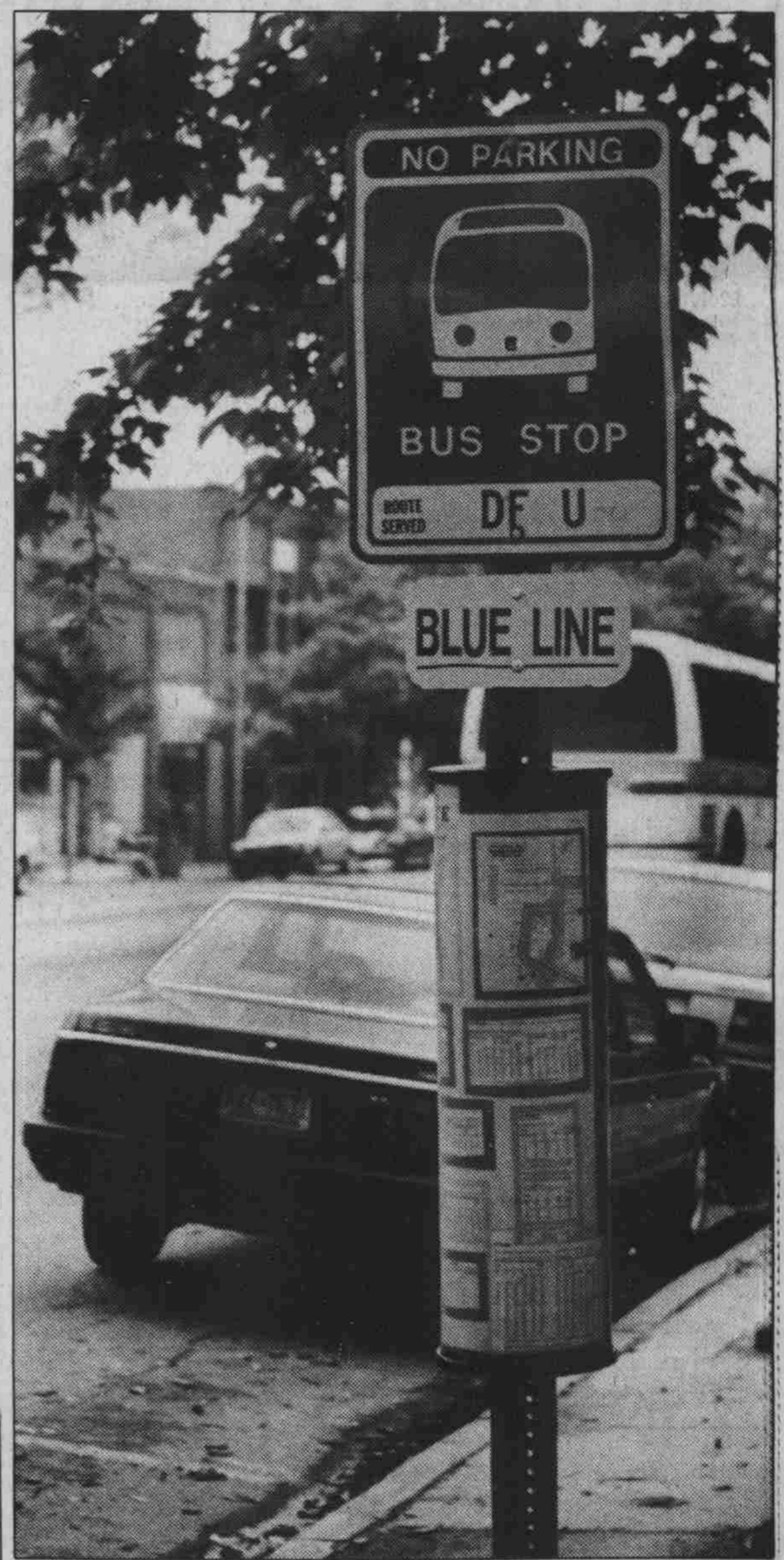
"This busing program is only one additional reinforcement in the relationship between the two cities," Howes said.

Chapel Hill Transit Administrative Assistant R. Scott McClellan said a spirit of "mutual cooperation" exists between the governments of Chapel Hill and Durham and the administrations of UNC and Duke.

"The entire process of establishing the system is a compliment to successful city management and town council cooperation," McClellan said.

