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and did not lock his door. When he returned at 6:45 p.m., he said, his belongings were gone.

McCracken said some changes have been made to campus security in response to the robbery. "We have increased patrols around the residence halls at night."

Composite sketches of the two suspects have circulated throughout campus, and photographs taken from surveillance videotapes at Granville have been posted on the Internet.

These pictures, as well as other information, can be seen at http://www.dps.unc.edu/dps/breakingnews/emergency.asp.

People are asked to call either UNC police at 962-8100 or Crime Stoppers at 942-7515 with any information about the robbery. All calls are confidential, and no callers will be asked to reveal themselves or appear in court.

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Basnight as he proclaimed his affection from his podium.

"I don't have a better friend in this chamber than you," Basnight said to Lee. "Better than that, I don't have a better friend in this state."

Even his opponent in the Democratic primary, Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, said Lee's departure was a great loss for

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Colombian, Thai, Caribbean, Chinese, and for the first time, vegan and vegetarian food will be available from vendors, giving the crowd an opportunity to try a range of different foods.

To accommodate the influx of traffic created by the estimated 25,000 participants, Mallette, Kenan and West Franklin streets will be closed from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the day of the event. Festifall parking will be available along

the legislature and the state.

"It is sad that the citizens of this state have lost a fine senator because of redistricting," she said. "He's a man of keen intellect and a kind heart."

Before taking his seat a last time, Lee reaffirmed his commitment to the state and to service. "I'm not dying, I don't think. I'm not dead. I'm not going anywhere. I will continue to serve."

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East and West Rosemary streets, parallel to the festival.

Barry Slobin, owner of Paint the Earth Ceramic Studio, located at 316 W. Franklin St., said that although problems such as parking occur throughout the day, he welcomes the event.

"We like it, but it's a mixed blessing," Slobin said. "It brings in a lot of business downtown and introduces the community to what we do, but our staff is usually tied up answering questions, not focusing on our customers."

Anderson said they use "smart sponsorship" to keep costs low. "This event is not about money, but to keep focus on arts, crafts and the community."

If there is inclement weather Sunday, Festifall 2002 will take place on its rain date, Oct. 13.

Anderson said that he doesn't want to jinx the event but that he thinks it's going to be a beautiful day, perfect for the celebration.

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N.C. Math and Science Programs To Receive Boost From Grants

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The UNC system received \$21.3 million to develop programs in science and math in 17 rural school districts in eastern North Carolina, Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., announced Tuesday.

The N.C. Partnership for Improving Mathematics and Science received a \$13 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

The grant will be coupled with \$8.3 million from the U.S. Department of Education also allocated for the program.

Edwards spokesman Carlos Monje said the grant, which will be a joint effort between Eastern Carolina University, Fayetteville State University, UNC-Wilmington and UNC-Pembroke, will be "a partnership for improving mathematics and science."

"(The UNC system) is doing great work to promote science and math in North Carolina's schools," Edwards stated in an e-mail.

"This assistance will help the univer-

sity (system) make a major difference in the lives of our children."

UNC-system President Molly Broad stated in a press release that while the grant shows North Carolina's determination to strengthen public schools, it also "reflects the university (system's) growing success at attracting federal grants and contracts to leverage scarce state dollars."

The grant focuses on schools in areas that are low-income in comparison to state averages, Monje said. The program is meant to increase student learning in science and math while decreasing the achievement gap.

Programs also are being launched to aid teacher development and to create after-school programs for students in pre-K through 12th grade.

The program will attempt to get more parents involved - encouraging participation with activities like family astronomy nights, nature walks and opportunities to talk to scientists.

The grant also will support a state advisory board to connect local and state agencies.

"You can have effective teaching going on, but if district leadership doesn't support it, it's not as firmly in place," said Verna Holoman, executive director of the N.C. Mathematics and Science Education Network.

The 17 eastern North Carolina districts involved in the program support more than 200,000 students.

The program is part of President Bush's "No Child Left Behind" education plan.

One facet of the program is to increase the education of teachers.

It will help "build a cadre of lead teachers who will remain in the district to serve as coaches for their peers," Holoman said.

There are also high hopes the program will help North Carolina in its goal of having the highest-ranked public schools in the nation by the year 2010, according to a press release put out by the UNC-system Office of the President.

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Redwine said he is confident that officials will be able to do the necessary research and present legislators with a viable proposal next session. Once that is accomplished, the funding will be approved with ease, he said. "It will be one of the first items to go next year," Redwine said. "That thing will sail through here like a knife through hot butter."

But Lee said he thinks legislation funding the cancer treatment center might run into roadblocks next session.

He said there likely still will be contention over the proposed revenue source for the cancer treatment center - tobacco settlement money.

Legislators should have finalized funding for the center this year, he said. "I think we should have moved forward aggressively. It's not as if this idea just popped up at the end."

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Because the first part of the construction will close down part of the building, the librarians are prepared for a possible increase in the number of visitors to the library's Web site.

"The library will remain open," Jenkins said. "The first stage of the renovation has forced us to move all the people, computer stations and copy machines to the top three floors."

"We understand that this will make it difficult to host as many students as we are used to, so we are prepared to make any necessary changes to the Web site."

But Jenkins said a virtual library

could not replace the actual structure.

Many people still visit the library even in the digital age, she said. The library allows them to do more than check out books.

They can meet with librarians, hold study groups and take classes.

Estroff also stressed the importance of a campus library.

"No facility is more important than the libraries," she said. "The campus could not function without the library. It is the heart of the University."

The Web cast has been archived, and it can be viewed at the Health Sciences Library Web site, http://www.hsl.unc.edu.

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