



Taking part in the classes at the center are, from left, Hao Chi Train (Vietnam), Abel Salcedo (Mexico), and Han Ha Troung (Vietnam).

Enrollment on the rise

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) - The International Center for Welcoming Students is reporting a 25 percent increase in enrollment this year.

International Center welcoming students

Dekalb County - Dekalb County School System officials say that attendance is rising at the International Center on Chamblee Dunwoody Road with the projected enrollment expected to grow to nearly 1,900 students representing 94 countries.

Enrollment in August 1993 stood at 861, with 927 newcomers already enrolled this August. The center is staffed by 10 professionals and its director is **Dr. Don Turchan**.

Turchan recently identified four major purposes which the center achieves:

- ✓ Center staffers build a "paper trail" which aids in the enrollment of international students, including those born outside the United States, but English-speaking, and those born in the United States who speak English as a second language;
- ✓ It conducts screening tests by which students are placed appropriately in Dekalb classrooms.

Turchan said that about 25 percent move directly into mainstream classes, 30-35 percent are served through English for Speakers of Other Languages classes, with the remainder processed for three to six weeks in the Welcoming School located at the center;

✓ It provides interpreters to school principals and staff for the purpose of achieving affective family liaisons;

✓ It evaluates student background credentials to place the student at the proper education level, and counsels the students regarding personal needs.

Other staff includes: teachers **Margaret Tharpe, Juan Avalos, Hoi Doan** and **Angela Rumbold**; interpreters **John Thanasack, Hanna Kwon, Janice Tyler** and **Mrs. Thuy-Nga Nguyen**; and secretaries **Maria Moriera** and **Bonnie Rosario-Sjulson**.