

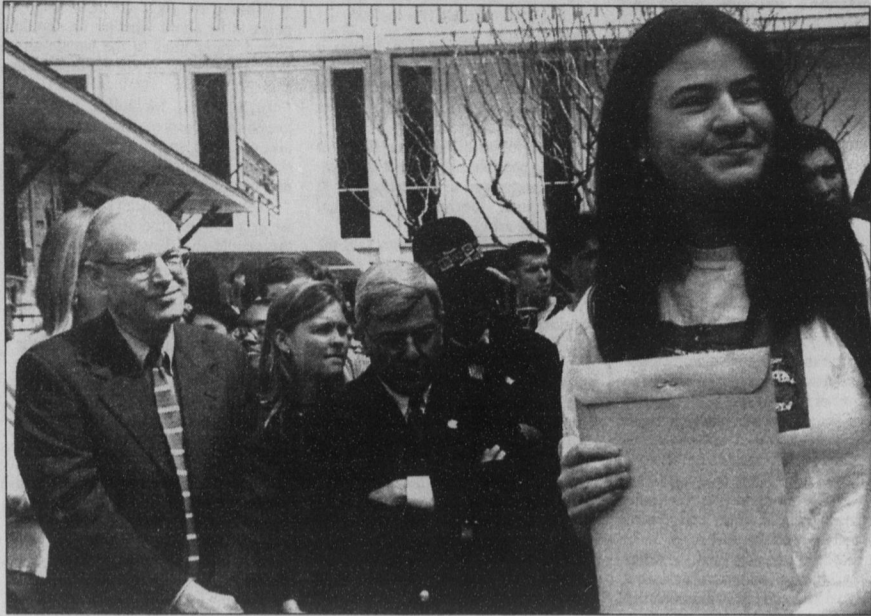
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CONGRATULATIONS, ARGONAUTS



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Junior Mary Perry receives a Golden Fleece award for excellent leadership in a.p.p.l.e.s. Wednesday in the Pit as men's basketball coach Bill Guthridge and Athletic Director Dick Baddour, who also received awards, watch.

Alumnus donates \$4.4 million to University for scholarships

■ Benefactor Wade Cavin served as Durham's mayor for four years in the 1970s.

BY SARAH BECK
STAFF WRITER

A \$4.4 million donation, the third largest bequest in UNC's history, will answer many needy students' prayers.

Wade Cavin, a UNC alumnus who struggled to pay for his education but had a successful business career, willed the University the money to use for need-based scholarships.

Cavin, who died in June, donated over \$400,000 to UNC during his lifetime. This newest gift extends his legacy. "For a lifetime, Wade Cavin cherished the highest possible ideal: that no able student ever be turned away from Chapel Hill for lack of money to pay for a university education," Chancellor Michael Hooker said.

Cavin set up two need-based scholarships in 1977 and 1984. The money

recently donated to the University will increase these scholarships from a combined total of \$22,000 to \$235,000 per year, June Steel, the director of planned giving, said.

"Students will be the direct beneficiaries of the donation," Hooker said.

Hooker also said the money was coming at a perfect time because of the Carolina Computing Initiative, which will require entering freshmen in 2000 to own laptop computers.

"Many students will need financial assistance to pay for computers for the upcoming computer initiative," he said.

Hooker also said the money would provide a better mix of grants and loans to help reduce students' loan burdens after graduation.

"It's what he really wanted to do the most," said Winston Cavin, Wade Cavin's son. "He wanted to give bright but needy kids from this state a chance."

The money Cavin donated will be placed in a permanent investment fund to produce income. The money for the need-based scholarships will come from the interest the money earns.

Cavin graduated from the University in 1938. After leaving the Marine Corps, Cavin was Burrough Corp.'s top salesman. In 1957, he founded Cavin's, a store which sold copying machines.

For 10 years in the 1970s, Cavin also served as a city council member and mayor of Durham.

During his years at UNC, Cavin struggled to pay for his education. He washed dishes in Swain Hall for 25 cents an hour, raked leaves, sold drinks at football games, delivered newspapers and did other odd jobs to fund his education.

Cavin saw the University as the springboard to his future success.

"He felt Carolina was the bridge from poverty to success," Winston Cavin said.

