

## Internet policy reviewed by Board of Education

■ With parent permission, students may surf the Web unsupervised in school.

BY ANGELA LEA

Thanks to a resolution passed Thursday night by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, local students will soon have an opportunity to surf the 'net at school.

Board member Nick Didow said he felt confident that the board had reached a consensus on the issue of student Internet access.

"I think we all know we want it," he said.

The unanimously passed resolution, guarantees Internet access for all elementary, middle and high school students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Lisa Bartle, director of Instructional Technology and Media Services, said the policy differed from other counties' Internet access proposals in that it did not require parental permission for students to use the Internet provided they are adequately supervised.

Middle school and high school students can even browse the World Wide Web unsupervised if they obtain parental permission, Bartle said.

"We ultimately felt requiring parental

permission for all students would be too restrictive," she said.

But she said certain measures would be in place to ensure students' safety when using the Internet.

Students will not be allowed to put their work on the Web without parental permission, and those who do post items on the Web will not be allowed to include their full names.

"They'll use their first names and last initials or something," Bartle said. "You don't want predators to be able to find out a child's first and last name."

Classrooms would be hard-wired for the Internet, so the system would not require modems and would be considerably faster, she said.

Bartle also said there would be regulations for staff members' use of the Internet to keep them from using it inappropriately.

A resolution outlining procedures for implementing a policy regarding the Exceptional Students Program was also passed in Thursday's meeting.

The approved procedures pertain to Section 504, a statewide act to protect disabled students' access to programs receiving federal funding.

Board member Mark Royster said he thought the item would have a positive impact and would remain within budget restrictions.

"(This resolution) is something with some meat in it that we can go ahead and implement, keeping in mind the strength of the funding," he said.

Royster said he believed services for learning disabled students were vital to educational and social progress.

"There are some brilliant people who, without overcoming their disabilities, would not have been able to add to society as they have," he said.



Board of Education member NICHOLAS DIDOW said the entire board supported the passage of the new Internet policy.



Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the Carolina House on Thursday. The new nursing home is located near the intersection of N.C. 54 and U.S. 15-501.

## Carolina House offers seniors choice

■ The Chapel Hill assisted living center held its grand opening Thursday.

BY JEFFREY WONG  
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A new alternative to nursing homes is now available in Chapel Hill.

Southern Assisted Living Inc., a Chapel Hill-based company, celebrated its grand opening of Carolina House of Chapel Hill on Thursday. Carolina House is located at 100 Lanark Road, next to Glenn Lenox Apartments.

President and co-founder Chris Hollister said the House provides each resident with their own apartment and the freedom that was usually lost in nursing homes.

"Assisted living is all about dignity, choice and maximizing independence," Hollister said. "The purpose of the Carolina House is to provide a residential alternative to long-term care."

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House would benefit from a nice and comfortable atmosphere. They would remain independent and would also get the assurance of experienced care, she said.

"The concept is unique and is meant for the elderly who want to live in a more comfortable and relaxing environment," Cheney said.

Steve Morton, vice president of operations, said the House would provide an alternative to living alone or living at nursing homes.

"The Carolina House serves as a bridge between individual living and the nursing home," Morton said. "We are more care-oriented and basically assist the seniors with the basic needs of life such as bathing, grooming and eating."

Margaret Corbett, a Carolina House resident and mother of UNC-system President Molly Broad, said she was pleased with the operations of the House. "They take very good care of you and see that you don't get hurt," Corbett said. "If you are on medication, they see that you get it, and you are free to do what you want."

Shirley Gatewood, another resident of the House, said she liked the friendly and safe environment surrounding the House. "They make sure that you're not alone and the place is beautiful and safe," Gatewood said.

Chapel Hill Mayor Rosemary Waldorf, who was on hand for the ribbon-

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ROSEMARY WALDORF  
Chapel Hill Mayor

cutting ceremony, said the House would help improve the close relationship between the seniors and the town.

"This is a beautiful place, and it's important for us to want Chapel Hill to be a place for everybody," Waldorf said. "The Carolina House would help enrich our community."

Joel Harper, president of the Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce, said the House would increase the variety of housing for everyone.

"We need housing in our community for everyone, and Carolina House fulfills that need," Harper said.

Hollister said Southern Assisted Living Inc. hoped to add more than a dozen other houses around North Carolina.

"We are currently constructing seven other facilities around North Carolina, in places such as Smithfield and Pinehurst, and most will be open by next year."

### Campus calendar

#### Friday

6:15 p.m. — Interested in learning about the Jewish Sabbath? Then come to the meeting of N.C. Hillel!

Services will be led and explained followed by a great dinner, which costs \$4, at N.C. Hillel.

People of all faiths are invited! Call 967-4689 for more information.

8 p.m. — The Duke University Music Department will present the Duke Jazz Series in Baldwin Auditorium.

The performance will feature guest artist Brit Woodman on trombone and the Duke Jazz Ensemble directed by Paul Jeffrey. Please call 660-330 for ticket information and directions.

#### Items of Interest

If you helped out with Carolina Contact last year and you are interested in helping out again with the program this year, call Sylvia Perry at Undergraduate Admissions at 966-3992.

Campus Recreation and Intramural Recreation Department will sponsor the Annual Turkey Trot Race on Sunday at 1 p.m. on Carmichael Fields.

The 2.5-mile cross country race is for all students, faculty, staff and their families. Registration will open on Nov. 17 through the day of the race.

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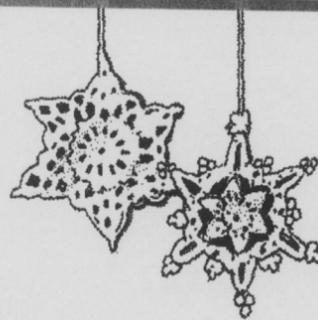


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