He also said Chapel Hill Transit was "very thankful" to Gulley and the city of Durham for assisting in the elimination of red tape and mountains of paperwork.

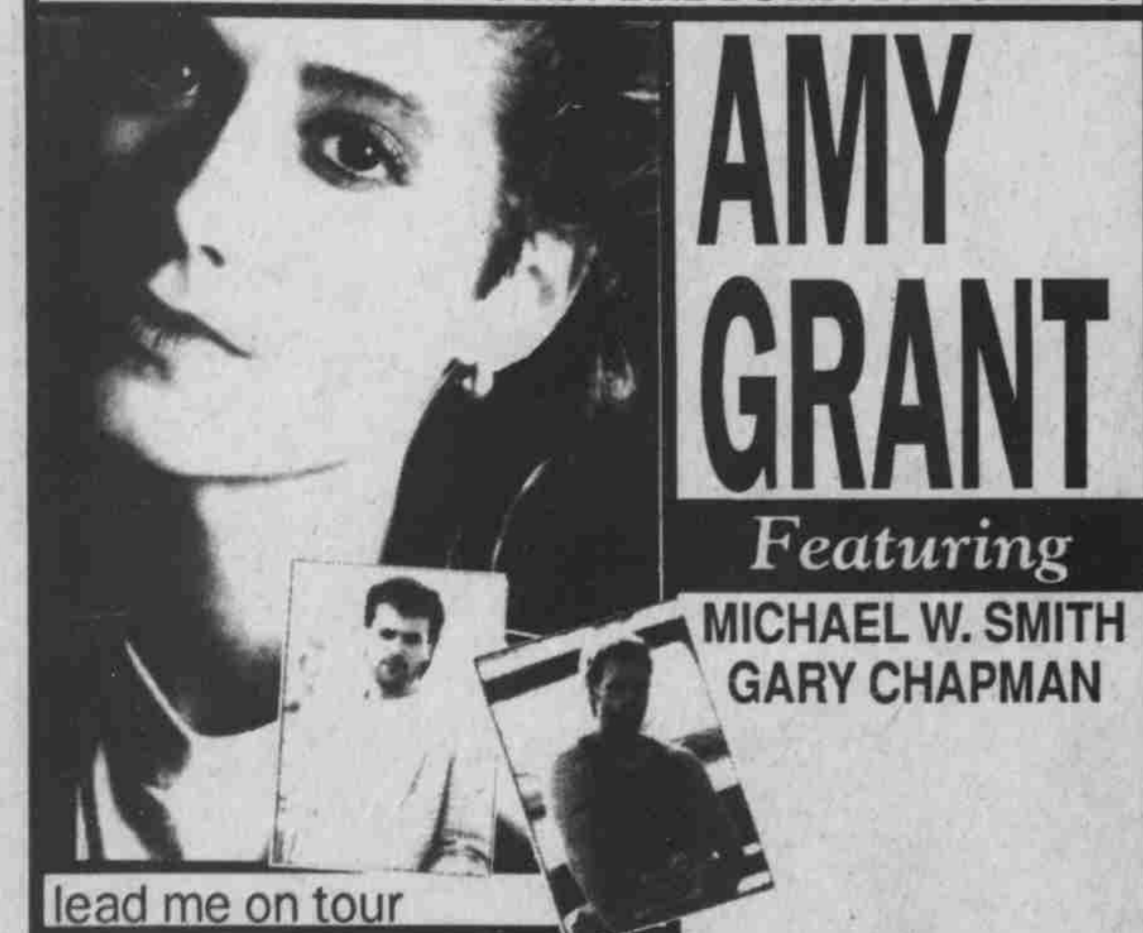
He said students interested in the Blue Line Bus Service to Duke should contact the University Traffic Office or call Chapel Hill Transit's information line at 968-2769.



The Blue Line will run between UNC and Duke University

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care.

BIA aid is also needed for economic development, because Lumbees experience an unemployment rate of 15 to 20 percent annually after the farming season, he said.

But "establishing a government to government relationship" between Lumbee leaders and the U.S. government would be the most important benefit of recognition, Hardin said.

"We feel like we should have had it (recognition) one hundred years ago," Hood said.

"(Recognition) is not a matter of finances. We are entitled to recognition," Brayboy said. She said recognition has been hampered by racial forces which seek to "keep the Indians enslaved financially and politically."

If the Lumbees receive recognition, they can eliminate illiteracy in the community, which would increase their political power, she said.

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