

Volunteers line up to join campus big buddies program

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STAFF WRITER

Nearly 200 students are competing for what they consider a high honor — approval by an elementary school student.

The University's Big Buddy program has grown from 15 pairs of buddies to 210 since its start in 1971.

Teji Singh, a senior from Asheboro who participated in the program last year, said he was excited about plans already in place.

"We have a lot of great programs for the year, like a trip to the zoo, a trip to the Museum of Life and Science and big buddy-little buddy days in the park."

Counselors in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, select students they think will benefit most as little buddies.

Big buddies must spend two hours each week with their little buddies, but spending more time is encouraged.

Buddy groups can also participate in their own activities together, Singh said.

"Me and my little buddy like to go to the movies or just shoot hoops at my fra-

ternity house."

Big buddies already in the program are automatically referred the next year, said Deanna Gerard, a senior from Washington, N.C.

There are usually between 50 and 60 returning big buddies and only 210 spaces, she said.

Singh, a group leader in the program, will give advice to other volunteers.

"I am excited about the enthusiasm of people involved in the program," Singh said.

"Hopefully, as a group leader I will be

able to help their excitement carry on throughout the semester."

New big buddies will go through an introductory program to familiarize them with the program.

Tiernan Mennen, a senior from Buffalo, N.Y., and co-chairman of the Big Buddy Committee, said the committee has made some changes to the introductory program.

"... We're doing a more extensive training program," he said. "This year we're having both an orientation and a training workshop."

New program has students seeing stars

BY JIM VINSON
STAFF WRITER

Satellite pictures of Earth's weather patterns are being aimed directly at Guy B. Phillips Middle School.

At Phillips, new receiving equipment was installed to process two different satellite signals and translate the signals into pictures for students to study.

"We get the same images that are shown on TV, but we can get what we want," said Barbara Pedersen, the seventh-grade science teacher in charge of the satellite technology program.

The middle school receives visible

and infrared signals from geostationary and polar satellites, and with this technology the students are even able to predict the height of clouds, Pedersen said.

The geostationary satellites match the Earth's rotation speed to achieve a stationary position above the equator. They then send signals to a satellite dish on the roof of Phillips, where an interface box translates the signals into pictures, Pedersen said.

She said the polar satellites, which shift longitudinally around the planet as they rotate around the poles, are received by a two meter antenna and also flow into an interface box to convert signals into images.

"We're the only North Carolina program," Pedersen said. "The program has been successful in New York, and

it's moving on into Pennsylvania.

"Funding comes from the National Science Foundation," she said. "They supplied the program's first grant, as far as I know. Rhone-Poulenc Ag Co., in the Research Triangle Park, provided the funds for the hardware and for my education in the program."

Bob Larson, manager of communication at Rhone-Poulenc said the corporation donated around \$5,000 for the project.

Phillips Principal Alton Cheek was not available to comment on the new program.

"All students are going to be involved in the project," Pedersen said. "We've been following the hurricanes," she said. "We're becoming familiar with weather symbols used in newspapers."

BOOM

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terday afternoon, Powell said.

"We can determine what kind of energy that it was with further tests," she said.

Powell said it is hard to tell whether it was a small earthquake or just a building collapsing, but it was definitely one of the two.

"We can't be positive because we don't have all of the data yet," she said.

Scientists in Colorado said the unusual activity at the University Lake station, where a seismograph transmitting data to Colorado is located, excited them. "It appears to be an isolated event," said Waverly Person, a geophysicist in Golden, Colo. "We see no seismic activity."

Person helps to monitor more than 200 stations that transfer data to Golden Colo., by satellite.

Chapel Hill Police Department Spokeswoman Jane Cousins said officers had no new information about the loud boom or what caused it.

Several students, who felt the boom from Granville Towers to the Student Union, said the phenomenon still mystified them.

But some students remain skeptical about the shaking and the rumors that have stemmed from it.

"I think that the whole thing could be a farce," said Toni Esposito, a senior from Raleigh. "I was sitting in my house on Franklin Street and I didn't hear a thing," she said.

John Stokes, UNC Hospitals marketing director and spokesman, said he heard the boom, but that it was in no way related to the hospital construction.

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and Asheville called the Brevard Fault." "The good news is that they are all dead. They have been inactive for millions of years," she said.

One local fault runs directly beneath the Triangle. It falls under Raleigh-Durham International Airport, The Angus Barn Ltd. restaurant in Raleigh and N.C. State University's geology department.

UNC's geology department and the N.C. Geology Survey Center actively investigate the faults.

"We are in the process of preparing an earthquake map of North Carolina," said Jeffrey Reid, chief of the Geology Survey Center.

Scientists measure seismic activity, a release of energy stored in the earth's crust, with highly technological tools.

"In our vault we have sophisticated instruments that register motion horizontally and vertically," Powell said.

"Out in the field we have seismic drums and portable seismometers that we bury," she said.

"We leave it alone and come back to check on it daily."

The U.S. Geological Survey National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo., also participates in North Carolina's research.

Waverly Person, a geo-physicist with the Center, said they monitored activity like the activity Tuesday all over the world.

He said the boom UNC students felt was not related to an earthquake.

Person said, "If you have an epicenter, a place where the earthquake occurred, on campus, it would have been felt in surrounding areas."

Campus calendar

Thursday

3 p.m. — Clyde Edgerton will read from his new novel, "Where Trouble Sleeps," in the Bull's Head Bookshop.

5 p.m. — University Career Services will sponsor a résumé writing workshop in 209 Hanes Hall. The program is open to all interested students.

5 p.m. — There will be an important Korean American Students Association organizational meeting in Union 210. All old and new members are invited to attend.

6 p.m. — The Greek Women's Issues Group will hold their kickoff meeting in the upstairs Student Union lounge.

7 p.m. — The Japanese Animation Club will be holding its first organizational meeting in the Carolina Union Gallery.

7 p.m. — Phi Sigma Pi national honor fraternity, a co-ed fraternity for social, service-minded scholastics, will be holding a "Meet Night" in 106 Gardner Hall. All students with a grade point average of at least 3.2 are invited to attend.

Items of Interest

Applications are now being accepted to fill three positions on the 1997-98 Yackety Yack Board of Directors. Stop by Suite 106 in the Student Union between noon and 4 p.m. Applications are due by 3 p.m. Friday.

Carolina Club Track and Field practices Monday-Thursday at 5 p.m. at the Belk Track. For more information call 914-2244.


For the record

In the Sept. 17 article, "Residents discuss expanded water supply," should have stated that OWASA owns the land where the quarry will be built and that OWASA and the American Stone Co. are seeking an amendment to change zoning regulations that will allow the company to extend the quarry onto the OWASA property.

Also, in the article "Schools adopt new methods to fight drugs," the statement, "drug-sniffing dogs have already searched Orange High School twice this school year" should not have been attributed to Peter Kramer, adolescent substance abuse counselor with the Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health Center. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

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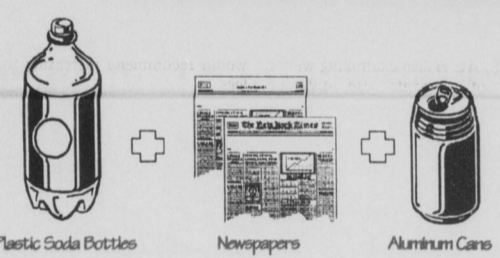


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