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Scheduling concerts at the Center

By HELEN JONES
Staff Writer

While the purpose of the Smith Center is to serve UNC students as well as make money, the primary criteria for scheduling bands is how much profit the promoter can expect from ticket sales, the arena's director said Monday.

The Smith Center has faced criticism from students who want to see groups that might not attract large audiences, such as rhythm and blues bands, in concert at the arena.

But director Jeff Elliott said promoters have the primary influence on the Smith Center's concert schedule because bands demand large fees that the state-supported coliseum cannot afford.

"We don't actually go out and contract for ourselves," he said.

First, the promoter buys the act for the Smith Center. The promoter might pay a rhythm and blues band a \$50,000 flat fee, guaranteed regardless of ticket sales, and would also pay the Smith Center about \$25,000 to use the facility, Elliott said.

If ticket sales were to total only \$60,000, the promoter would lose \$15,000 in one concert, he said.

Establishing a fund of about \$100,000 annually could enable the Smith Center to act as its own

promoter for financially risky acts including classical performing artists or children's shows, he said.

Using the University's state funding for "speculating" on entertainment would be inappropriate, he said, but student activities fees could provide another source.

To adapt the Smith Center to smaller audiences of about 15,000 or even 7,000, officials are designing a curtain to block off part of the seating, he said. The curtain could be finished by next spring.

Such a curtain would reduce the facility's operating expenses for the smaller shows and would probably make the arena more attractive to promoters who fear several thousand empty seats, Elliott said.

Right now, entertainers who come to Chapel Hill can only choose between the Smith Center's 22,000 seats and Memorial Hall's 1,600 seats.

Elliott said he would like to schedule potentially low-drawing groups at the Smith Center if he could find a promoter willing to pay the bands' fees.

Archie Copeland, Carolina Union director, said, "A promoter wants to play what he considers a sure thing. And you're hard pressed to find

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GOP gathering

Local reporter Bob Ellison interviews David Lineberger, chairman of the Orange County Republican Party, at the Monday night

opening of the Republican Party headquarters located on West Franklin Street.

Services for poor children may be inadequate

By STACI COX
Assistant State and National Editor

North Carolina is one of the worst states in the nation for providing care to impoverished children, affecting both their career futures and the industrial status of the state, according to a report published by the N.C. Child Advocacy Institute.

"Poverty is the underlying cause of

many of the problems children face," said John Niblock, president of the institute.

According to the report, one of many studies of poverty to be released recently, 52 percent of all single-parent families with children under 6 live in poverty. In 1977 the national child poverty rate was 16.2 percent; by 1986, that rose to 20.5 percent.

In 1986, 24,460 10- to 19-year-old girls became pregnant, and in 1987, 16 youths under the age of 16 were committed into an adult prison.

"I think it's consistent with past reports and expectations," said C. Arden Miller, professor of maternal and child health at UNC.

There must be an improvement of services across the board, but especially on the state level, Miller said.

Counties are too often not required to run high-cost care programs, and there is too much inconsistency in the regulation and application of social programs on the county level, he said.

The South has a history of not putting much money into social programs, said Dorothy Browne, associate professor of maternal and

child health at UNC.

Pregnancy among teens is a prime perpetrator of poverty, Browne said, because teenage mothers usually don't get married and do not graduate from high school.

"North Carolina has one of the highest percentages of female labor-force participation," she said, "but they have very marginal, low-paying

jobs that keep them bordering the poverty level."

While all levels of social care need upgrading, the state needs to focus on girls of child-bearing age, Miller said. Efforts to move them through high school will ultimately reach all groups, he said.

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Voter registration deadline nears

By AMY WAJDA
Staff Writer

Attention Tar Heels: Oct. 10 is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 8, 1988 election.

There are several requirements for registration. Voters must be U.S. citizens, be 18 years old by Nov. 8, 1988, and have lived in Orange County and in their voting precincts for at least 30 days before the election. Those who have already registered and have voted at least once in the last four years do not need to register again.

Proof of age, identity and current address is also required. A driver's license, picture identification or birth certificate will be accepted as valid proof of age and identity. A driver's license, birth certificate, library card, bill, lease or letter would serve as proof of current address.

