

Head Start celebrates new Carr Court facility

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An atmosphere of hope hung over Carr Court Wednesday as children and school officials gathered for the opening of a new Head Start facility in the Carrboro neighborhood.

Head Start is a federally funded preschool program for 3- to 5-year-olds at or below the poverty line and for children with special needs from any income level. About 30 of the approximately 50 enrolled youngsters assembled outside the

modular building on Hargraves Road and sang "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider" to kick off the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Patsy Byrd, director of Head Start for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, said she hoped the day care center would help rejuvenate Carr Court, a neighborhood that makes headlines more often for drug-related arrests and violence than for singing preschoolers.

"I'm not saying we're gonna drive the druggies out," she said, "but maybe they'll consider not doing business like that around something that's our future."

Mary Norwood Jones said 120 children were enrolled in Head Start schools in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

There are four other Head Start locations, Byrd said: one each at Seawell and Glenwood elementary schools, one in Lincoln Center and one in Second Baptist Church on South Graham Street.

The newest Head Start ended up in Carr Court because the town donated land for the new building. Even with donated land, Byrd said, Head Start's budget was too small to afford the three-classroom building without raising funds.

Around 15 children are on a waiting list to get into the program, Byrd said. Head Start officials have also realized the "community room" is too small, and are raising funds to cover the back patio.

The building needs a playground, which is being designed slowly because of new playground safety regulations.

Jones urged support of Head Start in a speech at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "If we can come this far we can do even more for a wonderful program like Head Start," she said. "When we help our children we help ourselves."

New developments irk crowded schools

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Current overcrowding of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools may worsen thanks to the construction of new housing developments.

New construction north of Carrboro has the potential to cause a surge in school population in those areas, Carrboro Zoning Administrator Keith Lankford said. Most of the construction is in the "northern transitional area" — the region near McDougle Middle and McDougle Elementary schools.

At least three schools are suffering from overcrowding. These include Ephesus Elementary, McDougle Elementary and McDougle Middle School. With the potential for more children to pour into the school system, school system Superintendent Neil Pedersen said attendance zones and boundaries would be looked at to see if enrollment can be more "equitably distributed."

Pedersen said redistricting of the school system might be necessary in the near future to take pressure off the areas around McDougle Elementary and McDougle Middle School. However, Pedersen said no new school assignments would be made until next year.

All of the schools were affected by the last redistricting, effective this year to fill recently-built East Chapel Hill High School and McDougle Elementary.

Pedersen said if redistricting occurred, students who had already had to change schools once will be avoided.

Lankford said several planned developments north of town might possibly contribute to overcrowding. The Sunset Creek development near Old Fayetteville Road and 438-unit Hogan Farms development near Homestead Road could have significant long-term effects on the population of local schools. Together, they will add hundreds of children to the system.

Elementary schools experience the most overcrowding, Pedersen said. He said McDougle Middle School had 760 students, just over its holding capacity, and McDougle Elementary is 40 students over capacity.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education Chairman Mark Royster said he was concerned about the overall effects of overcrowding. "I am concerned that we are constantly faced with overcrowding, and I certainly do not see any elimination of it without the addition of a new elementary school, a new wing to the high school and a new middle school."

Royster said he saw no overcrowding relief in sight without undertaking the three building projects.

Pedersen said overcrowding was not a pressing issue at this point. "We are definitely not in a crisis situation." He said no plans had been made for new school construction for at least three years.

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admissions and financial aid, register for classes, communicate with faculty and fellow students and earn academic course credit.

Judith Wegner, dean of the School of Law, and Barbara Moran, dean of the School of Information and Library Science, are developing the framework for pilot units that could link with IBM Global Campus.

"We're in the very preliminary stages

of planning," Moran said. "We're looking for a way to involve information technology in all classrooms here. It's a very exciting project."

Moran said she and Wegner would meet with IBM representatives Tuesday. More than 30 colleges and universities

are participating in the IBM Global Campus project, including Wake Forest University, Boston College, the University of Nebraska and all 23 campuses in the California university system. Universities in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico and Venezuela were also chosen.

Campus Calendar

Thursday

8 a.m. to 9 a.m. - The Intramural and Recreational Sports Office will present Rise and Shine Aerobics in studios A & B at the SRC. There will be juice and bagels served following the session.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - University Career Services will conduct "Carolina Career Day" for seniors and graduate students in the Great Hall. Business attire is recommended.

