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Donation Calls for Duke, UNC Cooperation

UNC alumnus donates \$24 million in order to establish a scholarship program that would involve both schools.

COURTNEY MABEUS
University Editor

DURHAM- The difference between shades of Carolina blue and Duke University's royal blue just got a few degrees paler.

At a press conference Tuesday, New York investment manager and UNC alumnus Julian H. Robertson Jr. and his wife, Josie, donated \$24 million to establish a joint scholarship program designed to foster ties between the University and its historical rival.

Though he spent little time visiting Duke's campus during his days as a student, Robertson's son, Julian, attended Duke, which helped to open his eyes to the rival institution. This provided the

impetus behind the donation, he said. "Meeting his friends showed me that I'd missed a lot by not knowing the people at Duke," Robertson said.

Another of Robertson's sons, Alexander, is a rising senior at UNC.

Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy and Duke University President Nan Keohane unveiled the gift, saying the establishment of the Robertson Scholars Fund will help forge a link between students and break down barriers preventing collaboration between the two institutions.

"This is very much an equal opportunity venture," Keohane said. "We hope that it will lead to a cultural shift in the way public and private universities work in collaboration."

The program will allow 30 undergraduate students, 15 chosen from each university, to integrate a course of study at both institutions. Students will also spend a semester living on the other university's campus.

Scholars will also be provided with

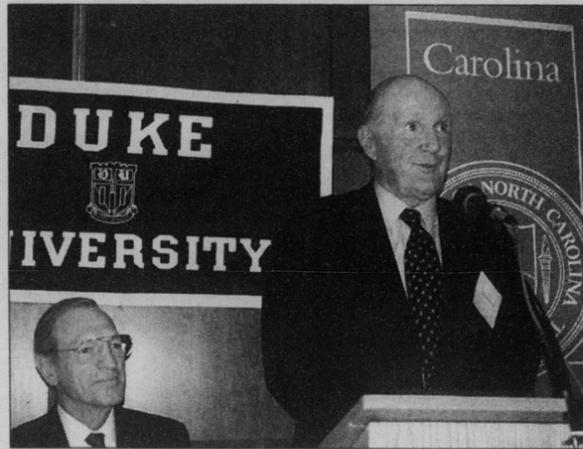
improved inter-campus transportation which could be extended to other students and faculty in the future, McCoy said. Future transportation plans were not available at press time.

The scholarship provides full tuition, boarding and living stipends at UNC and full tuition at Duke. Keohane said the awards will be worth about \$100,000 for four years of study at Duke or for out-of-state students coming to UNC.

All scholars will receive laptops and participate in freshman and senior year seminars taught by faculty from both campuses. Scholars will also have other opportunities, such as paid summer internship experiences.

The first class of students is expected to matriculate in 2001. Though each student will graduate from the university they entered, each will also receive certification that they were educated at both, officials said.

The effectiveness of the program will
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Julian H. Robertson Jr. speaks Tuesday about his \$24 million gift for UNC-Duke scholarships as Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy listens.

Nieman's Last BOG Meeting

BOG members also talked strategy for the campaign to gain voter support for the \$3.1 billion bond.

WORTH CIVILS
City/State & National Editor

Members of the UNC Board of Governors said goodbye to Jeff Nieman for the second time at their meeting last Friday on the campus of Elizabeth City State University, where they also discussed strategy for the bond campaign.

Nieman, former president of the UNC Association of Student Governments and the lone student on the BOG, graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in May, after serving two years on the policy-making body for the UNC system.

"He's the only (student representative) to serve two terms (on the board), and that speaks well for him," BOG Vice Chairman Jack Cecil said. "He represented the students well. He made points in a very professional and eloquent manner."

After serving as ASG president and representative to the BOG his junior year, Nieman unexpectedly took over the reins of the ASG for a second year. He did so after Nick Mirisis admitted to plagiarizing a paper at UNC-Charlotte and resigned as ASG president last year.

"(Mirisis) resigned on my advice, but with no design of (my) coming back (as president)," Nieman said. "I asked other people to step forward, but no one had the experience, so I came back."

Reflecting on his past year as a BOG member, Nieman said three issues consumed most of his time: Hurricane Floyd flood relief, the tuition hike and, most recently, the bond referendum.

At their meeting Friday, BOG members discussed strategy for campaigning in support of the \$3.1 billion bond, \$2.5 billion of which is for building improvements at UNC schools, with \$600 mil-

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Former ASG President **Jeff Nieman**, the first student to serve for two years on the BOG, attended his last meeting Friday.

MacNelly, 52, Celebrated, Remembered

BRIAN FREDERICK
Editor

We celebrate the life of cartoonist Jeff MacNelly and embrace him as an alumnus of the University and The Daily Tar Heel.

The DTH was just the launching ground for a magnificent career that would ultimately net MacNelly three Pulitzer Prizes and recognition among peers as the greatest editorial cartoonist of his generation, if not ever.

