

Carrboro Library to Share Space With School

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Seventeen years ago, the tri-county Hyconechee Library system recommended that the town of Carrboro get a public library. May 1, the Carrboro Public Library will finally open at McDougale Middle School.

"I'm so very happy that it's finally a reality," said Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird. "It's been one of my main objectives since I came into office."

Carrboro is the largest town in North Carolina without a public library and is more than twice the size of any other town in the state without a library.

"A public library is a basic service towns should provide to the people," said Gary Giles, treasurer of the Friends of the Carrboro Library, the group responsible for mobilizing efforts to obtain a library in Carrboro. Both Giles and Kinnaird credited past committee chairwoman Barbara Dewey as being the driving force behind the library effort. "Barbara was the catalyst behind the whole thing," Giles said.

Dewey assumed leadership of the Friends of the Carrboro Library in 1990, and since then she has worked toward raising money and awareness. "They are an enthusiastic, hardworking group," Kinnaird said. "They lobbied the Orange County Commissioners, the Carrboro town

government and the school board, they raised money, and they made the town aware through statistical data that we needed a library."

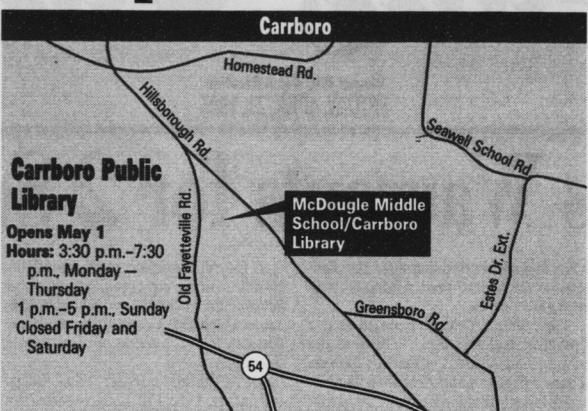
In June 1994, the Orange County Commissioners allocated \$40,000 toward the founding of a Carrboro library. The town of Carrboro gave an additional \$4,000, and the Friends of the Library raised \$2,000 for a total budget of \$46,000, nowhere near enough for a freestanding facility.

"Luckily, the school system was so generous," Dewey said. "They wanted community use of their facilities." The Carrboro Library will be housed in McDougale Middle School on Old Fayetteville Road in Carrboro, a new school that opened in August. "We now have a beautiful new facility, and the school has agreed to take on the payment of utilities," she said.

A joint school and community library is already in use in Wake County at Athens Drive Senior High School, and that situation inspired Carrboro officials to do the same, Giles said.

Initially, the library will not be open to the public during school hours. Instead, it will be open from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Shelley Worman will act as the public librarian, and Melina Brown will continue her duties as librarian of the middle school. Because of limited funds, the Friends group



will staff the position of media assistant on a rotating basis, Dewey said. Kinnaird said the library needed volunteers. "We welcome donations of money or books," she said. Because of the limited supply of books, a temporary limit will be placed on how many books an individual may check out. Once the library's collection grows, this limit will be lifted. The collection of the library will consist of the existing middle school collection and a number of more adult books, refer-

Meeting Brings Up Library Growth, Transit Concerns

BY LAURA GODWIN
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The Chapel Hill Public Library board of trustees and the Transportation Board made presentations to the Town Council Thursday night about the year's progress. For the library board, it was a chance to brag about recent success, and for the Transportation Board, it was a chance to suggest ways to improve relations with the council.

The presentations took place at a work session for several town boards and commissions. Clifton Metcalf, member of the board of trustees, said the group had come to the Town Council to inform it of the tremendous progress the new library had made. "Circulation is up 40 percent since the last quarter," Metcalf said. Town Council member Joe Capowski said he agreed that the library system had been a success. "This is up there with the bus system in terms of success," he said.



Chapel Hill Mayor **KEN BROWN** said the county probably would not give funding to the library.

According to statistics Metcalf provided for the council, library usage has risen 44 percent in the last 10 months and one-third of the library's 110,000 books are in circulation at all times. As a result of the dramatic increase in usage, Metcalf said, the library's budget is woefully inadequate, and this could hurt the library's future ability to buy new books.

