

# Officials discuss school space

## Legislators attend annual breakfast

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More elementary schools will be needed in just a few years.

Even with space for 500 students at Morris Grove Elementary School, scheduled to open this fall on Eubanks Road, school leaders said the district will be crunched for space.

A demographic trend of families moving into rental housing in Chapel Hill has generated more elementary school-aged children, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services Steve Scroggs told local state legislators Monday morning at the school district's annual legislative breakfast.

The increased need has also been caused by a legislative mandate of small classes for elementary schools, which has required that the school system hire more teachers and find new classrooms.

That has translated into a need for an extra half of an elementary

school for the district.

"It's good to have reduced the class sizes, but it is an expense that is coming back on the localities," Superintendent Neil Pedersen said.

With high inflation in the construction industry, each new elementary school costs more, Pedersen told the group. Five years after Rashkis Elementary opened, Morris Grove will cost \$11 million more, even though the model for the schools is the same.

And local construction companies sometimes are discouraged from going through the extensive bidding process to be chosen to build a public school, Pedersen said.

"We're also competing in a way with UNC in the sense that there is tremendous construction in our community," he said.

"(Builders are) picky about what projects they want to take on." Although middle school enroll-

ment is not experiencing the same growth, there will be a need for a new middle school by 2013. The high schools will need additional capacity in five or six years as well.

And with almost \$200 million needed in the next 10 years, the schools will have a difficult time getting full funding from the Orange County Board of Commissioners, Scroggs hinted to the legislators.

"We are fortunate to have the facilities we have," Scroggs said.

"We appreciate the commissioners' support, but, as you can tell, \$199 million in 10 years is a little more than even a commissioner is going to give to the schools."

But as they sat in Lincoln Center, which was an all-black high school when it was completed in 1951 and now is the oldest building in the district, school officials urged the state legislators to help fund the construction.

"Building public schools has to be one of the best things that a community does," city school

## Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools growth by the numbers:

- \$199 million of capital needs for next 10 years.
- \$14 million spent on Rashkis Elementary School, which opened in 2003.
- \$25 million for Morris Grove Elementary, scheduled to open in 2008.
- \$33 million for elementary school No. 11, needed in about two years.
- \$44 million for elementary school No. 12, needed a few years later.

board member Jean Hamilton said. "So you build these schools well, they're going to be with us for a long time."

"It's money well spent."

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## CHURCH KNOWS ABCs



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Bill Witherspoon organizes clothing inside the Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church for the ABC sale this Saturday. The ABC sale, which stands for Attic, Basement and Closet, will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, and the money raised will be given back to local charities.

# Students serve hours at Union

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Tristan Routh is in charge of assigning students to sweep, clean and move the furniture in the Student Union.

As the student facility manager at the Union, he supervises and arranges work for the students participating in the community service program.

"I've coordinated community service for just about anything you can think of aside from major offenses," Routh said.

Students are assigned community service hours to be carried out at the Union for anything from underage drinking citations to being charged with resisting arrest.

Scott Hudson, associate director of the Union, said the community service program helps the Union operate more efficiently.

"There is always a high volume of things to be taken care of here," Hudson said.

He added that because of the Union's extensive operating hours, it is easier for students to complete

their hours.

"We are very flexible, so students can work around their schedules," Hudson said.

Although the work is community service, Routh said he enjoys it and tries to keep the mood light.

"There's always something that needs to be done, so there's usually about two to three projects going on at a time," he said. "The extra help is nice, and the stories that landed them here usually provide a good laugh."

Junior Dwight Johnson said he is almost finished with his 84 hours of community service from a DWI charge.

"I've been working off my hours for almost two months," Johnson said. "It feels like a lot longer though because I do my hours in spurts."

Johnson said he received 60 of his 84-hour sentence from UNC's Honor Court and the other 24 hours from the local court system.

"The work I do at the Union isn't too bad — it could be a lot worse somewhere else," Johnson said.

Tommy Perry, judicial dis-

trict manager for the Division of Community Corrections in Orange County, said students are often assigned to the Union because it enables them to complete their hours locally.

"We place people at different agencies depending on what they are best suited for," Perry said.

"The Union is close to where students are on a daily basis. It is also a great opportunity to help out the University while paying their debt to society at the same time."

The majority of the students who Perry deals with are in trouble for alcohol-based offenses, he said.

And while they work at the Union, the students are taking part in a symbiotic relationship — whether they know it or not.

"The program gives us more manpower without us having to expand our payroll," Hudson said.

And because student fees help keep the Union running, Hudson said community service helps students get more bang for their buck.

"We've been able to broaden our

recycling abilities, and we can provide better services to the people who are here every day by using community service," Hudson said.

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## games

## Sudoku

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### Solution to Monday's puzzle

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## Service oriented

Presidential candidates are proposing expanding AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps. See pg. 4 for story.

## Kenan expansion

Plans are under way to place seating near the east end zone side. See pg. 8 for story.

## Breakfast talk

Legislators and local school officials discussed booming enrollment and facilities. See above for story.

## Sobering stories

A Victim Impact Panel discusses the consequences of drunken driving. See pg. 3 for story.

## Campaign donations

Board of Trustees members give heavily to political campaigns. See pg. 1 for story.

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- 5 Run after
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- 14 Follow orders
- 15 Half-pints
- 16 Increase staff
- 17 Dietary fiber source
- 18 Mollo and Pavlova
- 19 Doctrines
- 20 In need of a boost
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- 24 Word with whiz
- 25 Genetic stuff
- 26 Flock member
- 28 Seat at the bar
- 30 Pi follower
- 32 Atomic number 5
- 34 Took the cake
- 36 Frequently, to a bard
- 38 Encircle
- 39 Energy depleted
- 43 Utter joy
- 44 Draw
- 45 "Annabel Lee" poet
- 46 Small salamanders
- 48 Grain in a Salinger title
- 50 Meat stock jelly
- 54 Advanced deg.
- 55 Keats composition
- 57 Scale notes
- 59 Lennon's love
- 60 Exhausted

### DOWN

- 64 Regretful soul
- 65 Poultry housing
- 66 Account entry
- 67 Latin 1 verb
- 68 Be entertaining
- 69 Soybean paste
- 70 Slob's creation
- 71 Elaborate parties
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- 4 Loretta of country music
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- 6 Kind of strike
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- 9 City on the Ruhr
- 10 Ark or bark
- 11 Showy ornamental

- 12 Destructive moth larva
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- 22 Queen of the fairies
- 27 Wind up
- 29 Little screecher
- 31 Hogwash!
- 33 Curvy moldings
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- 42 Drinker's salute
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- 47 Dad's little man
- 49 Slip away
- 51 Lyrical
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- 62 Churlish individual
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- 64 Sleep state, for short

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