

County Commissioners to Discuss Possible New School

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Tonight, the Orange County Board of Commissioners will meet and discuss the possibility of building a new elementary school which would be located between Hillsborough Street and Old Fayetteville Road.

A local parents group, however, opposes the plan. Kim Hoke, spokeswoman for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, said the need for a new school was clear.

At the present time, Chapel Hill and Carrboro schools have an elementary school enrollment of 3,662, with an enrollment capacity of 3,150, Hoke said in a telephone interview Monday.

"We were declining in the early '80s," she said. "We've grown by 2,600 students within a decade. That's phenomenal growth. We are at the point we can't add

on anymore."

One alternative mentioned to the school board would be converting the Lincoln Center in Chapel Hill into an elementary school. Hoke, however, had reservations about this suggestion.

"Lincoln Center is the oldest building within the system," she said. "The center only has 10 acres of property, and the standard is sixteen acres."

"The center will hold only one-half of what the new school will hold. The center can only hold two to three hundred, while the new school will hold 640. Asbestos is also in Lincoln Center."

"It is our intent to work toward opening in the 1996-1997 school year. By that year we are expecting to have 3,931 children, 781 over our current capacity. There is no question we need a new school."

McDougle Middle School was completed just before school started this year.

Putting Children First, a local parents' group, has opposed the proposal. The group

was founded over a year ago to represent parents' interests in regard to the community.

Their opposition to the proposal stems from a study submitted to the school board in 1992 by John Graham and Bill Oppold. Graham and Oppold are members of Tax Watch, a group of citizens who believe taxes have risen too much in recent years. The study examined more economical ways to enlarge present elementary school capacities.

Peter Morcomb, a member of Putting Children First, agreed with the findings. "We all know that they have to build another school, but there are so many alternatives rather than rushing madly into building another school, much less such an expensive school," he said.

The school system originally identified a need in 1990 for a new high school, as well as a middle school and elementary school. After the idea was presented to the county commissioners, the building of a

\$10.6 million elementary school was deferred. Now the plans are complete, and the board is ready to start discussing the issue.

"Basically, we're going to decide whether to approve the go-ahead with the strategy, which in a way is tantamount to approving the financing," said Orange County Commissioner Don Willhoit. He said he supported the plan to build, but said residents deserved to be aware of the proposal.

Orange County Commissioner Stephen Halkiot also favors the proposal for a new school. "The issue seems to revolve around how much we can afford, and that's what we will be looking at," he said. "Sometimes it costs more to go out and renovate an old building than to buy a new building."

Morcomb cited alternatives such as the Lincoln Center plan and said he was unaware of an asbestos problem. "I find it quite surprising that our educators would

want to live in a building with an asbestos problem," Morcomb said.

"It seems to me that the Tax Watch demographic information is more accurate than the school board's (information). Demographic information must be reviewed periodically because whatever prediction you make is probably going to be wrong."

"We think that the middle schools could now handle having fifth through eighth grades, which would greatly alleviate elementary school capacities," Morcomb said. Putting Children First's strongest opposition to the plan to build a new school was the lack of a bond referendum. He said the group opposed the "pay as you go plan." With "pay as you go," owners of new businesses and homes that are built in Orange County must pay a fee that goes directly to a fund for the building of new schools. Morcomb said Putting Children First would prefer to use that money to maintain pre-existing schools.

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ties, national liberal arts colleges, regional colleges and universities, regional liberal arts colleges and specialized institutions.

The regional schools are subdivided into categories of North, South, East and West. The specialized schools are ones that award more than half their degrees in business, engineering or the arts.

USN&WR's "America's Best College Values" is another annual ranking in which UNC figures. Last year, USN&WR editors called UNC one of the best buys for in-state tuition; it was one of only seven schools in the nation that appeared on best buys charts for both sticker price and for price adjusted to include financial aid.

In August, Money magazine's annual "Your Best Buys Now" issue ranked UNC the nation's best value among state schools. The top ranking was based on in-state tuition and fees. UNC's 1994-95 tuition for in-state students is \$874, and in-state student fees are \$606.

Money's best buys issue also lists the University as the 12th best buy overall nationwide and third best in the Southeast.

was elected," he said. "Virtually every observer feels that Aristide would get 75 to 80 percent of the vote if they held elections today."

Evelyn Huber, director of the Institute of Latin American Studies and Morehead Alumni professor of political science at UNC, said she was concerned that the U.S. military intervention would not heal all of Haiti's problems.

"Haiti has never had a truly democratic rule except for Aristide," she said. "Going in and reimposing Aristide is not going to solve the problem," she said. "They must rebuild the infrastructure of democracy... (with) civic associations, labor associations and political parties."

