

Preschool Begins Expansion Plans

Community School for People Under Six, which opened in 1970 and currently serves 42 children in Chapel Hill, teaches children a multicultural-philosophy curriculum.

By JON OSTENDORFF
City Editor

Officials of the Community School for People Under Six broke ground Thursday on an expansion to their Caldwell Street building that will double its size and provide space for 12 more students.

Surrounded by a group of supporters and school board members, Community School Board Chairman Robert Bradshaw and Chapel Hill Outreach Program Chairwoman Jenny Kitzmiller shoveled the first scoop of sand in front of the school, which educates low- and middle-income students.

Next month, bulldozers will continue the job of making space for new classrooms.

Bradshaw said the project would not have been possible without the help of the Orange County Early Head Start Program, a program run by Kitzmiller's organization that provides child care services to 100 families with children age three and under. "This is something that has been in the works for a long time," he said. "I would like to thank the Head Start Program for its help."

Anna Mercer-McLean, the school's director, said the Early Head Start Program's recent donation of \$90,000 allowed the school to begin construction on the addition. In return for the donation, the school has been contracted by Early Head Start to provide care for 15 of the program's children each year, Mercer-McLean said.

The school, which has operated since 1970, serves 42 children in three classrooms. The school's curriculum is based on a multicultural philosophy. Students study a new culture and country each month.

The \$250,000 expansion project will begin next month, and Mercer-McLean said the teachers plan to turn the construction noise into a lesson for the students. "The construction will be fun for the students," she said. "But the teachers will not love it at nap time."

The expansion is being managed by Alexander Builders



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School officials from the Community School for People Under Six break ground for an addition.

and will not only provide more classrooms but also an indoor playroom, therapy room, staff lounge, and laundry room.

The project was initially funded by a grant from the Mary Whiting Ewing Foundation made in memory of Ewing, who died May 29, 1992, in Chapel Hill.

The school will also receive assistance from Orange County and the town of Chapel Hill for a parking lot and landscape improvements. An additional \$5,000 was also collected in 1995 from an anonymous donor.

Although the school has raised enough money to begin construction, Mercer-McLean said she hoped to raise another \$50,000 to support the addition and its future costs.

Mercer-McLean also said she would hire four teachers.

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Bagel Shop to Complete Renovations

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Bruegger's Bagel Bakery, located at 104 W. Franklin St., will reopen early next week after renovations, which will include a mural of Franklin Street.

The store, which has not been remodeled since its opening in 1986, is undergoing a renovation in which new tables, chairs and floor will be added.

Carver Camp of the marketing department of the Bruegger's chain said the remodeling, which began Dec. 21, will also include new menu boards.

"We're doing a total facelift to the store," she said. Before the renovation,

there were several menus around the counter - now only one will exist.

"The signage is a lot more cohesive and attractive," Camp said.

Jeff Geller, director of marketing for the Bruegger's franchise, said the renovation was important since this was one of the original Bruegger's stores.

One change is a straight, more customer-friendly counter. "The old counter had many nooks and crannies," Geller said.

In addition to these renovations, Bruegger's is actively seeking a local artist to paint a mural depicting Franklin Street. Although the renovations will be complete in a few days, the painting will

commence after the store re-opens.

The idea for the mural came from other college markets, Camp said.

Geller expressed his interest in the mural as being a portrait of the University. "We want it to be reflective of the school," he said.

Geller said he has been in touch with different departments in the University, but Bruegger's has yet to select an artist. Applicants must submit a cover letter and art samples. "It is important to get the community and school involved because that's who we cater to."

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includes campus recreation and Union operating expense fees. Patterson said \$3.50 of the \$6.50 would go toward the Intramural Recreation program, which had not received a fee increase since 1994. He said the remaining \$3 would be spent on increases in the number of

Union employees and the creation of four new positions.

"This year we had the lowest number of fee increase requests," Patterson said.

