

The Daily Tar Heel

Monday, September 21, 1998
Volume 106, Issue 80

News/Features/Arts/Sports 962-0245
Business/Advertising 962-1163
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
© 1998 DTH Publishing Corp.
All rights reserved.

105 years of editorial freedom
Serving the students and the University
community since 1893

UNC Hits New Mark For Grants

UNC's School of Social Work led all other departments with a 65 percent jump in research funding from 1997.

By Dave Premawardhana
Staff Writer

For the first time, UNC's research funding awards for one year eclipsed the \$300 million mark.

Through grant requests submitted last year, faculty members attracted a total of \$304.95 million, up 5 percent from last year and 18 percent from 1996.

"This is the 15th of the last 16 years that the award total has increased over the previous year," said Robert Lowman, associate provost for research. "That's not an easy thing to do. The incredible consistency of it is very striking."

Of all the schools with funding increases, the School of Social Work led the way with a 65 percent jump from \$3.71 million last year to \$6.11 million.

Richard L. Edwards, dean of the School of Social Work, said the increase was positive but not surprising because the school had been working hard to increase funds during the past few years. "It's a culmination of years of work."

He said the increase would benefit people both inside and outside the school because funding would allow students to engage in social projects, such as welfare reform programs.

Every school within the University had increases in research funding except for the Schools of Medicine, Education and Journalism and Mass Communication, Lowman said.

He said decreases in those schools were not drastic enough to alter the University's overall positive results.

Richard Anderson, assistant dean for fiscal affairs in the medical school, said awards in the school were slightly lower this year because last year's total was artificially high. "In 1996, federal grants weren't awarded because of the government shutdown, so the amount in 1997 was catching up with the government shutdown," he said.

Lowman credited the overall increase of University research funds to the creativity of faculty. The top criterion for grant awards, he said, was a creative research project idea that was recognized as valuable.

One such project was the Southern Astronomical Research (SOAR) telescope project, which involves the development of a high-tech telescope in Chile's Andes Mountains.

The Department of Physics and Astronomy received a grant from the U.S. Air Force totaling \$5.76 million, which made up a significant portion of UNC's share to the SOAR project.

Chuck Evans, principal investigator of the grant, shared his excitement. "It feels good to finally be in this position."

The University Editors can be reached at udesk@unc.edu.

Security Fences at PR Lot Delayed; Completion Date Set for Sept. 28

The completion date for the security fences on the off-campus lot was first scheduled for Wednesday.

By Amy Stephens
Staff Writer

The completion of security fences around the PR lot, originally targeted for the beginning of the school year, has been postponed until Sept. 28.

Previous delays occurred due to normal problems and scheduling of a typical renovation project, said Deborah Hawkins, security enforcement operations manager.

The need to repour the concrete that

RHA Probes Into Housing Problems

In a detailed report, RHA President David Jernigan lists problems found in 23 of 26 residence halls.

By Devona A. Brown
University Editor

The Residence Hall Association issued a complete assessment of campus housing in its 1998 Facilities Improvement Initiative on Friday.

RHA President David Jernigan and Housing Executive Assistant Erik Richter walked through each floor of

UNC's 26 residence halls starting Aug. 30 and took note of the problems they found.

Jernigan sent the results to Director of University Housing Wayne Kuncl, Student Body President Reyna Walters and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Susan Kitchen, among others.

"As president of the Residence Hall Association, I am deeply concerned that many residents are paying for facilities which are far from satisfactory," Jernigan stated in the report.

The initiative lists residence hall problems ranging from simple needs such as soap dispensers, to serious needs such as exposed electricity boxes.

The report outlined conditions of all residence halls but states that South Campus needs the most improvements.

"The outside appearance of South Campus residence halls contributes to the lack of respect among residents for their homes," the report stated. "There are several



Housing director Wayne Kuncl said many problems outlined in the RHA report could be fixed immediately.

areas (especially around Morrison) that have no grass. An improvement in the grounds would make a significant difference."

Though Jernigan said he wanted to see improvements on all of campus, the four halls on South Campus were a major focus. "Our emphasis is definitely on South Campus," he said. "I would be tempted to say (it) would be the first place to start."

Kuncl said Sunday that he had not yet talked with Jernigan about the report but said such a list would be a help for the housing department.