Cavin overcame many adversities to graduate from UNC. In 1936, he flunked out of school as a result of working too many jobs and not studying enough. Robert B. House, the dean of administration at the time, appealed his case and got him reinstated.

Winston Cavin said, "He overcame a lot of adversity before he found success."

Installation of cable suffers another delay

■ The delay can be blamed on a back order of parts needed to install the cable.

BY MARISSA DOWNS
STAFF WRITER

The ongoing cable installation continues to suffer delays, as University officials announced Wednesday that cable services won't be available to South Campus residents for another month.

The two contractors for the installation process, Watson Electric and Campus Televideo, asked for a contract extension beyond their March 25 deadline last week, when orders for several parts failed to arrive.

Steve Harward, associate director of UNC's Networking & Communications, said he expected some parts, including a tower that had to be redesigned, to arrive within the next two weeks.

With the remaining parts likely to follow, Harward said the system should be available around April 25.

In the meantime, Harward said the University is making efforts to inform South Campus residents of the delay.

But despite a renewed projection for operational cable, some students said they were tired of broken commitments.

"It's kind of disappointing," said Will Eckstein, a sophomore from Greenville who lives in Morrison Residence Hall. "When they set deadlines, they should make their best effort to meet those deadlines."

Chelsea Elam, a senior from East Orange, N.J., who lives in Craige Residence Hall, said she questioned whether the delay was avoidable.

"Why don't they have the parts? Why wasn't it discussed earlier?" Elam asked. But Harward said equipment manufacturers are typically backlogged with orders and that neither the University nor the contractors were to blame.

This is not the first time the cable installation has been delayed.

Jim Gogan, director of the Office of Information Technology Services, said the University originally intended to provide cable to South Campus residents at the beginning of the semester.

The installation was delayed for three months when the state government required the University to undergo a bidding process for a contractor. The University had expected to avoid the bidding process by using a contractor it already employed.

Gogan said that although the delay was frustrating, the only thing the University could do was wait for the parts to arrive. "We've only got two alternatives," Gogan said. "We can start all over and cancel the contract or give (the contractors) the three-to-four-week extension they asked for."

BY ANNE FAWCETT
STAFF WRITER



A weeklong series looking at the politics of higher education in the UNC system.

Researchers in the Triangle are making breakthroughs in studies on deadly microorganisms, swine, platelets and AIDS. Investigators across the state study precision measurement, asthma attacks and aerospace

engineering.

These researchers do not work for huge companies or rake in large profits, however. They are professors and students in the UNC system, and they do not receive as much state support as one might think.

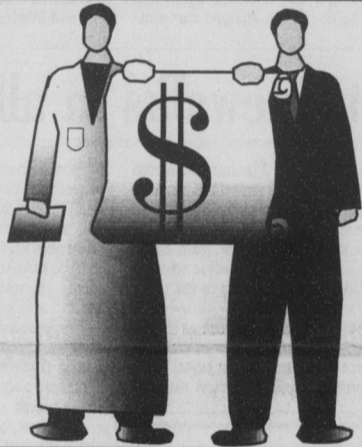
Research in the UNC system is a high priority for faculty but a much lower priority for the state legislature and the Board of Governors, who make the budget and allot money to the constituent schools.

This does not result in conflict, however, because most research money actually comes from federal or private sources, which shows the strength of the system's research programs.

Research's importance according to ...

Research in the UNC system is a high priority for faculty but a lower priority for the Board of Governors. Research currently ranks eighth of 13 priorities in the BOG's 1998 budget priorities. It ranks sixth, however, in funding allotment.

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Researching Priorities

Research and graduate education rank eighth out of 13 priorities in the Board of Governors' 1998 Budget Priorities. Research is sixth in terms of fund allotment.

"Most people would rank research at the bottom of a list," said N.C. Rep. Martha Alexander, D-Mecklenburg. "Most people do not understand the significance of research."

The legislature would be more likely to fund research if legislators could see practical results for the people of North Carolina, said Sen. Virginia Foxx, R-Watauga.

"Most people in the legislature are interested in direct results from research," she said. "It needs to show an impact, and sometimes pure research takes a long time to do that."

Foxx said for state research funding to increase or remain the same in coming years, administrators and faculty would have to present compelling cases for their projects.

