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ERA fight

Although the Equal Rights Amendment has failed five times in the N.C. General Assembly, supporters are preparing for one last stand. Story on page 8.

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Parenting

Child development knowledge advanced by Graham Center

By CINDY HAGA
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*Second of a three-part series.

Instead of worrying about classes, a few years from now many UNC students will be worrying about their roles as parents.

Young parents, especially, have a hard time understanding how best to promote their children's development.

Employees of Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center have found that today's parents want outside help in solving this problem.

"What is it a research center can do to help the enrichment of a child's development?" said Joseph Sanders, communications director for FPG.

FPG's Project CARE, Carolina Approach to Responsive Education, is looking for the answer.

Overall, CARE hope to compare the relative effects of parent education to the effects of day-care education on children's development.

"It's thought of as an ecological investigation," said Joseph Sparling, director of demonstration and a senior investigator in CARE.

"We're trying to study all the various forces affecting the process of how parents raise their children," Sparling said.

These include parents' use of day-care centers, their use of other resources such as social services and their employment of other family members in raising their children.

Along the way, CARE is examining the effectiveness of certain types of intervention on children's development.

For instance, Project CARE includes a home visitation program.

Home visitors trained in child development visit two of the three groups of families participating in CARE.

EVERY 10 days, home visitors go to their families and discuss whatever parents have on their minds about their children.

Home visitors are prepared with learning games and other suggestions, and they discuss with parents such matters as toilet training and behavior management.

"We're trying to fulfill a lot of the parents' needs," said Carrie Bynum, FPG home visit supervisor.

In addition, parents receiving home visitors are brought together for workshops.

Bynum described one workshop titled "Your Home as a Learning Center."

"We're trying to get parents to see that there's a good opportunity for learning experiences in their daily routine," she said.

Bynum said parents could help children learn to count as they sort through socks in the laundry or illustrate shapes by showing them different dishes.

The role of parents in their children's development is also studied in another research program at FPG.

CIREEH, the Carolina Institute for Research on Early Education for the Handicapped, is conducting a comparative study of families with autistic children.

"What we've been doing is looking at families who are successful in raising them (autistic children)," said Marie Bristol, assistant director for family studies at FPG.

Several years ago, many of these autistic children would have been raised in institutions, Bristol said.

Raising these children at home is a challenge, and not all parents who attempt it are successful.

By studying successful families, researchers hope to determine ways to predict and thereby avoid family crisis, Bristol said.

Successful families cope with problems in various ways, she said. The adequacy of a family's informal support system in the form of relatives is important, for example. The family's use of outside resources may also contribute to success.

To make correct evaluations, these families should be studied over a period of time, she said.



Greetings from the North Pole

Santa Claus, alias Residence Hall Association President Robert Bianchi (right), invites a student Wednesday afternoon to a RHA-sponsored Christmas caroling.

The Clefhangers, Loreleis and Black Student Movement Gospel Choir performed at the caroling, which was held Wednesday evening in the Pit.

Dwindling funds may limit buses

By DEAN LOWMAN
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Bus service, including routes mostly used by students, may be reduced or greatly altered in parts of Chapel Hill because of uncertain federal funding in the future, according to a preliminary Chapel Hill Transit Department proposal.

The southern part of the high-ridership L route, which serves Lake Forest and Kingswood apartments, would be linked with the J route, which serves Old Well, Royal Park and Carolina apartments. The C route would no longer serve the N.C. Memorial Hospital area, and the N route, which serves Estes Park apartments, would no longer run through the Northside area of Carrboro.

Service is now based on the theory that all taxpayers should have service available to them. In the future, though, it is possible that only areas with high ridership levels will be served.

"We expect some of the people to be unhappy with the changes," said Janet D'Ignazio, operations assistant for the transit department. "But we'll have to cut some places, so we tried to cut the areas with the least ridership."

In areas where service will be continued, bus schedules will be coordinated with periods of high demand, and waiting time between buses will remain essentially the same, she said.

Additional cuts in weekend service are anticipated. The Saturday A/D, G and N routes would be eliminated, while the Saturday F and L routes would be combined to form a route identical to the evening route.

D'Ignazio stressed that the proposal was preliminary. "We just don't want to wake up one morning with no ... plan to deal with the problem," she said.

Chapel Hill was recently reorganized into the greater Durham urban area, thus qualifying the transit department to apply for funds reserved for cities with populations of more than 50,000. These funds are scheduled to run out by 1985.

"(The plan) is too preliminary to say what would go into effect, if indeed any of it goes into effect," D'Ignazio said. Some parts of the plan may be phased in during the next three or four years to help hold down expenses, she said.

The transportation board, which finished reviewing the plan Tuesday night, recommended spacing out trips to certain areas and sending one bus in the morning and evening to areas where service would otherwise be cut out entirely.

