

Law school expands to catch competition

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BY SHARIF DURHAMS
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Although UNC's School of Law must suffer through the growing pains of renovation this year, administrators hope the new annex will give the school new life.

The school celebrated the "topping off" of the steel superstructure for a major addition with an ice cream party Thursday.

The ceremony came a year before the school hopes to open its new wing and makes renovations to its old offices.

"We fervently hope that the addition itself will be completed by the end of this academic year," Judith Wegner, dean of the law school, wrote an open letter to law school students.

The school will renovate the older part of its building next fall.

The law school has attracted students, especially North Carolinians, for years for offering national prominence at a low cost.

But the quality of the building, like the school's rankings, has slipped in recent years.

Kimberly Reed, the law school's director of career services and placement, said the annex would put the school's facilities back on par with its competition.

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The new wing will have offices for administrators and faculty, and give students needed space for lounges and commons rooms.

"The new building will give us room for the students we already have," Reed said.

"It will allow us to spread out."

The school will also have a new entrance with a rotunda, giving it a more "professional and modern" appearance, Reed said.

She said some of the old administrative offices will turn into interview rooms for recruiters.

"That, I think, is going to make a big difference just to the impression of the alumni and professionals when they visit the law school," Reed said.

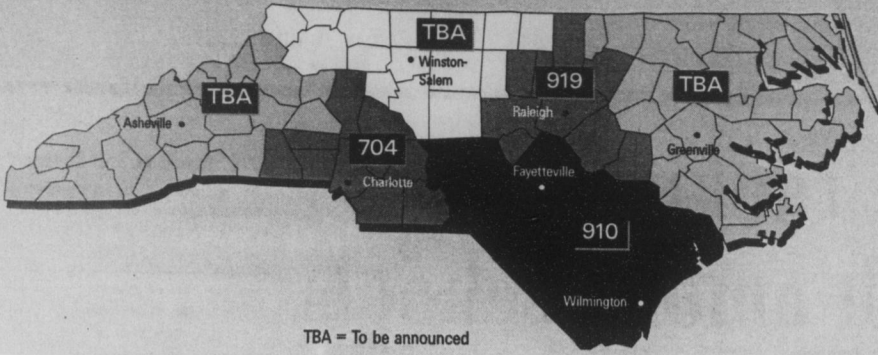
Katherine Kraft, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, said life will become much easier for law school students when construction ends.

"It will give (students) an opportunity again to focus strictly on their studies," she said.

"It will take a lot of the stress off students, and I'm sure faculty as well."

Solving Ma Bell's ill communication

N.C. Utilities Commission announced its plans to establish three new area codes in North Carolina. The new codes will go into effect next year. Regions affected by the three new area codes should receive information concerning the numbers in four to six weeks. The need for extra phone lines stems from an increase in cellular phones, pagers, fax machines and modems, which require additional numbers.



SOURCE: N.C. UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Area codes might not solve problems

BY WHITNEY MOORE
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Three new area codes might not be enough if North Carolina's economy continues to grow, state officials said Thursday.

They pointed to the recent widespread trend of several phone lines per person as a key contributor to the rapidly dwindling supply of numbers.

On Wednesday, the state Utilities Commission announced that North Carolina will be divided into six area codes starting next year. "There's been an unexpected increase in the number of phone lines people use," said Utilities Commission Chairwoman Jo Ann Sanford. "People have lines at home and at work, plus fax machines at both and a cellular phone in the car."

"Even the swipe cards at ATM machines and at the grocery store have to run off a telephone line," she said. She said North Carolina's supply of numbers under three area codes presently used could run out in 1998 at about the same time. "It's a phenomenon nationwide," she said. "We have to have new area codes."

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The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Campus calendar

Items of Interest

The Big Buddy Program will hold interest meetings Wednesday at 2 p.m. and Thursday at noon in Union 205 and Union 206.

Conversation partner applications are available at the International Center. If you would like to befriend a new international student by volunteering to converse for one hour a week, one-to-one at a mutually convenient time and place, apply at the International Center or call 962-5661.

Sophomores may apply to be in the Honors Program. Applications are available from the Honors Office on the bookcase outside of 300 Steele Building.

The deadline for applications is Sept. 15 at 4 p.m.

The Ackland Art Museum will present an experiential art workshop for adults Monday

from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The workshop, titled "Honoring Ourselves and Our Circles," will feature guided meditation, discussion, artmaking, and creative writing.

Psychiatrist Don Falk and Ackland Curator of Education Ray Williams will lead a session on the museum's current exhibition, "Circles of Divinity: Cross-Cultural Connections."

Registration cost is \$40, and sign-up by calling 962-3343.

The Muslim Student Association invites new and returning students to our Welcome Back party Saturday at Odum Village Recreation Center at 6 p.m.