"It (the book collection) is the heart of the library," he said. "Unless we continue to strengthen it, like your own muscle, it will atrophy."

Metcalf said the trustees had looked into several options for saving money al-

though they were not in agreement yet as to how to reduce library costs. One option being discussed is the discontinuation of the Bookmobile or possibly selling it to Orange County.

"We know where the problem is right now, and it's not getting better," he said. "Where is the balance of service and the continuation of service? We need to find it before we start eliminating."

Other options the board has looked into are the possibilities of asking the Orange County Commissioners for money or forming an endowment fund from gifts to the library. Mayor Ken Brown advised the board to pursue the endowment fund. "I would encourage you to come back with a specific proposal for an endowment."

Town Council member Pat Evans said the board should ask the county commissioners for more funding. "I think it always serves well for citizens and voters to go before the county commissioners."

The Transportation Board also addressed the Town Council on Thursday night. Board member Richard Franck spoke to the council concerning possible recommendations to improve the relationship between the council and the board.

In the past year, the Transportation Board has objected to many of the Town Council's recommendations, including the new high school on Weaver Dairy Road and the controversial Lowe's hardware store, because of what it believes is a lack of proper transportation planning for the sites.

In an effort to avoid traffic problems with new developments, developers are now required to submit a Transportation Management Plan as part of the approval process for a Special Use Permit. TMPs are approved by the town manager, and the Transportation Board is concerned that the manager has no guidelines for making his decisions.

Franck said the town manager should be given specific guidelines for approving TMPs.

Public Health Leader Shares Problems Facing Field

American Public Health Association Director Urges Awareness of Profession

BY STEPHEN LEE
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Raising awareness about the public health profession and the many benefits it offers to people is vitally important, Fernando Trevino, executive director of the American Public Health Association, said Thursday morning at the UNC School of Public Health.

Trevino delivered The Fred T. Foard Jr. Memorial Lecture entitled "The New Public Health Challenge: Gaining Visibility and Recognition." The lecture was part of the School of Public Health's annual alumni conference's day-long events.

Trevino said the biggest challenge facing public health was a lack of knowledge about the profession.

"The challenges as I see it are not diseases," he said. "No one knows what public health is. They don't know how well we do our job."

Trevino said that over the years the public health field has played a large part in increasing the life span of Americans from

45 years of age in 1900 to 75 years in 1995. Without public health the average life expectancy today would be 50 years, he said.

He said some other improvements that go largely unnoticed were improved sanitation and nutrition, as well as the control of infectious diseases.

Trevino said people entered this profession not because of money or power but a desire to help others.

"Our best resource of all in public health is our integrity," he said. "Public health truly makes the world a better place and will do so for generations to come."

Trevino said it was necessary for those in the public health profession to become actively involved in fighting threats by the government to cut funding of public health programs.

"You need to call, write or visit your local officials," he said. "We must set aside some time to educate our policy makers about public health. The public health infrastructure is under attack. Cuts in funding are being proposed. Let Congress know there is a strong reason for public health."

"We have to broaden the population that understands public health," he said. "Each of us can actively spread the word about public health. We bring relevance and importance to daily life. I assure you, you can make a difference."

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Trevino stressed the need for students studying public health to be informed of the issues affecting them.

"Current students need strategies to handle the ability of challenges," he said. "The battle for national health care is an ongoing struggle. Students need to be informed of the ongoing health care debates."

Trevino said there needed to be a strong relation between the medical field and public health, and identifying areas of commonality would help to advance agendas.

"We need new coalitions and paradigms to help address the the issues before us," he said.

The different fields of public health such as epidemiology, biostatistics and nutri-

tion, however, contribute to the fragmentation.

"Different disciplines in public health causes difficulty in advancing agendas," he said.

Too many qualified students, especially minorities, go into other fields because they are unaware of the public health profession, Trevino said.

"They're not educating a representative group of students," he said. "None of us when growing up said we wanted to go into public health. We all got into this by accident. We found out about it somehow."