4:30 p.m. - Pauline Kuzwayo, an associate professor in the Department of Human Nutrition at Medunsa, will discuss malnutrition among women and children in South Africa at the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

5 p.m. - The Out-of-State Students Association will hold a meeting in Union 224. All welcome.

5:45 p.m. - The Baptist Student Union will hold its worship and prayer service at the Battle House. All denominations are welcome. Call 942-4266 for more information.

6:30 p.m., 9 p.m. - The Carolina Union Activities Board Film Committee will present "Fargo" in the Carolina Union Auditorium. Admission is \$2. The CUAB-Film Committee will also present "Primal Fear," starring Richard Gere, at 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11 in the Carolina Union Auditorium. Admission will be \$2.

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - The Office of N.C. Fellows and Leadership Development will present "Take the Lead, Be Assertive" featuring Carol Binzer, the director of Student Services and the School of Nursing, in Toy Lounge on the fourth floor of Dey Hall.

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Sangam will have a freshman bowling night in the ground floor of the Student Union. Call 914-3603 for further information.

7 p.m. - The UNC Young Republicans will meet in 209 Manning Hall. There will be a guest speaker, and all members must attend.

7 p.m. - The Hellenic Students Association will hold a Greek-Orthodox Christian meeting in 220 Phillips Hall. Contact Nelia at 914-2322 for more information.

7 p.m. - The UNC Outing Club will meet in 109 Fetzter Gymnasium. The Outing Club goes rock climbing, hiking, camping, white water rafting and even sky diving, and you can too! All welcome.

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. - The Cafe Cabaret will present Kyle Hamlin with Catherine Renaud and Mike Olsen. Free coffee and snacks provided.

8 p.m. - The Department of Music will present a UNC Symphony Orchestra Concert featuring conductor Tonu Kalam.

8 p.m. - Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the Carolina Child Abuse Prevention Program's meeting in Union 213. The meeting will feature a guest speaker discussing child abuse.

Items of Interest

The Public Policy Analysis Majors Union will present the distinguished policy lecturer, professor Peter Brown from the School of Public Affairs at the University of Maryland, who will present a lecture titled "Why We Must Chart a Course to a New Economics" from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday in 102 New East.

Experience Toastmasters! Every first, third, and fifth Tuesday of the month at noon in G7 Burnett-Womack Building. Call 967-0446 for more information.

Interested in adding Korean and Vietnamese classes to the curriculum? Then show your support and let the University know of the need for these classes here. More details and a petition of support are available beside the Union desk.

Carolina Club Track and Field has practice Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m. on the track. Everyone is welcome! For more information call Nicole at 929-1345.

The Health Sciences House now has 3 openings for female residents on the second floor of Carmichael Residence Hall. Please pick up applications at the Carmichael Desk. Applications are due by Friday in 225 Carmichael by 5 p.m. For more information call Mike Lond at 914-3006.

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Financial strains of deferred rush could close fraternities

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
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Fraternities and sororities may be doomed to repeat a history of problems with deferred rush, members of the Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs said at a Wednesday meeting.

Fraternities experienced a financial blow when UNC delayed rush until January between about 1962 and 1974, Dean of Students Fred Schroeder said in a report to the committee.

Because organizations graduated members and could not replace them until the next spring, they had problems paying bills, he said.

"The organizations felt the financial burden not being able to pay their mortgage, et cetera."

Committee member Harold Brubaker, who is studying the financial implications, said delaying rush until the spring could cause some fraternities to close.

"I think the ultimate result is you're going to lose some of the fraternities out of the system," Brubaker said.

Although Brubaker had not finished his committee's study, he said the typical fraternity, which pledged 11 members, would lose about \$22,000 each year.

Fixed costs, such as paying for a cook and electricity bills, would remain the same while the fraternities would have fewer members, Brubaker said.

The earlier deferred rush also caused problems because of the University policy of "strict silence." Fraternity members could not speak to freshmen in order to keep them out of the rush process.

"That meant if you were in a class (with a freshman) you could not have an academic conversation with someone else," Schroeder said.

Chancellor Michael Hooker will consider the committee's report in deciding whether to move rush to improve the campus' intellectual climate.

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