D'Ignazio said the transportation board, the Town Council, citizens groups representing Carrboro, the University and the general public would all be consulted before any changes were approved.

No changes could take effect before July 1.

Kids learn by cooking

By CINDY HAGA
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They do things differently than they used to in elementary schools.

Now they get to cook.

Thelma Harms, director of early childhood curriculum development at Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center, said cooking can be a learning experience for children.

To prove her point, Harms wrote a book called "Cook and Learn." A program from it is now used in public schools and at the FPG day-care center.

Cooking teaches math skills and is also an effective way of teaching science, health, social studies and language arts, Harms said.

Harms used illustrations in her book to enable children to follow the directions step by step, said Rita Bigham, a second-grade teacher at Carrboro Elementary School.

The illustrations show how to set up equipment safely and how to cook the foods, Bigham said.

She said her second-grade class had made granola.

"That's a gooey mess," Bigham said. She agreed that cooking was a good learning experience.

"I use it in creative writing," she said. After the children have cooked something, she tells them to write about it, explaining what they liked or didn't like and why.

"The adult in charge of a group is taught to use a question strategy that stimulates the children's thinking ability and helps them express themselves better," Harms said.

For instance, they ask the children to imagine what will happen next. The point is to encourage reflective rather than yes or no answers, Harms said.

Bigham said her students used the portable cooking range once every two weeks.

In her nutrition unit, Bigham said she discussed the origin and nutritional value of foods. That makes a difference from the beginning to the end of the year.

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Students to vote in February

Activities fee could increase

By SCOTT BOLEJACK
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* Last of a four-part series

Not since 1977 has there been an increase in the Student Activities Fee, but the Campus Governing Council passed a bill Nov. 2 that will allow students to decide through a February campus-wide referendum whether they want a \$2.50 increase in the fee.

If students vote for the increase, the fee will increase from \$15.25 to \$17.75, allowing the CGC to increase its allocations by more than \$52,000.

Of the \$15.25 that students now pay, 16 percent is given to *The Daily Tar Heel* through constitutional funding and 33 percent to the Carolina Union for programming. The remaining money is distributed by the CGC among more than 35 campus organizations that request money through an extensive budgeting process each spring.

Of the money allocated by the CGC, about 25 percent usually goes to the Student Legal Services.

Graduate students pay an additional \$1.72, besides the SAF, that is allotted to the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

Daily Tar Heel editor Jim Hummel said he favored the increase because campus

publications are facing rising costs.

Several other campus organizations favor the fee increase, but opposition to the increase is strong.

Dodd Haynes, chairman of the Media Board, which oversees campus publications, said he favored the increase to ensure that campus publications maintain quality and meet rising costs.

"Most publications under the Media Board have been faced with increasing costs over the past four or five years," he said. "To maintain the existing levels of quality we feel that we will need more support in the next few years from student fees."

Haynes said that, as far as he knew, none of the additional money gained from a fee increase would be used to expand any publication.

Student Body President Scott Norberg said he did not know whether he would back the fee increase.

"The things that would sway me in favor of the fee increase, would be the fact that *The Daily Tar Heel* is very strapped for money," he said. "And also that the other groups that need money ... are the Student Government-funded groups and that to fund them with General Surplus money is only a stopgap measure."

The General Surplus, recently renamed

the General Reserve, is a fund established to provide extra cash for emergency needs of organizations and other unexpected expenses. This year the CGC passed a resolution to use money from the General Reserve to finance the 1982 Chapel Hill.

Norberg said one reason he would vote against the fee increase was that of the three organizations that are constitutionally funded — the DTH, the Union and Student Government for allocation — only one, the DTH, had indicated that it badly needed the increase.

CGC representative Phil Painter, District-19, said he opposed the fee increase because of the present surplus in funds. He also said campus organizations should watch their budgets more closely.

"I don't think the fee increase is needed on top of the present budget surplus we have now," he said. "Also, considering the times in the country right now, I don't see why we have to be raising our fees when we have the money laying aside."

"I also think groups could tighten their belts a little bit more and raise a little bit more money from students who participate in that program, because there are a lot of students who don't participate in any of the programs, and they have to pay the brunt of the costs for everyone who does participate," Painter said.



Residence Hall Association President Robert Bianchi said both he and the RHA governing board were opposed to the fee increase.

Bianchi said he opposed the increase because there was no assurance that the RHA would receive more money than it does now. He said the fee increase could be used to fund new organizations.

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Legislators disagree on redistricting issue

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — Legislative leaders lacked a consensus Wednesday on whether to appeal a U.S. Justice Department decision striking down the state Constitution's prohibition against dividing counties for redistricting.