When students register, registrars ask them if they have ever registered before, if they are registered anywhere else and if they regard Orange County as their permanent residence. According to Betsy Hackney, Democratic

coordinator of voter registration for the Orange County Board of Elections, the board will accept UNC students as residents "at least while you're here in school."

Voters must swear that all of the information supplied is true. The registrar then tells voters their precinct and polling place.

Voters must register as a Democrat, Republican or unaffiliated. There is "absolutely no pressure" to register for one party or another, Hackney said. Unaffiliated voters, however, cannot vote in North Carolina primaries.

Orange County residents who will not be in the county on Election Day or are disabled and unable to get to the polling place can vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots may be requested in writing from the Orange County Board of Elections, 144 E. Margaret St., P.O. Box 220, Hillsborough, N.C. 27278. Absentee ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 1.

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ORANGE COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION SITES Special Dates

The Pit	Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Franklin St. Post Office	Sun., Oct. 2	noon - 6 p.m.
N.C. Memorial Hospital	Tues., Sept. 20	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
University Mall	Saturdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, Oct. 8	noon - 4 p.m.
Kensington Trace	Tues., Sept. 27	7 - 8:30 p.m.
Highland Hills	Mon., Oct. 3	7 - 8:30 p.m.
Walden at Greenfields	Tues., Oct. 4	8 - 10 a.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.
Timberlyne Apts.	Sat., Oct. 1	afternoon

Regular Dates

Orange Co. Board of Elections Office	Monday - Friday	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Chapel Hill Municipal Building	Monday - Friday	8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Carborro Town Hall	Monday - Friday	8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Chapel Hill Public Library	Monday - Saturday	regular library hours
Orange County Public Library	Monday - Saturday	regular library hours
Hillsborough Public Library	Monday - Friday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
	Sunday	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Program targets minority recruitment

By LESLIE WILSON
Staff Writer

About 80 UNC students will spend their Fall Break at their old high schools, talking to minority students who are interested in applying to UNC.

The Tar Heel Target program, in its second year, is a recruitment program designed to encourage minority students to attend UNC. The program is a committee of the Black Student Movement (BSM) and has four phases of operation, according to Herbert Davis, associate

director of Undergraduate Admissions.

The Fall Break activities are the first phase of the program, BSM Vice President Tonya Blanks said. The visits will give high school students a chance to ask questions.

Blanks, who went back to her high school in Clarkton as a recruiter last year, said the high school seniors' most common concern was that they would not fit in at UNC, or that they would be just a "number."

"The students really enjoyed the

program," Blanks said. "They appreciated the fact that a college student would take time out to come and listen to their questions."

During the next phase of the program, high school students will visit the campus. The seniors will be paired with a host or hostess who will introduce them to UNC with tours and panel discussions.

Tar Heel Target members maintain contact with seniors who are accepted to UNC and continue to answer questions about preparing to attend UNC.

Training for UNC student volunteers begins tonight. Students will learn how to relate to the high school seniors and what questions to expect.

The program is trying to reach a specific target group of minority students, said Allan Younger, executive assistant to the student body president and project coordinator.

"It's an aggressive program," he said. "The students that the minority recruiters talk to have been nominated by their guidance counselors and are really an elite group."

A little inaccuracy saves a world of explanation. — C.E. Ayres

By WILL LINGO
City Editor

The Chapel Hill Town Council received a wide array of opinion regarding the proposed closing of Laurel Hill Road between Coker Drive and U.S. 15-501/N.C. 54 at a public hearing Monday night.

The University requested to close Laurel Hill Road to benefit the N.C. Botanical Garden. The garden's activity center is now essentially bisected by the road.

Peter White, director of the botanical garden, said there are two major reasons for the request: safety and creating a unified garden.

Reading from a prepared statement, White said the road is a hazard to the garden visitors who have to cross it each day.

"Closing Laurel Hill Road will remove a busy roadway from the heart of the garden," White said.

The measure would allow the garden to become unified and would improve the garden and its programs, he said.

"Closing the road will allow us the greatest flexibility in improving the appearance of the grounds, the quality of our plant collections and the use of the garden for public education and enjoyment," White said.

But some residents of the area said there would be greater safety

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