

Area splits along statistical lines

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The Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill Metropolitan Statistical Area has been divided into a Durham MSA and a Raleigh-Cary MSA.

On June 6, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget revised the MSA definition, used by government agencies to collect and analyze data for policy-making use.

The metropolitan area concept was developed in the 1940s to enhance the value of the data produced by federal agencies through "a single set of geographic definitions for the Nation's largest centers of population and activity," according to an OMB document.

Over time, the OMB adjusts the MSA definition to reflect changes in areas' populations and economies. The last three MSA

definition revisions took place in 1999, 1993 and 1990.

The new Raleigh-Cary MSA includes Franklin, Johnston and Wake counties. The Durham MSA includes Chatham, Durham, Orange and Person counties.

All of these counties, with the exception of Person County, formerly belonged to the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill MSA.

Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill had a population of about 1.2 million, according to 2000 census figures. 2002 figures estimate a population of 445,000 for the Durham MSA and 859,000 for the Raleigh-Cary MSA.

The data collected for the Durham MSA, such as median household income, will be more meaningful because it will be more localized, said Craig Benedict,

Orange County planning director. Virginia Knapp, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce director of external affairs, said studies of topics such as air and water quality should cover the entire Triangle region.

Benedict said there was no indication during the U.S. 2000 census that a new definition would be issued.

Benedict said he expects that area land-use ordinances could be modified upon the conclusion of an impact study that will be conducted soon.

Benedict said he believes population-based revenue-sharing programs seeking federal funds will be unaffected.

Knapp and Benedict both said that in attracting new businesses, it is advantageous to have a larger

population than a smaller one. "Large corporations have looked for the million-plus categories," said Knapp.

But Knapp said she expects that businesses will look at Chapel Hill as part of the unofficial Triangle area, not the smaller Durham MSA.

Aaron Nelson, executive director of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, said, "It is disappointing to see the Chapel Hill name left out."

Various periodicals, such as Money magazine, consider MSA areas in ranking regions.

Nelson also was concerned that diminished name recognition might adversely affect the number of visitors to Chapel Hill.

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Family violence center raises \$17K

N.C. foundation to match the funds

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The Family Violence Prevention Center raised about \$17,000 this month to meet a fund-raising challenge offered by a North Carolina family foundation.

The Stewards Fund, an N.C. foundation, promised to match the center's earnings dollar-for-dollar if the FVPC could earn \$15,000 by July 1 through donors who had not contributed since its opening two years ago. The center exceeded its fund-raising goal by about \$2,000.

Though several large donations were made, individual donations were the center's largest source of funding.

The center will continue its fund-raising efforts, as its state Crime Commission-issued start-up grant will run dry at the end of the year.

Tuesday marked both the center's two-year anniversary and the one-year anniversary of the Gates murders, the first domestic-related murders the center dealt with.

The center had been working with the Gates family before Alan Douglas Gates fatally shot his daughter, Valerie Gates, 24; her friend, Cordae Lee, 21; and Lee's 2-year-old son, Kendall Dianis. Gates was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

The murder recently touched the center in a concrete way when family members of the victims planted a garden in front of the building.

"These are three women who would not have normally been in the same space together, connected through this tragedy — who, in their own ways, have found ways of dealing with it," FVPC Executive Director Amy Holloway said. "They are the reminders of why we do this."

"It's not always happy here," Holloway said. "But every morning I see the progression of the garden, and it makes me smile. I don't think any of us take it for granted."

The center has served more

than 600 clients in the past year, including almost 100 Hispanic residents. The center now also has five trained court advocates and several community educators.

"The first year was really about getting the word out," Holloway said. "This year we've been increasing our services and collaborating with community groups."

"There's not necessarily been more domestic violence," she said. "People are just becoming aware of it and what their options are."

Kathryn Hubbell, who has volunteered at the FVPC since last March, said the center also has increased its emotional support for volunteers. "Volunteering here, you have to keep one foot in the door and one foot out," she said. "And a lot of times keeping that one foot out is hard."

One of the center's goals for the coming year is to call a town meeting to kick off Family Violence Awareness Month in October. The center hopes to stimulate dialogue and a community response to domestic violence by inviting county commissioners, city council members, police officers, human services representatives and health services representatives.

"We want the community to define its stance on domestic violence and to think about what that means we ask of officials, how that translates itself into actual practice," Holloway said.

The center also has been invited to collaborate with the Orange County Rape Crisis Center to teach two health classes on safe dating in Orange County and Cedar Ridge high schools.

Otherwise, the center's goals include the continuation and expansion of current services and outreach to marginalized groups.

To reach the center's 24-hour hotline, call 929-7122.