"He was the greatest cartoonist ever," said Gary Brookins, a cartoonist at the Richmond Times-Dispatch. "His humor went hand in hand with the beautiful drawings that were unsurpassed. No one else really approached him."

MacNelly died last Thursday at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. The 52-year-old native New Yorker had been battling lymphoma.

Truth is, MacNelly never graduated from UNC. Given the talent he displayed from his days at The DTH, it was apparent that school would only hinder his growth. He dropped out in 1969 before finishing his senior year.

"He knew where he was headed," said Dennis Zaborowski, professor of art, who was MacNelly's painting instructor. "He probably figured out that he didn't need to be in school, which he didn't."

During his junior year, in 1968, MacNelly began working for the Chapel Hill Weekly as well. When he dropped out the following year, it was to take a \$120-per-week job at the Weekly.

"He just got tired of the whole University scene and said, 'Screw it,' and walked down the street to us, and we grabbed him," said Jim Shumaker, professor of journalism, who was then editor of the Chapel Hill Weekly. Shumaker later became the inspiration for MacNelly's comic strip "Shoe."

"Shumaker let me hang myself twice a week," MacNelly said in 1998. "That's not as easy as having someone tell you what to do."

"(MacNelly) had a wit that is extremely hard to get into cartoons, and he did it very quickly," said Shumaker. "But to do that without being mean. There wasn't a mean bone in his body."

MacNelly would head to the Richmond News Leader in 1970, where he would win his first Pulitzer two years later, at the age of 24. His second would come in 1978.

In 1982, MacNelly joined the Chicago Tribune and won his third Pulitzer in 1985. He worked out of



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the Tribune's Washington bureau until he died.

While editorial cartooning was his first love, MacNelly may be best known for his cartoon "Shoe," which features the cigar-chomping P. Martin Shoemaker, based on Shumaker.

And "Shoe" fans will be happy to know the cartoon will continue. MacNelly had been making plans to retire from the strip, said his assistant, Chris Cassatt.

Cassatt had been doing the lettering and production work, allowing MacNelly to focus on his drawings. Brookins' style is so similar to MacNelly's that Brookins was tabbed by MacNelly to take over the strip with Cassatt.

Throughout his life, MacNelly was fond of UNC. "He really loved the school and loved his time there," said Cassatt.

For those wishing to contribute, the Jeff MacNelly Award is presented to an outstanding student writer. Send contributions to: Jeff MacNelly Award, UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Campus Box 3365, Chapel Hill, 27599.

Appropriately enough, the recipient of the award is determined by Shumaker.

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Cartoonist and UNC alumnus Jeff MacNelly, shown in the top photo, relaxes in Key West, Fla. in February 1996. The bottom drawing is from the May 6, 1969 issue of The Daily Tar Heel. To see more of MacNelly's drawings and a column written by Jim Shumaker, please see page 4.

Wireless Technology Gives Mobility for Students

JENNIFER BROWN
Staff Writer

The University is preparing to join the ranks of Wake Forest University and many other institutions in the ever-changing world of computer technology with plans to start going wireless in classrooms and other campus locations.

This development means the capa-

bility of UNC students to surf the Web and check email from the comfort of their classroom desks is not far away.

For the past year, UNC has had the capability of wireless connectivity in two classrooms, one in Greenlaw Hall and one in Phillips Hall.

Lorena Russell, a teaching fellow in the department of English, taught English 11 using the wireless connectiv-

ity technology. "The ability to use this technology will definitely change classroom dynamics," she said.

But Russell said the use of the technology did cause a few problems.

"The computers were somewhat distracting at times, and there were the normal glitches, but overall it was a good experience," she said.

Some students who took Russell's class said they also enjoyed being able to connect to the Internet while in class.

"Rather than having to print out papers and other work, you could just submit it over the internet," said Tamara Sanders, a sophomore from Flat Rock.

Marian Moore, vice chancellor for information technology, said expansion plans involving wireless connectivity

remain tentative due to rapidly changing technology in the field.

The first priority for the use of wireless connectivity will be for the departments and courses that have a definite plan for using the technology, Moore added.

Over the summer, 12 additional class-

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INSIDE Thursday

Southern Debut

The North Mississippi Allstars rise to the surface with their debut CD *Shake Hands With Shorty*. The band combines southern rock with soulful blues for a refreshing new sound. For a complete review of their new album, check out Arts & Entertainment. See Page 7.

Fast Cars, Fast Action

Nicholas Cage and Angelina Jolie take carjacking to a new level in the recently released Jerry Bruckheimer film "Gone with 60 Seconds." Read our full review and see if this star-packed movie is worthy of a trip to the cinema. See Page 6.

Top of the Class

The 1999-2000 Sears Directors' Cup standings were released this week. The rankings gauge the best collegiate sports programs across the country. To see where UNC landed in the pack this year, check out the Sports Roundup. See Page 9.

The old man had taught the boy to fish and the boy loved him for it.

Ernest Hemingway