

Ceremony Marks Start of New Bus Route

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The long-standing tradition of intense competition between UNC and Duke University was hashed out on another playing field Friday morning — that of rock, paper, scissors.

Ramses and the Duke Blue Devil hammed it up on the Robertson Scholars bus as they joined Chancellor James Moeser, Duke President Nan Keohane and the inaugural class of freshmen scholars to take part in the launch of the express bus service between the two campuses.

The bus service is available to all students, faculty and staff of both universities with valid identification and is part of the Robertson Scholars Program, which annually awards full scholarships to 15 UNC students and 15 Duke students.

The program, which is in its first year, aims to boost interaction between the two universities by allowing the scholars to take classes at both campuses.

Clusters of intertwined Carolina blue and Duke blue balloons fastened to the Graham Memorial terrace greeted the riders Friday as they filed off the two buses.

The 10.7-mile bus ride to UNC's campus came after a ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of Duke Chapel.

"I am immensely impressed with how traffic moved out of the way for the Robertson Scholars bus," Moeser said as he addressed the crowd of scholars and administrators gathered on the terrace overlooking the Morehead Planetarium parking lot.

"I'm proud to be affiliated with Duke and this great program."

Keohane also said she was impressed with the smooth bus ride and how it gave her a chance to engage in casual conversation with Moeser.

"I hope the bus offers the same opportunity for lots of colleagues," Keohane said.

The bus ride also gave the scholars a chance to catch up with each other. Many had not seen each other since the scholarship selection process in April.

"I was sitting next to a UNC scholar, and we just talked about school stuff like

we were in the same school," said freshman Pauline Wong, a scholar from Duke. "It's been great between the UNC and Duke scholars. There really hasn't been any separation."

Wyndham Robertson said she was grateful that the bus ride gave her the opportunity to meet the scholars. She is the sister of Julian Robertson, who provided a \$24 million endowment gift for the program.

"I loved being on the bus ride," said Robertson, who is a member of the program's external advisory board.

Robertson said the two universities share a great athletic rivalry, but she hopes the scholarship program will extend the existing cooperation beyond the administrative level.

"I buy my brother's school of thought that there needs to be something that pulls undergraduates together."

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Former N.C. House Speaker Dies at 82

The Associated Press

MARSHALL — Liston B. Ramsey, a mountain populist who became perhaps the most powerful state House speaker in North Carolina history, died Sunday. He was 82.

Dot Barber, Ramsey's secretary for 31 years, said the former speaker died after a long illness.

Ramsey served 19 terms in the state House representing Madison County as a Democrat. From 1981 to 1988, he held a record four terms as its speaker.

Ramsey was on his way to a fifth term as speaker in 1989 when he was unseated by a coalition of 20 dissident Democrats and Republicans in the House. The dissidents had chafed under the centralization of power under Ramsey and his lieutenants.

By then, he was a legendary political

figure in North Carolina politics, widely viewed as having more clout than even Republican Gov. Jim Martin.

Ramsey was first elected to the House in 1960 and again in 1962. After being defeated in 1964, he returned to win election again in 1966 and every two years after that, through 1998.

He announced his retirement in 2000, when he was the longest serving member of the General Assembly.

Gov. Mike Easley said Ramsey was a "good friend and a true statesman" for North Carolina.

"He was respected as a progressive leader who always watched out for the common man," Easley said in a statement.

"During his reign, Speaker Ramsey was responsible for developing a long list of leaders who carry on his commitment and dedication to serving the people of North Carolina."

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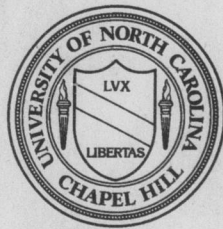
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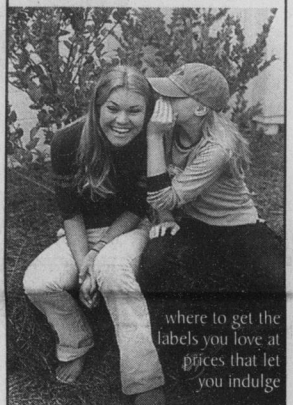
Cookies and lemonade for all attendees.

Campus Calendar

Today
5 p.m. — UNC Varsity Fencing will have open tryouts in 07 Fetzer Gym. No experience is necessary, but athleticism and experience on a varsity sport in high school is recommended. Stop by 07 Fetzer Gym or e-mail elan@unc.edu for any further questions.
6 p.m. — Student government will host an open house in the Union Auditorium.

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1 p.m. — The BCC will hold a Study Abroad Information Session. The Study Abroad Office will discuss opportunities. Come by the BCC to hear from students who have studied abroad.

7 p.m. — Student government will hold a Freshman Focus Council interest meeting in Union Suite C.

7 p.m. — The Management and Society Student Association will have their first meeting in Union 210.

8:30 p.m. — Blank Canvas general interest meeting in Union 205 for those who missed the last meeting.

Thursday
5 p.m. — Phi Alpha Delta, pre-law fraternity, will have an interest meeting in the Union Cabaret.

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