The committee also approved a special fee increase of \$250 that will go toward the School of Law's practical skills enhancement. This special fee increase, which is the second phase of the fee approved last year, applies only to UNC law students.

He said the law school practical skills enhancement was designed to provide students with intensified instruction in communication skills like legal writing during the first two years of law school. He said the enhancement would also provide students with externship opportunities before graduation.

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making experience as a personal one.

"By doing the film, I was photographing my conscience," he said.

Connor said he wanted to point out problems in society with his film.

"I want people to understand how creepy the modern world is," he said.

"I want them to see the creepiness of the American lifestyle ... how decadent we are, and how we like everything to be compartmentalized."

Rob Chappell, a senior fine arts major who was in charge of audio production for "Second Hand," said Connor's film was multi-dimensional.

"The film emphasizes that it is a film constantly," he said. "The film is stories within stories. He's into layering."

Connor said his interest in filmmaking began in high school.

"I wanted to critique my surroundings," he said. "I wanted to put my town on film ... and I began to see everything from the point of view of a camera."

Connor said he spent his high school years planning a film about his hometown of Reading, Mass., but lacked the resources to actually produce the film.

Although "Second Hand" was filmed in Chapel Hill, Connor said the roots of his film lie in those same high school plans. "Second Hand" finally allowed me to portray my hometown in the way I wanted," Connor said.

Connor said his main influence for the film was commercials for household cleaning products.

"These things represent the suburban world that I'm responding to in my work," Connor said.

Connor has many plans for the March screening of "Second Hand." He said he hoped to rent a house in Chapel Hill and spend several weeks decorating it for the grand premiere.

Aside from "Second Hand" promotion, Connor said he would focus on smaller film projects this semester.

As for the distant future, Connor said he had a distinct goal. "I wanna be a pop culture superstar," he said with sarcasm.

But his friend Jessica Lin, a junior from Brooklyn, N.Y., who has helped Connor in several of his past efforts, said Connor was not a fame-seeker.

"He is a purist," she said. "He pursues film solely because it's a medium so he can express himself."

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west of Mosul, said Defense Department spokesman Kenneth Bacon.

He said an F-16CJ picked up indications it was being targeted by a Roland mobile surface-to-air missile radar. At 3:12 a.m. EST, the F-16 fired a HARM anti-radiation missile then returned safely to base.

"We assume it was hit," Bacon said of the Iraqi site, saying cloud cover prevented any photos of whether it actually had struck its target.

Zinni, giving reporters an update on Iraq, said Hussein appears intent on shooting down a Western plane to shore up his support. He called the effort "a desperate attempt ... to claim some sort of victory."

"These are fairly desperate attempts to regain some of that position (in Iraq and the region) that he held before, or thought he held before," Zinni said.

"We're seeing signs - and I wouldn't want to overstate what we're seeing or make predictions - but we are seeing things that indicate that maybe his grip on control and the ruthlessness by which he attempts to maintain control is slipping."

Campus Calendar

All are welcome.

\$10 for seniors and \$12 for others and are on sale in 104 Hill Hall.

Friday

10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. - **Back to School Jam** in the Great Hall with DJ Cozart. Tickets are \$4 for BSM members, \$5 for nonmembers or \$7 at the door. Sponsored by the BSM.

Saturday

5 p.m. - **UNC-CH Unitarian Universalist Fellowship** will meet in Union 208 for worship and free pizza.

Sunday

2:30 p.m. - Novelist Maudy Benz and poet Jaki Shelton Green will read from their work as part of the **Second Sunday reading series** in Wilson Library's Pleasants Family Assembly Room.

8 p.m. - **Robert Mann**, co-founder of the Juilliard String Quartet and its first violinist for 50 years, will perform with European pianist **Peter Winhardt** in Hill Hall. Tickets are \$5 for students.

For the Record

The outline for the photo accompanying the story "UNC Topples Tigers Again" in Wednesday's paper should have read: Ed Cota, shown here against Florida International on Dec. 19, scored 13 points and dished out eight assists against Clemson. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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