"Many of the problems can be fixed immediately," he said. "They're the kind

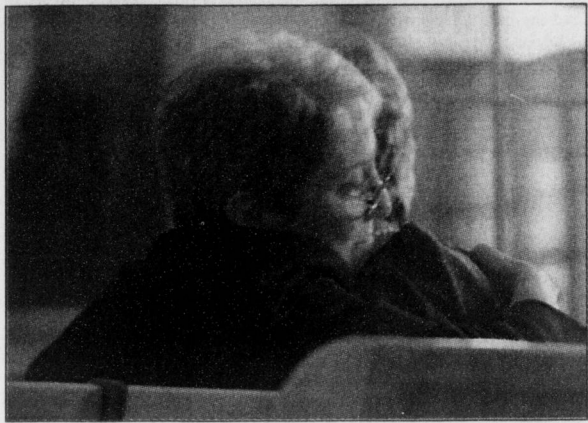
of things any students could call in to our maintenance department.

"I think he mentioned soap dispensers and paper towels in bathrooms; that's something we'll have to talk about," Kuncl said.

As to when problems would be fixed, Jernigan said it would depend on when he and Richter could meet with housing department officials.

"We're sitting down with (Associate Director of Administrative Services) Larry Hicks and working out a timetable for getting these repairs in place."

The University Editors can be reached at udesk@unc.edu.



Dr. Myron Liptzin's wife, Anne, embraces Wendell Williamson's mother, Fonda, during jury deliberations Friday afternoon.

Williamson Jurors Still Deadlocked

By Amy Cappiello
Senior Writer

HILLSBOROUGH — As weighty issues lay on their shoulders, jurors in the medical malpractice suit against ex-Student Health Service psychiatrist Dr. Myron Liptzin were deadlocked Friday.

Former UNC law student Wendell Williamson is suing Liptzin, alleging Liptzin's negligence led to Williamson's 1995 shooting rampage that killed two people.

As the close of court drew near, the jury returned to the courtroom with agitated, drawn faces. After silently reading a note, Judge James Spencer Jr. counseled the jurors.

"It is your duty to do whatever you can to reach a verdict in this case," Spencer told the group. "A verdict is not a verdict until all 12 of you agree unanimously what your decision will be."

Williamson was found not guilty by reason of insanity in 1995 and is now indefinitely confined to Broughton State

Hospital in Morganton. He is seeking monetary damages to compensate him for the turn his life has taken as a result of the shootings.

While medical malpractice is at the heart of the lawsuit, the jury is actually dealing with three issues. The first issue is whether Liptzin damaged Williamson by acting negligently.

Williamson alleges Liptzin did not comply with the standard of care by misdiagnosing Williamson and failing to introduce Williamson to a suitable replacement before Liptzin's retirement.

If the jury finds Liptzin did act negligently, it will move to the second issue, which is whether Williamson contributed to his own damage. The defense contends Williamson acted negligently by not taking the anti-psychotic medication Liptzin prescribed and not seeking further treatment.

Only if the jurors find Williamson did not contribute to his own damage can they award him money. The amount of damages constitutes the third issue.

The jury reconvenes today at 10 a.m.

The University Editors can be reached at udesk@unc.edu.

Officials Debate Alternative Verdict, Mental Health Policy Remains Same
See Page 4

White House Braces for Backlash After Release of Taped Testimony

TALE OF THE TAPE

Some Democrats suggest that Clinton volunteer to testify before Congress to hasten further decisions.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A key Democratic senator suggested Sunday that President Clinton immediately volunteer to testify before Congress to halt a "political water torture" that escalates Monday morning when Americans view raw footage of the president's grand jury testimony about Monica Lewinsky.

That video will show Clinton admitting "inappropriate intimate contact" and "sexual banter" with Lewinsky but resisting prosecutors' efforts to define the conduct further. Clinton offers many legalistic replies and, at times, shows remorse.

"I regret that what began as friendship came to include this conduct," the president answered when he was first asked a sex-related question by prosecutors in his Aug. 17 testimony. The tes-

timony was described to the Associated Press by lawyers familiar with it.