Dinner will be served. Students without cars should meet at the Student Union Parking Circle at 5:45 p.m. Call 929-0267 for

more information.

For the record

In the caption of the photo that ran Aug. 21 with the story "Workers claim UNC downsizing," the UNC graduate should have been identified as Jennifer Stoloff.

Also the caption of the photo that ran Aug. 21 with the story "CHHS begins school year with new attitude," should have stated that Carlotta Armstrong is interim principal of Chapel Hill High School.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The different welfare reform bills of the House and Senate resulted in the current stalemate in budget negotiations.

"They're differing over the number of counties that will be allowed to make plans to have independent welfare programs," Lee said.

The Senate wanted only nine pilot counties to have their own programs, while the House proposed the idea for all 100 counties, he said.

"The Senate's backing the governor's work first program, while the House wanted to allow counties to experiment," said Rep. William Ives, R-Transylvania.

Easterling said the budget extended the legislative session several times before, although never so far into August as this year.

"It doesn't bother me if we cannot finish in a certain time and have to extend the time," she said.

"We hope to go home by July 30 every year but it's important to discuss everything thoroughly."

Easterling said she expected to see a final budget finished Saturday and passed early next week.

"There is a possibility with all the other problems settled, that this will be the last continuation and we can get out by the 29th," she said.

"It takes a long time for democracy, and it's a slow process but still the best one."

BCC plans programs, fund-raisers

■ Volunteers hope to raise funds for and awareness about the BCC's mission.

BY MONIKA ELLIS
STAFF WRITER

With new volunteers and a re-engaged fund-raising campaign, workers at the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center have proclaimed this year as the "Year of the BCC."

"The mission is to increase campus awareness, to continue presenting intellectually stimulating programs and to accelerate fundraising," BCC Director Gerald Horne said.

The BCC currently has \$3.3 million of the \$7.5 million needed to begin construction on a free-standing center.

The BCC has hired two prominent fund-raisers: Sally Brown, president of Marin Properties, and alumnus Brad Daugherty, a former UNC basketball player.

Horne said he was excited about working with the new volunteers, calling them "blue-chip individuals."

Marjorie Crowell, director of the UNC Development Office, said Brown has targeted the local community and former UNC football players as potential donors.

Daugherty said his fund-raising ideas include having public service announcements and holding golf tournaments.

Ange-Marie Hancock, BCC program coordinator and publicist, said, "We would like to have a BCC started by the year 2000."

Hancock said she believed that misconceptions about the BCC's purpose have slowed fund-raising efforts.

"You definitely don't have to be black to get involved with the BCC," she said.

Horne said, "Few people feel that only French people are allowed to partake of the French department, but too many feel that only those of African descent can partake of the BCC."

BCC Awareness Week, which will officially kick off the "Year of the BCC," starts Monday. Programs will include an artifacts and books show, a presentation of the film "When We Were Kings" and a black graduate-student reception.

Horne said the BCC will present a wide array of intellectually stimulating programs throughout the year.

COORDINATORS

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"Our biggest obstacle this year was when our assistant director quit," said senior Queen from Welcome. "We had a lot more work, but we got through by staying organized and always checking up on each other."

Okerblom said they worked well with all members of C-TOPS. "Being an OLC is a unique experience in which you have 18 strong people, and there you are trying to lead them," she said.

Though the months of work were often hectic, Queen attributed C-TOPS' success to her strong working and personal bonds with the coordinators.

"The three of us are very good friends, and we work well together. We are all dependable and never had to take up each other's slack," Queen said. "And even after working together, we can still hang out and have fun."

Daphne Marshall, a freshman from Clemmons, said she could tell much hard work went into C-TOPS.

"The leaders were really prepared," she said. "They presented the information they needed to and were very helpful. They made the program as fun as possible."

Now that the summer programs are completed, the women are working on evaluation reports that will assist the next group of coordinators.

"They will tell us about their experience, how it can be done better and what they liked," said Orientation Office Assistant Delores Stephens.

As their work comes to an end, the coordinators agreed that Fall Fest was a perfect close to their experience. The group helped to plan the drug- and alcohol-free party.

"We had a vision and bringing that to reality was great," Britt said.

Okerblom added that it was more successful than any of the coordinators had imagined.

"It was such a big event, and everyone helped," Okerblom said. "Just standing there on stage and watching everyone having such a great time and being safe, it was a wonderful moment."

It was a moment Britt said she would never forget. "I wanted to thank God and the director for the opportunity to give back to the University," Britt said.

In addition to the immediate benefits of being an OLC, Queen said she knows the experience will continue to influence her life.

"When a parent comes up to you when it's over, and you're tired and frustrated and they thank you, and then when (freshmen) recognize us," Queen said. "Then you know you've made a difference and accomplished your goals. If I could stay I definitely would."

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