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complaints about the link, but said if students were concerned they should utilize the Freshman Focus site to direct their displeasure. "We'll do our best to ensure this kind of thing doesn't happen anymore," she said.

Jeanne Smythe, director of ATN computer policy, said it is difficult for the University to be a watchdog for

potential inappropriate material on student groups' Web sites.

"While the campus postmaster assists in enforcing appropriate use of electronic communication, I'm sure you can appreciate that with tens of thousands of Web pages which are currently changing... we do not always know about the appropriateness of a particular page or link until it is called to our attention."

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Lyons also describes his force's role at ASU as unobtrusive.

"We don't patrol campus; we work hand in hand with (campus police)," he said.

ASU and the surrounding community have resorted to intensified drug patrolling because of the lack of success of previous approaches.

Shaffer said educating students about the negative effects and legal consequences of drug use does not seem to be as effective as actually holding students responsible for their transgressions.

"Our primary methods that we have been employing for some time have been education and awareness," Shaffer said. "But those aren't near as effective as enforcement."

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18 years, said he played at the center as a child. Now he runs the center. "We have all kinds of educational and enrichment programs for anyone 5 to 95 years old," Davis said. "And we allow most any nonprofit organization to hold their meetings at the center."

One of those nonprofit groups is EmPOWERment Inc., a grassroots community development corporation that does a lot of its work in the Northside neighborhood.

Terry Carver, who works for EmPOWERment, said he grew up with Davis. Carver lives on Lloyd Street, which is one street over from Northside. He said the center is a "blessing" to the area.

"My wife and I really enjoy taking our granddaughter to the center to play with all the other children," Carver said.

But Northside faces another problem. Carver said the neighborhood has changed due to investors buying up property in Northside to make off-campus housing for students.

"Hardly any of the people that I grew up with still live in the neighborhood,

and at least the center is doing something about getting the community together on those kind of issues," Carver said.

The Hargraves Center got its start partly because of the Great Depression. Construction of the center was completed in 1945 with funds from both the Works Progress Administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal and Chapel Hill's Negro Civic Club. The idea for a community center started with the Negro Civic Club. Members were concerned the town lacked a facility where blacks could socialize and participate in organized recreational activities.

Although crime and the loss sense of community are real threats, the center's programs are helping to answer those concerns, residents said.

Gloria Lindsay, 43, of 215 Roberson St. lives across the street from the center. She said she has lived in Northside since she was born and went to the center as a child. "We didn't have those after-school (programs) where all the students come over and mentor. I wish that they had these programs around when my son was a boy."

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School Board Hears Redistricting Fears

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Residents of a local community are concerned that a proposal to ease school overcrowding will split their neighborhood along district lines.

Representatives of the Lake Hogan Farms community voiced their concern about a proposed solution to overcrowding at Thursday's meeting of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education. The plan involves spot redistricting near McDougle Elementary School, and residents are asking the board to come up with new answers for the school system.

One of the board's plans includes the redistricting of Lake Hogan Farms developments Bolin Ridge and Glenn Ridge, which would affect the future sites of 98

homes to be developed within the next six months. While the areas are presently in the McDougle Elementary School district, the redistricted areas would become part of the Carrboro Elementary School district under the proposal.

Although the alternate recommendation would not make students of McDougle subject to redistricting, residents still are concerned that fragmentation of the neighborhood and community could result.

Claire Rockman, Jeff Walton and Kelly Wayne, who acted as representatives for the Lake Hogan Farms community, asked the board not to split up the neighborhood because it would disrupt the lives of the children.

"We are asking you, imploring you, don't separate our children," Rockman

said. "Don't divide our neighborhood." Wayne said the neighborhood was affected by redistricting in 1999 and will likely be impacted again when two new elementary schools open in 2003.

Despite the residents' concerns, the board said it will continue to discuss the redistricting plan. "The idea of not redistricting at all is unrealistic," board member Maryanne Rosenman said.

But Superintendent Neil Pedersen warned fellow board members against the quick fix that redistricting would provide.

"All of these alternatives would work for the next year, but some of them wouldn't work for longer," he said. "At some point we need to increase our capacity drastically, even before our new elementary schools come on line."

Erin Denniston, co-chairwoman of

McDougle's Self Governance Committee, said the growth of the number of students in the district is difficult to predict from year to year.

Some of the yearly influx into the school district is due to the reputation for excellence that the schools have.

Pedersen said there are 45 teachers in the system certified by the State Board of Education, more than any other system in the state. "They bring a level of excellence, which really benefits our school system," he said.

The school board will have a planning retreat Feb. 12-13 and will announce its final solution to overcrowding at its meeting on March 1.

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Other residents blamed the environment on Sykes Street for Taylor's death.

"There are a couple of drinking houses that are right over there," said Ralph Milliken of 611 Gomains Ave., pointing to the area where Taylor was shot. "It should be pretty much like any bar, but anybody can pretty much come and go."

Several residents of the area around Sykes Street and Gomains Avenue said the situation in their neighborhood began improving five or six months ago.

Residents partly attributed the improvement to the efforts of the Chapel Hill Housing Department, which operates public housing. "What did good was the Housing Department coming in and putting up 'no trespassing' signs," said Eddie Scotton, of 500-A Sykes St. "I guess

they've got some pull around here."

But Scotton also said that only a few months ago, there were people smoking crack in his yard.

"A lot of us started reporting this shit and then they put up the 'no trespass' signs and ran the people out," Scotton said.

"They got most of the bad apples out, but then a few sneak back in. You can't cure everything."

Scotton said it was possible that Taylor's death led to stronger efforts from the residents and the town to make the neighborhood safer. "I guess sometimes someone has to get killed for things to get straightened out," he said.

But Chapel Hill Police Chief Gregg

Jarvis said the police and town officials had been working to improve the situation in Northside long before Taylor's death.

"We've been working with the Northside residents for a couple of years now," Jarvis said.

Jarvis said he was not pleased with the sentence in light of the efforts of police and residents in

Northside. "You have an individual who fired a high-caliber rifle into a crowd and killed a woman," Jarvis said. "And will, in a few months, be able to go back to the same neighborhood."

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he said. "In the Air Force, there is not one single event, but a cumulative series that causes growth and maturity."

Some cadets said hearing Hornburg speak motivated them to pursue opportunities in the Air Force. Pete Minnar, a UNC freshman political science major from Massachusetts, said he was inspired by Hornburg's many years of commitment to the Air Force and his personal experiences.

Minnar said, "The speech was very inspirational, and it made me look forward to an entire career in the Air Force, not just the mandatory service years after graduation."

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EDDIE SCOTTON
Northside Resident

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