

Patients to benefit from Sunshine Run

■ The first-ever Sunshine Run honored 4-year-old Darien Brown's memory.

BY BETH HATCHER
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N.C. Children's Hospital held the first-ever Sunshine Run on Sunday to brighten the lives of its pediatric patients and their families.

Runners of all ages lined South Road on Sunday at the start of a race that wound its way through Chapel Hill in search of a lot more than a finish-line.

Heather Crouse, who works in the patient relations at UNC Hospitals, came up with the idea for the race.

"I've been running all my life," she said. "This race combines all my passions — running, kids and medicine."

The Sunshine Run included a 5K race and Darien's Dash, a 1-mile fun-run for children.

The race will benefit a fund set up to honor the memory of 4-year-old Darien Brown, a patient of the hospital who died in 1997 from a rare brain tumor.

After his death, his parents wanted to start a fund to help other pediatric patients and their families.

Lou Asmuth had the fastest time in the women's 55-59 age group: 28-minutes, 15 seconds.

"I enjoyed running the race and being out in the fresh air," Asmuth said.

Julie Neilson of Chapel Hill was the top female winner of the 5K run. She finished with a time of 19:33. Mark Andrews, also of Chapel Hill, was the top male winner with a time of 14:29.

Twenty-five children competed in the fun-run, and around 350 people competed in the 5K race, Crouse said.

"I'm in my pediatric clinical rotation at the moment," said Maria Javelona, a senior nursing major from Charlotte. "This is a good way to volunteer for the hospital and help children."

Dave Edwards, a graduate student in the Department of Statistics, said, "Running some races keeps me in shape and keeps my mind off statistics. This beats drinking beer and watching football."

The awards ceremony was held on Fetzer Field. Runners listened to the music of the band Last One Standing



Runners wheel their children toward the finish line Sunday at the Sunshine Run at Fetzer Field. The 5K run/walk was sponsored by N.C. Children's Hospital at UNC Hospitals.

and sample food donated by Subway, Papa John's Pizza and McDonald's. Crouse said the run would become an annual event and that although it was successful this year, its future looked bright.

Leaders react to options for new landfill

■ County officials said there were three primary issues still needing work.

BY SHELLEY LEVINE
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Local officials said they were not alarmed when Orange County Commissioners discussed new options for the Orange County Regional Landfill just one month before the arbitrary deadline.

At a brainstorming session Thursday night, the commissioners mentioned options, such as appointing an advisory committee to manage the landfill. They also suggested the county take responsibility for the new landfill or ask Carrboro or Hillsborough to operate it.

Dec. 1 is a flexible arbitrary deadline for the groups to come to a joint decision regarding the solid waste management reorganization plan. Carrboro Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said she was confident there would be a solution at least before Valentine's Day. She said it was fine that members of the county met to discuss options. "There's always a point where it seems like it will never work out, but then it all falls together," Gist said. "We're in crisis mode, and as things come to a head we'll reach a solution as a community."

Orange County Board of Commissioners Chairman Bill Crowther said the board met because there were three issues between the governments that were unlikely to be resolved before the deadline.

The issues are the selection of a future waste management site and the approval of the 14 community benefits. The governments must also decide the future of Greene Track, a parcel of land owned by Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County, purchased by the Landfill Owners Group as a future landfill site but cannot be used because of its position relative to Horace Williams Airport.

"There will be no agreement until these three issues are resolved," he said.

No decisions were made Thursday because the meeting was simply an informal workshop for discussion.

"They're right to list and discuss options (about the landfill)," Chapel Hill Town Council member Joyce Brown said of the meeting.

The recent discovery of the site's unavailability threw a kink into everyone's plans, said Brown. "Things have come apart since we learned that."

The groups were originally eyeing a site, which turned out to have been released by Duke University to NASA for a research easement months ago.

Council member Julie Andresen said the county's meeting was reasonable. She said, "We have to agree on a way to do this together, and it's going to take a lot of work and discussion."

Bizarro

Take heed, thou fair stranger, for thy steed hath procured freedom from its bindings & gallops forthwith at considerable speed towardeth...ah, never mind.



THE ROLE OF LANGUAGE IN LIFE EXPECTANCY STATISTICS

New EPA air quality standards to cost states

BY EMILY CRAMER
STAFF WRITER

The Environmental Protection Agency is looking to clean up the country's air — at a significant cost to North Carolina's economy, officials said.

Dave Ryan, press officer for the EPA, said recent studies reported that current ozone and air particulate levels were dangerous for Americans.

"We found that millions of Americans were not protected under the old standards, and tougher measures were needed to protect public health," Ryan said.

The new regulations, which decrease the amount of ozone and air particulates allowed in the atmosphere, will not actually go into effect until well into the 21st century.



Ryan said he recognized the cost involved with changing the standards.

"The EPA will bend over backwards to come up with the most cost-effective alternative that will most benefit public health without harming the economy."

But Bill Weatherspoon, executive director of the North Carolina Petroleum Council, said whatever measures were enforced would harm North Carolina's economy.

"The new standards proposed by the EPA will definitely hurt North Carolina because we are a state in which all counties are in compliance with current standards," he said.

"The proposed regulations means that 20 to 30 counties will be in non-attainment (non-compliance) with the current standards, which means very costly changes."

Weatherspoon said the EPA mislead the public about the current health risks and used the new measures for political gain.

"Business and industry have been told that the EPA is trying to implement regulations in

response to a 'health emergency,' " he said.

"They are playing a deadly political game and have very conveniently made sure that the standards won't go into effect until well into the (possible) Gore administration."

Weatherspoon explained that the EPA's new standards on ozone and air particulates would harm the southern economy significantly more than the economy of northern states.

"Some people believe that areas in the Northeast want to implement these standards because they want to stop industrial migration to the southern and western states."

Tom Mather, public information officer for the state division of Air Quality, estimated the cost of the new laws on N.C. residents.

"We have estimated that the requirement of different types of nonpolluting gasoline will cost North Carolina 300 million to 800 million dollars per year," he said.

"The law will also mean an extra 200 million in the price of utilities and another 60 million for other industrial sources."

Campus calendar

Monday

7:30 p.m. — The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies will debate "Resolved: That the forces of union in the United States are stronger than the forces of disintegration," in the annual Century Debate on the third floor of New West. Guests are welcome.

8 p.m. — The Carolina Child Abuse Prevention Program is featuring a speaker from the Center for Child and Family Health in 203 Dey Hall.

8 p.m.-9:30 p.m. — N.C. Hillel will begin and intermediate level Hebrew classes on

Monday nights. Call 942-4057 to register.

For the record

The Oct. 13 article and headline, "B-GLAD protests controversial gospel lyrics," should have said some leaders of Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity dislike lyrics by The Winans gospel group that criticize homosexuality. B-GLAD has taken no official position on the lyrics. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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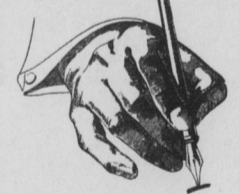


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