Several legislators who have led the 11-month battle over reapportionment said they expected that the Justice Department would also reject House and Senate district plans. Some suggested that a new General Assembly session may be needed in January for another effort at drawing district maps.

"We've already received a warning shot," said Rep. Robert Jones, D-Rutherford, co-chairman of the House Redistricting Committee. "It's a question of whether we're going to start making plans to do it ourselves in January or wait for the federal courts."

The ruling left the state with a decision on whether to take its defense of the constitutional provision to a federal court in Washington. Senate Majority Leader Kenneth Royall, D-Durham, said he didn't think the state should bother with an appeal, while House Speaker Liston Ramsey said he was undecided.

"I don't see why they should," Royall said. "They'd lose if they did."

Republicans, who have filed a lawsuit demanding that new, single-member districts be drawn for state

House and Senate seats, said the decision was just what they wanted.

"Isn't that lovely," said Sen. Cass Ballenger, R-Catawba. "It fits right in with the suit. And frankly, a bunch of Democrats around here wanted it too, but they wouldn't say that."

Ramsey charged that partisan politics motivated the Justice Department decision and said he was particularly angry that state GOP Chairman David Flaherty said he knew of the decision before it was announced.

The Justice Department's decision said the ban on splitting counties had forced the legislature to draw large, multi-member districts in most cases. It said those large districts diluted the voting strength of blacks and that under the 1965 Voting Rights Act it had ruled the amendment was "legally unenforceable."

The Justice Department has jurisdiction over only 40 of the state's 100 counties — those named in the Voting Rights Act.

There has been some question among state officials about whether the constitutional prohibition still stands for the other 60 counties, but Jones said the ruling must apply statewide.

"If you throw out the Constitution in those counties, you throw it out in all the counties," he said. "You certainly can't have a constitutional amendment applying to only some counties."

James M. Wallace Jr., special deputy state attorney general, said no decision had been made on an appeal. The attorney general's staff will consult with legislative leaders next week, he said.

Wallace added that he had not seen the official decision yet and was unsure of the extent of its effect.

Both Jones and his co-chairman, Rep. Dan Lilley, D-Lenoir, said they believed the decision meant the Justice Department would also reject the House redistricting plan. A decision on the state Senate and Congressional district plans is due next Monday, and a decision on the House plan is due in January.

Lilley said he would urge the state to appeal the decision, and that sentiment was voiced by some other legislators — particularly in the House.

"If a few bureaucrats can set aside the vote of the people, we're probably still in the wrong union," said Reg. Thomas Ellis, D-Henderson.

The ban on dividing counties was added to the Constitution in an amendment ratified by the voters in 1968.

Royall said he hoped legislative committees could take advantage of the ruling by moving a few precincts around — with enough changes to bring the current districts into a closer population balance. But he said he would oppose the aim of the GOP suit and another filed by the NAACP Legal and Education Defense Fund — single-member districts for all House and Senate seats.

Holiday drivers to find slight dip in gas prices

STATION NAME	SELF-SERVE			FULL-SERVE		
	Reg.	Unld.	Prem.	Reg.	Unld.	Prem.
Brinkley's Gulf	124.9	134.9	138.9	134.9	144.9	148.9
Eastgate Shopping Center						
Eastgate Amoco	124.9	132.9	140.8	135.2	142.0	146.9
Eastgate Shopping Center						
East Franklin Car Care	125.9	136.9	144.9	142.9	147.9	152.9
1710 E. Franklin Street						
Glen Lennox Gulf	122.9	133.9	139.9	140.9	145.9	149.9
Glen Lennox Shopping Center						
Happy Store	121.9	132.9	137.9	NA	NA	NA
100 East Franklin Street						
East Franklin Union	127.9	136.9	140.9	142.9	146.9	148.9
1501 Franklin Street						
McFarling's Exxon	125.9	136.9	144.9	140.9	144.9	148.9
126 W. Franklin Street						
Walker's Gulf						
1500 E. Franklin Street						
The Pantry	123.9	130.9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jones Ferry Road						
Fast Fare	122.9	129.9	NA	NA	NA	NA
321 W. Rosemary St.						

*Walker's Gulf refused to give gas prices over the telephone.

Christmas travelers arriving at area gas stations in December should be paying slightly less for fuel than they did in service regular to be \$1.24.6; unleaded, \$1.33.9, and premium, \$1.41.2. Full-service averages were \$1.39.6 for regular, \$1.45.4 for unleaded and \$1.49.4 for premium.

"I don't see any real changes occurring until maybe late spring or early summer," said Quentin Anderson, public relations director for the Carolina Motor Club. An over supply of fuel around the country has caused prices to remain fairly stable, he said.

—DEAN LOWMAN