CONGRESS

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Battle said the issue was a moot point. "As far as I'm concerned, the issue is dead," he said. "The bill is law until revised by the Student Supreme Court or by a bill calling for a repeal of this law. Period."

Jordan said that as long as the motion to reconsider was made while quorum was presumed, the bill was not a law.

But in his memo, Conner said "if quorum was lost between the time the Motion to Reconsider was made and the vote was taken in motion, then the vote to reconsider was not in order."

Battle said possible efforts to form a bill

to repeal the law would probably be ineffective. He said he would veto a bill to repeal, which would have to be introduced to the president's desk. The bill to repeal would then be presented to congress, where Battle said it would probably not receive two-thirds of the vote since the Minority Recruitment Bill had received strong support Wednesday.

Jordan said congress members would change their minds when it came time to vote on the bill again. "I think at that point, people will realize what's going on and they will reconsider," he said.

Battle said he wanted to end the debate and to start working on the recruitment project, which is receiving full funding for

the first time in three years. "The minority recruitment program got funding and it's free to spend money until the Student Supreme Court tells me otherwise."

Rep. Jonathan Justice, Dist. 21, said he was petitioning to hold a special meeting next week for the four groups who never found out at Wednesday's meeting whether they would receive funding. The petition must be signed by a majority of congress members, and Justice said Monday that he needed only one more signature.

"While all the ugly debate is going on, these bills are getting passed," Justice said. "The majority of members are voting to pass the bills... It's just hard to soar like an eagle when you're surrounded by turkeys."

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Congress members who had not approved the invasion. A resolution that would have enabled Congress to express its will was introduced last week but was blocked.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., was in opposition to a U.S. invasion and had been working to enable Congress to express its will concerning the situation.

"The President has yet to come up with significant rationale for American interventions," said Joyce Campbell, spokeswoman for Dole.

Clinton had managed to garner support from the Congressional Black Caucus.

A statement from U.S. Rep. Major Owens, D-N.Y., stated that the CBC's official policy on Haiti supported the use of military force. "The strengthening of democracy in Haiti and the establishment of stability and economic development in Haiti based on self-determination is a vital interest of the United States," he said.

Barnes said the last couple of days had been very tense in Washington calling the pressure on Clinton immense. "Obviously it's a stressful period for all involved," Barnes said. "President Aristide remained calm and steady throughout the ordeal."

He said Aristide planned to return democracy to the island as soon as he could. "He had 70 percent of the vote when he

Campus Calendar

TICKETS

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during these last two hours of distribution. Dalal said that the roll call system would be convenient for students during the long hours of waiting and would stop students from cutting in line.

"If a student is getting a ticket for a friend, then the two can alternate standing in line," she said. "This way, one can leave and go get something to eat or just relax while the other person is holding their number in the line."

Rasmussen said the alterations in policy from the previous year involved changing the time at which students could begin to line up for basketball tickets.

"Distribution policy changes were based in response to student opinion and what we heard during the actual campouts," Rasmussen said.

In previous years, students were allowed to begin lining up for basketball tickets in the F West parking lot near the Smith

Center at 5 p.m. But the time has been revised to 6 p.m. for this year.

"Many University and hospital employees who park at the Dean Dome are not able to leave by 5 o'clock," Rasmussen said. "With all of the employees trying to leave and so many students waiting to line up for tickets, it can become very hectic."

"By moving the line-up time back by one hour, students will be able to park there, and there will be a lot less confusion with people coming and going."

CAA officials also said students would not be allowed to line up by parking their cars in line. Students who drive to the Smith Center need to park in the central portion of the F West lot.

Students who have not yet picked up their athletic passes may do so with a valid I.D., beginning today at the Smith Center ticket office.

Those students who registered late for fall classes also should bring a copy of their fall class schedule to receive their athletic pass.

TUESDAY

3 p.m. Study Abroad Information Session will be held for the School for International Training. Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime. Check it out!

3:30 p.m. Introduction to Internships Workshop (Find out what an internship is all about) for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be held in 306 Hanes Hall.

4:00 p.m. Study Abroad Information Session will be held in 12 Caldwell Hall for Paris, France, and Russia. Come and talk to returnees from each program and find out how easy it is to study abroad.

Careers in Banking/Insurance/Finance Panel will be held in 210 Hanes Hall and is sponsored by University Career Services.

4:30 p.m. The Japanese Conversation Table will meet in Lenox.

5 p.m. The Japan Club will watch "Mystery Train" in Union 224.

Mr. UNC Applications are due in the CAA Office (Union Suite A).