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BRIEFS

Springsteen sells 15,000 tickets at Kenan Stadium

Tickets to see the Boss at Kenan Stadium on Sept. 14 went on sale Saturday, and 15,000 tickets have been sold within four days.

New Jersey rock legend Bruce Springsteen has visited Chapel Hill three previous times, the last in 1988, but each time he set up stage in the Smith Center. His upcoming show will mark the first rock concert at Kenan Stadium since 1983.

Many thousands of tickets still remain, from \$55 to \$75, with a

sellout still possible before the concert date arrives.

R.E.M. pulls up Smith Center stakes for concert

Due to what appears to be unexpectedly high ticket demand, R.E.M. has changed venues for its Oct. 10 area concert from the Smith Center to Raleigh's Alltel Pavilion.

Last week's announcement included several other such venue changes for the legendary band's upcoming tour. The Smith Center show would have been the money-trowed arena's first concert since 2000.

POET LAUREATE

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She chose Herron's poem for its originality and depth.

"It seemed a little more daring," she said. Lovelady admired the poet's love for Carrboro but also his refusal to idealize the town.

Lovelady has high aspirations for Herron, though she said she wished she had gotten to focus more on the position during the year she held it.

Jackie Helvey-Hayes, who maintains Carrboro.com, was active in this year's selection process. She said extending the original deadline

for the contest was "quite effective."

This year's contest drew nine entries, compared with the six entries received last year. Hayes said the contest drew a wide range of talents. However, she highly approves of Lovelady's choice. "The choice was extraordinary," Hayes said.

Herron said he looks forward to reading his poem at Carrboro's Independence Day festival but joked about performing between two dancing acts. "I love this town," he said. "Maybe I'll put on some dancing shoes."

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ACTION

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"They're willing to sacrifice academic standards, candor and integrity and they're willing to sacrifice rule of law."

"This is not a victory for diversity... Universities are able to continue to discriminate."

But Guttentag pointed out that there are close to 40 different areas to be accounted for when considering an applicant for admission to Duke. "Race accounts for only one out of 40."

Although the Supreme Court has granted universities a large level of self-determination, it becomes a constant challenge for any admissions department to foster a true diversity.

"There's no way to ensure diversity," Guttentag said. "We can work

toward it but can't guarantee it."

Any college graduate in today's society will work in a culturally diverse environment, he said, and colleges should provide students with such an environment.

Lucido said that diversity helps to increase the qualifications of prospective students and that colleges and universities have been allowed by the Supreme Court to use race as a consideration in adding to the educational environment.

But five justices also supported the gradual phasing out of affirmative action on campuses during the next few decades.

"They hope that 25 years from now, race will not be necessary to diversify (campuses)," Lucido said.

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4TH OF JULY

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match, lasts until 3 p.m.

The biggest Friday celebration going down isn't really about the nation's 227th birthday at all. The 24th annual Festival for the Eno lasts from Friday until Sunday on the banks of the Eno River, off Duke Street, a mile north of Interstate 85. More than 100 of the state's finest craftsmen set up shop, and activities include giant chess, a climbing wall and the ever-popular face painting.

The festival, which lasts from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., also features live music on three stages, with the popular Jump Little Children appearing Friday. Donations benefit the Eno River preservation.

As always, an Independence Day bonanza lands at Raleigh's N.C.

State Fairgrounds. Gates open at 3, and corporate-sponsored activities include a Classic Mustang and Car Show, live music and a packed kids' zone featuring an obstacle course but not, remarkably, face painting. Fireworks arrive at 9:15.

Duke's Wallace Wade Stadium hosts Durham's always-crowded event, with vendors and a kid zone (yes, face painting) at 7 and fireworks at 9:15. Cary's Bond Park also makes a day of it.

All this should only serve to remind Triangle folk that America's forefathers, in their infinite wisdom, fought to give the American huddled masses the freedom to congregate, celebrate and face paint.

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MASTER PLAN

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University's timing. "If there is such a crisis, to fail to present the information to test this second guesses the council and our ability to conduct business."

By the end of the meeting, the council was split evenly on every vote that came to pass.

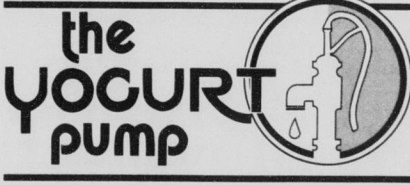
Council member Edith Wiggins said the council was trying to exert

authority that it did not have.

"I, for the life of me, cannot understand how we can be the driving factor for a state institution," she said. "Our responsibility is to assure that what the University does is not detrimental to the town."

The council decided to delay any action on the development plan until the August 25 meeting.

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