The White House and Congress — facing perils in the unfolding impeachment proceedings — braced for the release Monday of new evidence that includes more material in which Lewinsky explicitly describes sex acts, Clinton's videotape, presidential phone messages left at Lewinsky's home and FBI test results that conclude semen on one of Lewinsky's dresses belongs to Clinton.

Monday, when the 2,800 pages of documents and videotape are released, Clinton will be in New York City addressing the United Nations.

A key senator and Clinton ally suggested on a Sunday talk show that Clinton immediately volunteer to testify to the House Judiciary Committee to spare the U.S. further embarrassment.

"I believe the president would be well served to explain exactly what he did,



President Bill Clinton shows remorse for his actions in his video testimony, lawyers say.

exactly what he was thinking, do it to the Judiciary Committee and let's vote and let's move on one way or the other," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

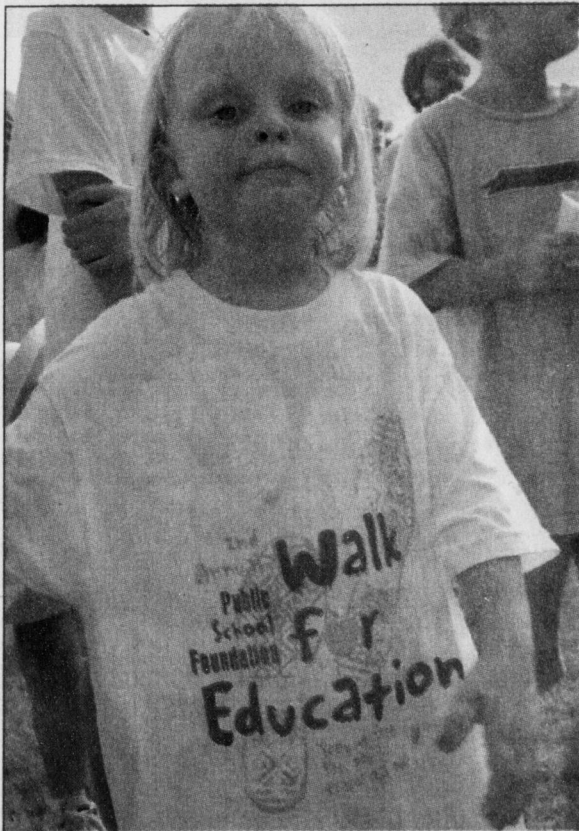
"The nation is being ill served by this political water torture that is taking place in a highly calculated, highly partisan way," Kerry told NBC regarding Congress' selected release of evidence.

Kerry's call for voluntary Clinton testimony was also embraced by Republican Sen. John Ashcroft, a presidential aspirant, and House Judiciary Committee members Barney Frank, D-Mass., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

Uneasy about defending some of Clinton's legalistic answers, Democrats are discussing whether to concede Clinton committed perjury and accept Lewinsky's version of their sexual encounters even though Clinton disputes her allegations that he touched her and sexually stimulated her.

In an event unparalleled in history, the unfiltered footage of Clinton's grand jury testimony will be aired by cable news channels simultaneously with its release, expected shortly after the breakfast hour Monday. To prepare viewers, CNN aired statements warning that the video, which it plans to run in its entirety, contains "both language and descriptions" that "may be offensive to some viewers and unsuitable to children."

WALK FOR EDUCATION



DTH/DAVID SANDLER

Megan Long was one of many who walked from McCorkle Place to the Lincoln Center on Merrit Mill Road on Saturday in the Walk for Education. The walk raised money for area schools. See Story Page 2.

INSIDE Monday

Road of Rapids

A new monthly series will feature student road trips for weekend fun. This month's journey is a trip down the New River battling rapids in a canoe. See Page 5.

How Bazaar

The seventh annual Seeds of Sheba Cultural Arts Bazaar celebrated the art, music and scents of Africa on Saturday. Vendors offered exotic items from richly colored, hand-made clothing to jewelry, oils and hand-carved wood figurines. See Page 6.

We Shall Rebuild

Crumbling, outdated buildings define the current state of historically black colleges across the South — a fact preservationists and education leaders are working to change. See Page 7.

Today's Weather

Increasing clouds, late showers, Lower 80s
Tuesday: Thunderstorms, Lower 80s.

A misleading impression; not a lie. It was being economical with the truth.

Sir Robert Armstrong