"Universities have always been involved in research and gaining knowledge, but dollars are scarce,"

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Area AIDS specialists report on progress towards cure

BY ASHLEY RYNESKA
STAFF WRITER

Doctors from Duke University and UNC presented new HIV research Wednesday night, but not to medical boards.

They displayed their findings to AIDS and HIV patients, those people highly affected by new findings.

Members from UNC Hospitals and Duke University Medical Center sponsored the Second Annual HIV Care Update at the Durham Civic Center.

The purpose of the program was to provide both information and encouragement to the HIV community.

Dr. John Bartlett, professor of medicine at Duke University, said the partnership between UNC and Duke's medical boards was needed in order to successfully find cures for the HIV virus.

"We are creating a partnership between UNC, Duke and other college communities," Bartlett said.

"Together we are working to provide new drugs and education to our community."

Bartlett said a cure could only be created by combining several medications, helping to avoid ongoing damage to the immune system and boost viral suppression.

Bartlett also said chemotherapy treat-

ments would be given to some HIV patients. This traditional cancer treatment will be used to kill the deadly cells in the lymphoid tissue.

"The goal of treatment is to get the immune system as high as possible, so that people can live longer and enjoy their lives," said Dr. Joe Eron, professor of medicine at UNC.

Eron said that 14 different drugs for the HIV virus would be available within the next year. But the new drugs have no guarantee. "With medical intervention we are suppressing the HIV virus but we aren't making it go away," he said.

"I know that we have a goal, we want to get better and even though we haven't fully reached this goal, we shouldn't give up."

Some people attending the conference said the speakers provided them with a renewed sense of hope and, more importantly, awareness.

"I'm hoping that the community is becoming more aware of the HIV virus, especially young students," said John Cash, member of the Duke Infectious Disease Board.

"College students get carried away in the partying and drinking and they lose control," he said. "Think before you lay down, and if you have been sexually active then you should get tested (for the HIV virus) every six months."

Meningitis outbreak unlikely, officials say

■ Junior Karen Ellis, who has meningitis, was listed in fair condition Wednesday.

BY DEVONA A. BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Despite a recent case of bacterial meningitis on campus, students should not be concerned about any outbreaks, officials said.

Student Health Service Director Judith Cowan said that while meningococcal meningitis is contagious and sometimes deadly, occurrences are rare.

"Most of the cases of meningitis appear as a sporadic disease," she said. "It's not a disease like influenza that spreads throughout the population."

According to information from the SHS Infectious Disease Committee, the disease is spread by 10 percent of the population carrying the bacteria in their noses and throats.

Close contact with these carriers and those who come down with the disease increases the risk of developing meningococcal meningitis. However, more people are infected by carriers than by those with the disease.

Still, Cowan said SHS staff had administered the antibiotic for meningi-

tis ciprofloxacin to 386 students as of Wednesday afternoon.

Doctors diagnosed junior Karen Ellis with bacterial meningitis Saturday, prompting many of her classmates and fellow sorority members of Alpha Chi Omega sorority to get treatment.

A nurse listed Ellis in good condition on Tuesday. Ellis' condition was fair Wednesday afternoon. Hospital officials would not say when they could release her from UNC Hospitals.

The infectious disease committee sent letters to Ellis' classmates on Monday and Tuesday with information about the disease and preventive measures for it.

Clinical Medicine Dr. Greg Tuttle said that by now, he did not see any cause for alarm about an outbreak.

"We pretty much got the word out to everybody, and we've prophylaxed anybody with chances of exposure," he said. "I don't expect very many (people to come in) over the next few days."

Cowan said Wednesday that no additional cases had been diagnosed.

University staff members with questions should call health care providers or the Orange County Health Department at 968-2022.

Concerned students should call SHS at 966-2281 or visit the facility between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Reborn to hand jive, baby

Sandy, Danny and all the cool kids from "Grease" are



back for the 20th anniversary. Page 5

Gettin' trashed

Members of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen are doing some dirty talking at their retreat today about solid waste management. Page 4

Project proposal

Interested in exploring an issue in-depth? Apply to write this semester's Joanna Howell Fund award project. It honors Howell, who died in the May 1996 Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house fire. Proposals are due April 3. Questions? Call 962-0245.

Today's weather

Partly cloudy; mid 70s
Friday: Sunny; low 80s

Anxiety is the interest paid on trouble before it is due.

Dean William R. Inge