5:30 p.m. Israel Night at Cameron's Kosher Cafe — all-you-can-eat dinner for \$3.50 will be held. Information on Israel programs and Israeli dancing will begin at 7:30 p.m. Call 942-4057 for further information.

Anglican Student Fellowship will have a service and dinner in the Episcopal Campus Center at the Chapel of the Cross.

6 p.m. The Society of Professional Journalists will have a business and social meeting in 204 Howell Hall. Dinner on Franklin Street follows.

6:30 p.m. Christian Science Organization will meet in the International Center lobby of the Union.

7 p.m. Campus Y Dinner Discussions Committee will have an interest meeting in the Campus Y lobby.

All interested in voicing views on current issues with other students and faculty are encouraged to attend.

Putting Domestic Violence on the Black Agenda will show excerpts from the movie "What's Love Got To Do With It" in the Union film auditorium. Come share your views.

Women's Issues Committee of Student Government will have its first meeting in 420 Hamilton.

All students interested in working to improve the status of women at UNC are encouraged to attend.

Performing Arts Series Outreach Committee of the Carolina Union Activities Board will meet tonight in Union 208.

7:30 p.m. UNC-AAF (Advertising Club) will hold a general interest meeting in 431 Greenlaw. All majors welcome!

WEDNESDAY

8 a.m. UNC Basketball Ticket Distribution for the Blue/White, Croatia and Athletes-in-Action games will be distributed. Please bring your student

ID and athletic pass. Call the CAA hotline at 962-4CAA for more information.

11 a.m. Enjoy lunch in the Sukkah! N.C. Hillel invites you to meet your friends in our Sukkah for your lunch break until 1 p.m.

Shake the lulav and etrog! Call 942-4057 with any questions.

6 p.m. UNC-American Chemical Society Students Affiliation will hold another general interest meeting for all chemistry majors and other interested students in 224 Venable.

African Students Association will meet in Union 210.

7 p.m. UNC Sailing Club will meet in 304 Woolen Gym. All are welcome.

SEAC will meet in Union 208 to discuss plans for Lenox Action.

7:30 p.m. Kallisti, the UNC student pagan organization, will meet in Union 212 to watch "Incident at Oglala."

"Do Black Women Hate Black Men?" program will be held in the Black Cultural Center. Refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. It's a Mitzvah! Join Hillel's Mitzvah Corps at UNC Hospitals to visit the children. Call 942-4057 to reserve a space.

7 p.m. "Sexism and Sexual Harassment: Making Corrections" talk by Judith Scott will be held in

101 Bingham (across from the Undergraduate Library).

FRIDAY

5 p.m. Join N.C. Hillel as we head to Duke University for a special Shabbat with dinner and a guest speaker. Meet at N.C. Hillel. There will be no services in Chapel Hill. Call 942-4057 for more information.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

"Renewed African Country, Renewed Health System: The Case of Eritrea" lecture will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in 2301 McGavran-Greenberg in the School of Public Health.

Pamela Delargy, a technical assistance manager of the U.S. Agency for International Development, will speak.

Part-Time Employment Opportunities are listed in a notebook in University Career Services in 208 or 211 Hanes Hall.

University Career Services Resource Library will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Carolina Students' Credit Union is now accepting loan and volunteer applications from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Union 103.

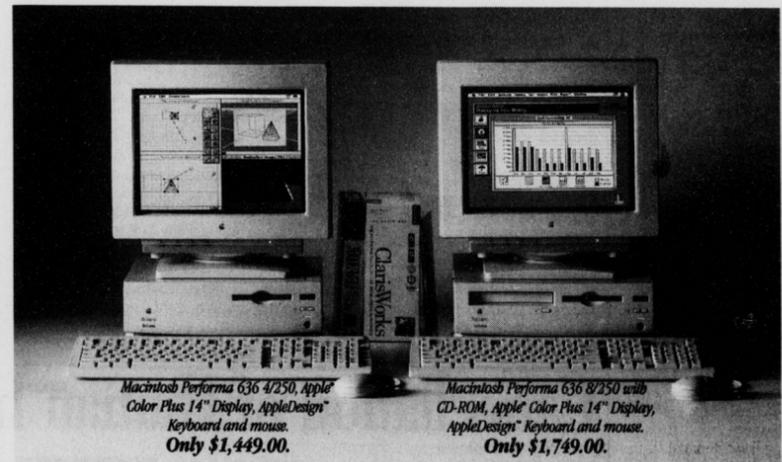
The Center for Student Conflict Management will hold free mediation sessions for students with conflicts from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Monday through Thursday in Parker dorm.

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