

Drop-add: from gym to Tower

by Jennifer Miller
Staff Writer

Waiting in line may be a common occurrence in Chapel Hill, but nobody expected Wednesday's drop-add line to stretch from Woollen Gym to the Bell Tower.

"It's a madhouse!" one registration official said. Assistant Director of Registration Ben Perry observed lines and clusters of students crowding the gym floor, saying "Drop-add this year is no worse than in the past. A lot of those people in line may be trying to get rid of an 8 o'clock class, or perhaps have changed their minds about what they want to take since preregistering."

Some registration officials thought things were moving slowly because students were hanging around, hoping that closed courses would reopen.

Clark Rogers, Associate Professor of dramatic art, said that when students came to drop a course, they usually brought along a friend to pick it up.

"We can't keep any lists," he said. "So, people just keep coming back, asking if anything has reopened. It's just luck if they get something."

Lower level courses closed quickly, but most department spokesmen agreed that seniors probably would get the upper level courses they needed.

Art Department professor and associate chairman Marvin Saltzman said that in response to increased demand there were more sections available to freshmen than before.

"It's the constant usual hassle here," Saltzman added, holding an ice bag to his head.

Drop-add will continue within the individual departments through Wednesday, September 4.



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Should broadcast FM by summer 1975 WCAR applies for permit

by Frank Griffin
Staff Writer

Campus radio station WCAR has applied for an FM band permit from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and should be broadcasting in both AM and FM by the summer of 1975, station manager Gary Rendsburg said Wednesday.

Rendsburg said the application was made May 8 and he hoped to get FCC approval by January. This first approval will be a construction permit, he said, allowing WCAR to purchase and install the equipment necessary to convert to FM. The FCC then has to issue a license to test the equipment, and Rendsburg said WCAR should be on the air testing in late spring and broadcasting in FM by summer.

WCAR is in the process of filing an amendment to the original application, Rendsburg said, but he added the amendment should not affect the FCC's decision of approval. The amendment requests a slightly higher frequency for

WCAR-FM because the 89.5 kHz frequency originally requested might interfere with other stations in the area.

Rendsburg said the final decision about which band to assign WCAR-FM is up to the FCC. The commission will determine how much interference the new station would cause by contacting other stations in the area, some as far away as Virginia, he said.

The new station will transmit at 1650 watts, or 1.65kw. Rendsburg said the FM tower will be located on top of the new pre-clinical testing center in the medical complex.

A student referendum passed last October allowed that \$30,000 be held for purchasing new equipment for the FM conversion. Rendsburg said the money would be used to purchase a transmitter, monitors, the tower, antenna and transmission cable.

WCAR has three studios in the Union and no major studio equipment will have to be bought, Rendsburg said. He added that future expansion to FM had been a prime reason for the station's move from Ehringhaus to the larger facilities at the Union a year and a half ago.

Because WCAR applied for a license as a non-commercial station, no advertising will be broadcast. Rendsburg said the station's advertising funds will come from sponsorship by a local organization or business.

Rendsburg said the new station's programming would remain generally the same as WCAR-AM. "I would call the music progressive as opposed to top 40, probably playing a lot of album cuts," he said. The station will also provide local news, he said, with emphasis on news pertaining to students.

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