

Alpha Omega Xi Presents:

HIV and AIDS in our Community

Presented by Yvonne Carly of the Cape Fear Valley Health System

Monday, December 12 11:00 am

Science Auditorium - S222

Exam Breakfast

Wednesday December 5, 10:00 pm in the cafeteria.
Come and participate in a time of fun, fellowship,
and fremzy as faculty and staff serve students. Faculty
and staff should arrive no later than 9:45 pm.

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Disability Changes on Methodist Grounds

By Stacy Barreira
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Disabilities? What comes to mind when that word is said? Perceptions are placed and images and stereotypes come to mind. When it comes to academics, many students have wondered how, who, and why? With modern technology, innovations in the 21st century and people becoming more open minded and less stereotypical, times are changing.

Recently, Methodist College began improvements to accommodate students with disabilities. These changes range from students with learning disabilities to visual and physical disabilities.

The Academic Center for Development, directed by Nicolette Campos offers services for students. More people with learning, visual, and physical disabilities now have the opportunity to become more and more independent, rely less on assistants, learn exactly what others are

learning, and accomplish necessary goals. There is no room for difference now. We are all capable of doing it all, just at different speeds, and with different technological means. There has been a great amount of support from staff this semester, especially from President Hendricks.

In a recent interview with Campos, she stated that, the difference between high school students and college students is that while students are in high school, it is the institutions responsibilities to test and accommodate students, on the other hand, while students on the college level are solely responsible to get the accommodation they need. In order to receive some type of service at all, students need to bring proper documentation to Campos and then the procedure begins. The student and the Director discuss what is to happen with the disability. Release forms (which are very impor-

tant) are then signed and finally the director writes a letter and completes a disability certification form.

The student is able to use



Trustees bathroom improvement

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what is necessary to modify his/her disability.

Some accommodations include extra time on tests. Tests are able to be taken in the Academic Center for Development. Classes are also able to be recorded and texts can be

put on tape.

A few additions have been made to the ACD; such as new computer software like JAWS. This is a talking word processor which is capable of reading line by line, paragraph by paragraph at any speed or any tone. Other additions include Open Book, a scanner and talking program that allows visually impaired students texturally feel pictures and Braille and speak. This is used as a note taker.

A few changes have been made around the campus as well. A new policy and procedure has been written by Campos and is handed out to any student who wishes to receive services. It highlights disabilities and the services offered for each.

Another improvement being completed in the improvement of the bathrooms in the Trustees building. They are being made more wheelchair friendly. The hedges and trees are be-

ing taken down and/or trimmed for accessibility around campus. The pencil box in the Math building has also been removed for safety issues.

Some works in progress include an addition of a sidewalk from the Science Building to ADC and an elevator in the Trustees Building.

Campos stated that she, along with Cynthia Curtis from the Development Office are teamed up to make way for possible grant money that will benefit student's with disabilities and offer many more accommodations for the near future.

Campos also stated that she wants to hold workshops in the spring for both students and staff on issues pertaining to disabilities and also inform everyone of new improvements and future ideas. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the new services or volunteering, please contact Nicolette Campos at 630-7033.

Community Building Under Stress to Finish Completion

By Ashleigh Radford
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For some time now, the community building for the Cape Fear Commons has been behind schedule. The building that was supposed to be complete in August is now behind schedule.

The center, which in fact is almost complete, is located behind the Commons, and houses a study room, a multipurpose room, and an office for the area coordinator, a kitchen, and bathrooms. Located on the outside of the building on either side is a deck.

The center's scheduled completion was last year, following the completion of the residential portion. The delay

came in Jan of 2001 when construction ceased because the construction company, Sigma Construction, filed bankruptcy. According to Ashley James, Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life, Methodist was a small contract of Sigma. They also completed jobs in



Community Building.

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Bladen County, Moore County, and Randolph County.

A new contractor was appointed shortly thereafter. Ellis Walker took over the job to finish the community building. Construction of the building is now complete. However, there are some problems

with the wiring and the smoke detector. These problems are preventing the building from receiving the certificate of Occupancy that it needs to allow it to be utilized.

Students have been informed of the delay and have periodically been informed about what is being done to ensure the building will open soon. "Students have been notified about the progress being made on the building. They have been informed periodically," Rob Foreman said.

"It was not realistic to accept that the construction would be done by August 2001," Ashley James said.