

Carrboro ArtsCenter strives to diversify programming

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The Carrboro ArtsCenter has diversified its programming this year in an attempt to appeal to various ethnic and cultural groups, according to Fred Good, chairman of the center's board of directors.

Good said he thought that because the ArtsCenter was a nonprofit, publicly supported organization, it should be in touch with the local community.

"There is more of a conscious effort to reach minority groups," Good said.

Last year, the center's programming included a step show, and 30 percent of the musical programs were oriented to-

ward minorities, Good said.

In addition to planning programs designed to appeal to the area's diverse population, the board has made a conscious effort to reach out to minorities. Three out of 12 board members are minorities, Good said.

Tyler Vermilya, a University junior who is a member of the center's board of directors, said, "the ArtsCenter is a community center, and it needs to have equal representation."

Good said the center's programmers had brought musicians from all across the country. He added that the center had showcased all styles of music, ranging from country to pop.

"We have a nationally known, recog-

nized jazz program, and we did a fair amount of showcasing of jazz at different levels (last year)," Good said.

Good said there also had been more programming for teenagers, children and handicapped people.

"We do a lot of networking with the schools," Good said.

Other music programs in the past year have included open-microphone nights for local teenagers, Good said.

Vermilya said the open-microphone nights had been very successful with more than 150 people attending most performances.

"I certainly hope (the programming for teens) will continue," Vermilya said.

Vermilya said he thought it was im-

portant for the ArtsCenter to be accessible to teenagers from Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

There are few other places local teenagers can go, he said.

Good said the philosophy of the center had changed.

The board is much smaller than it used to be, and members were more active in the center, he said.

"We have become a little more grassroots in our focus," Good said.

"The programming hasn't changed that much, but we are putting more emphasis on other things," he said.

Good said he thought the ArtsCenter had improved its relationship with the community by listening to citizens and

being more responsive to their needs.

"My sense is that people have a much better view of the ArtsCenter now than they did before," Good said. "We are more service oriented."

Good said that although the ArtsCenter always had strived for quality programming, it used to cater to a smaller percentage of the population.

"What has really happened is that in reorganizing the structure, making it more efficient and creating better management, the agency as a nonprofit enterprise became more a part of the community," Good said.

Three years ago, the center was having a difficult time staying open, Good said.

"It's been a struggle to keep it open," he said.

But Good said the decision to diversify the center's program was unrelated to the center's difficulties.

The diverse background of the board has contributed to the diversity in programming, he said.

This included having a high-school-age board member to represent teenage interests, Good said.

Good said the center had new art exhibits every six weeks in its gallery. He added that the center had showcased solo artists two to three times a year.

Last year, the center showcased art by children, senior citizens, local artists, photographers and weavers.

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form tax return, they do not have to report any assets under the new guidelines. Morris said the new rules feasibly could allow a family with millions of

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dollars in assets to qualify for aid if it filed a short form.

But a reduction in the amount of Pell Grant money available to undergraduates will offset the expanded loan program. Morris said the government consistently underestimated the cost of providing Pell Grants, resulting in unacceptably large shortfalls.

The combination of more eligible students and smaller parent and student contributions could spell long-term financial disaster for students who do not consider carefully which loans they take out, Morris said. Students will get more total aid, but a higher percentage of that aid will come in loans rather than grants.

"Our hunch is that students will borrow all they can," she said. "But maybe they will surprise us."

While middle-class families will benefit from the relaxed regulations, lower-income families might suffer, Morris said. UNC has a finite amount of institutional grants and scholarships allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

To ensure that those with the most need have the best chance at the University's institutional money, undergraduates will have to complete two separate forms (see sidebar).

The federal government also has in-

stituted a new loan program available to students regardless of need, called the Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. Unlike a regular Stafford Loan in which the government pays the interest while the student is in school, the student must pay the interest.

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Energy

pus community on saving energy. Paul said individuals should call the Physical Plant at 962-0761 with general ideas or to simply let the ECC know if classrooms are too hot.

Gaines emphasized the role of the campus community in helping the University reduce energy waste.

"Any time you use University electricity, you're using up coal, the fossil fuel the power plant runs on," she said. "People need to take individual responsibility to turn off lights that they aren't using."

Campus Calendar

WEDNESDAY

11 a.m. Phi Sigma Pi and Granville will sponsor a Bloodmobile in Great Hall until 4:30 p.m.

NOON: Women's Studies department will sponsor a Housekeepers' Panel to discuss their grievance in Dey Toy Lounge.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority will present "A Rededication to an Unsung Hero: In Commemoration of Dr. George Washington Carver" in the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

12:30 p.m. Ph.D. Public Policy Analysis Curriculum will welcome Professor Catherine Marshall from the school of education to speak on "Qualitative Research Methods and Public Policy Analysis: The Case of Education Policy" in 301 New East.

Office of International Programs-Study Abroad will have a study abroad information session on the Glasgow program in 12 Caldwell.

1 p.m. School of Education will hold a video conference on "The Dream V: A Celebration of Black History" in 008 Gardner.

2 p.m. University Career Services will offer basic information on how to use the UCS office for seniors and graduate students in 209 Hanes.

3 p.m. OIP-SA will have a study abroad information session on England in 12 Caldwell.

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Diabetes Support Group will meet in the health education conference room on the second floor of the Student Health Service.

UCS will offer information on what an internship is all about in 306 Hanes.

UNC Undergraduate Sociology Club will meet

in 425 Hamilton.

5:30 p.m. Newman Center will present "Experiences with AIDS Victims" by Fr. Jones after dinner.

6 p.m. Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee will meet in the Union South Gallery.

Wesley Foundation will have a dinner and worship, "The Life and Work of Jesus."

7 p.m. UNC Prelaw Club will welcome former N.C. Bar President Donna Davis to speak on domestic law in 206 Union.

Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee will have a sleep-out to protest the unequal enforcement of U.N. resolutions in the Middle East concerning Iraq and Israel in the Pit.

UCS will sponsor a presentation by NationsBank in the Carolina Inn C Ballroom.

UCS will sponsor a presentation by Public Financial Management Company in 209 Hanes.

Student Peace Initiative will have a general meeting in 218 Union.

UNC-CH Association of Pagan Students will hold its organizational meeting in 212 Union.

8 p.m. Carolina Fever will meet to distribute Florida State tickets upstairs in Chase.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

COMMUNITY program has applications for volunteer positions at the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center; they are due by Friday.

UCS will have a resume drop for summer marketing/sales and manufacturing internships with Burlington Industries for business, economics and chemistry majors from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday in 211 Hanes.


UNC year-at-sevilla

Summer, 1993. A five week program of upper level courses. A limited number of travel grants are available. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible but no later than March 1.

Academic Year 1993-4. Study grants are available in addition to normal UNC financial aid. Applications must be submitted by March 1.

Spring Semester 1994. Preference will be given to applications submitted by March 1. Other applications will be considered until October 1 depending on the availability of spaces.

For more information and applications, stop by the Year at Sevilla desk, Dey Hall 238 or call 962-0154.



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