A question was raised as to what prevents public health professionals from getting actively involved in the political process. Trevino placed the blame on the professionals themselves. "The reluctance is largely our own," he said. "We academicians think it goes against our scientific training as participant observers. I think we are the only ones stopping us."

Trevino began his career as a child welfare worker and has held teaching and administrative positions at the University of Texas and Southwest Texas University.

Michel Ibrahim, dean of the School of Public Health, said Trevino had helped improve the health services offered in Hispanic and Latino communities.

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consult those it would affect the most. The votes backed up the administration when it presented its case to the board of trustees.

Some students said student government didn't accurately represent the campus, citing an Old Gold and Black survey that found that nearly 65 percent of students were opposed to the plan. Hans said faculty had been bullied into supporting the measure. He described the process as, "If you expect to get anything out of the university for the next seven years, you better vote for the computers."

One opponent said that he wasn't against the idea of computers but that he was against the inequities of the tuition raise. "The benefits aren't universal," said Sam McGee, who has served in Wake's student government for four years. "A philosophy major won't get as much use out of massive information retrieval as a physics major."

McGee also said he feared Wake's transformation from a liberal arts institution, where students presumably learn for learning's sake, to a vocational school.

School officials stood by the plan as a vehicle to remain competitive. They hail the creation of 325 new scholarships and the freshman seminars, which are intended to develop analytical thinking in an intimate classroom setting. More professors will shrink the student-to-faculty ratio in

all classes from 13-1 to about 11.5-1.

John Medlin, chairman of Wake's board of trustees, said many students who were opposed to the plan were simply uninformed. He said any notion that plans had been rushed was ludicrous because a task force of faculty, staff and students had spent two years developing the initiative.

"I'm not aware of any other major university who will have such a program," he said. "A Wake education will be worth more than it is today. In the year 2000, students who graduated under this program will be glad they have it. In my view, it's worth the risks."

Medlin also stressed that Wake would still be open to students of all economic class levels. Once a person gets accepted, he or she will be provided with whatever financial assistance is needed, he said.

Steve Bumgarner, whose term as student body president ended two weeks ago, also supports the plan. "We're going to get a lot out of that increase in tuition. It will give Wake Forest the edge in technology."

Paul Jones, a systems programmer at UNC's Office of Information Technology, said that he was in favor of distributing laptops here but that it was highly unlikely.

He thinks Wake's program can work because, with only 3,550 undergraduates, the school is much smaller than UNC.

But he said it should have shopped around to find a better deal. "Three thousand dollars is serious buckaroos."

Campus Calendar

FRIDAY

11 a.m. Earth Day: Free the Planet Rally will be held in the Pit.

NOON Earth Day Celebration, featuring speakers: Pete Saundry from Carolina National Institute for the Environment, John Runkle from the League of Conservation Voters, musician Mike Garrigan and others, will be held in McCorkle Place.

3 p.m. "Producing Networked Scholarship" will be presented by John Unsworth of the University of Virginia in the second-floor meeting room of Davis Library.

7 p.m. Vietnamese Student Association Senior Potluck Dinner will be held at Cobb Residence Hall lounge. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome.

8 p.m. "Music of the Renaissance and Baroque for Voices and Instruments" will be held in Person Recital Hall. Sponsored by Collegium Musicum.

SATURDAY

8 a.m. Fourth Annual Kenan-Flagler Charity Biatlthon and 5K Run will begin at the Friday Center. Preregister in the Pit, or call 962-0557, extension 4.

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9:30 a.m. "New Notes from Underground: Readings of Sexuality in Russian Culture" will be presented in Union 208 until 5 p.m.

3 p.m. "The Versatile Trombonist," a recital by Keith Jackson of the music department, will be held in Hill Hall auditorium.

4 p.m. Public Studio Honors Exhibition Opening Reception will be held until 6 p.m. in the Hanes Art Center gallery for the exhibition there.

8 p.m. UNC Modernextension spring performance will be held in Memorial Hall. Tickets are available in the Union or at the door.

For the Record

The band Alaska will not be performing at the Triangle Music Fest, as printed in Thursday's Diversions.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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