

Robertson Program Names Chairman

Former UNC Provost Dick Richardson, who helped start the Robertson Scholars Program, will lead its board.

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Former UNC Provost Dick Richardson was recently appointed as the chairman of the External Advisory Board committee for the Robertson Scholars Program. The board has not met yet but will serve in an advisory capacity to the scholarship program, which is in its first year. The membership of the 13-member board has yet to be determined. The Robertson Scholars Program is a joint scholarship at UNC and Duke University in which students participate in a variety of programs and eventually

take classes on both campuses. Eric Mlyn, the Robertson Scholars Program director, identified Richardson's knowledge of the program as a key factor in his appointment. "Richardson is the perfect person to serve as chair of the advisory board," Mlyn said. "Having helped establish the program during his time as provost, he brings a thorough understanding of the program. He also brings experience, energy and humor." Richardson served as UNC provost from 1995 until 2000. During his time as provost, Richardson helped plan and develop the Robertson Scholars Program. Richardson said he was honored to be appointed to the new post. "This is one of the most exciting new programs on campus at either university," he said. "As chair of the advisory committee, I will do all I can to help and support students in the program."

Richardson said the first meeting of the advisory board will take place April 29 and said the board will meet at least once every semester. Mlyn said the advisory committee will serve as the board of directors for the program. He said the committee also will mentor and interact with the scholars themselves. Thirty students - 15 from each institution - are chosen to participate in the program each year. The scholarship is funded by a gift from Julian H. Robertson Jr. and his wife, Josie. The first class of Robertson Scholars enrolled at UNC and Duke in the fall of 2001. Robertson Scholars are chosen from the overall admissions pool at both UNC and Duke. Richardson and Mlyn both said the first class of participants is impressive. "The Robertson Scholarship Program has been a great success thus far," Mlyn

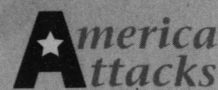
said. "The collaboration and cooperation of the two institutions has been far beyond what we hoped for." Mlyn said he wants to improve student awareness of the program in the next year as well as educate students about cooperative features between UNC and Duke that are available to students who are not Robertson Scholars. "We hope to make students at both campuses more aware of programs such as the inter-institutional agreement and the fare-free buses running from UNC to Duke," he said. Richardson identified his main goal for the program's future as establishing and maintaining a tradition of excellence. He said, "We hope to develop extraordinary leaders in public service at both the national and world level."

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Developments in the War on Terrorism

Prosecutors Want to Simulate Bombing

Prosecutors in the case of an airline passenger accused of trying to ignite explosives in his shoe said they plan to detonate a similar bomb and show it as evidence during the man's trial. Judge William Young did not say if he would grant the request.



Family Members Confirm That Nuclear Scientist Met Bin Laden

A former Pakistani nuclear scientist suspected of links to Islamic extremists met Osama bin Laden twice but did not reveal any nuclear secrets, the scientist's son asserted Monday. U.S. officials have long been suspicious of the scientist's contacts with bin Laden.

U.S. Has Many Approaches to Help Countries Eliminate Terrorists

The Pentagon's plan to send military trainers to the former Soviet republic of Georgia is just one example of the arrangements President Bush wants with countries where al-Qaida or other terrorist networks have a foothold.

4 Local N.C. Legislators To Run Unchallenged

By LINDSEY WHITE
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Four Orange County state legislators say they will run an active campaign despite running unopposed in the upcoming election. Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange, Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird, D-Orange and Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange are the only candidates for two House and two Senate seats, all but guaranteeing their victory in the Nov. 5 election.



Insko, serving her second term, said she will actively campaign for the 2002 election but will spend less time on the campaign than she would if she had an opponent. She said she plans to mail campaign material, make appearances and campaign with other Democratic candidates in the fall.

Insko said she plans to concentrate her efforts on mental health reform in the state. She is co-chairwoman of the House Mental Health Oversight Committee in the N.C. General Assembly. "There needs to be major revisions in the system," she said. Hackney, in his 11th term, said he plans to be active in the local campaign and will also be helping other Democratic candidates. Hackney said he does not think Republicans could

draw much of a vote from the district. Hackney joked that people do not want his job. "It's a bad job and nobody wants it," he said. Hackney said he will spend part of his campaign time concentrating on environmental matters. "I will work with air quality, water quality, smart growth, hogs, et cetera," he said. Kinnaird, who is in her third term, said she still plans to send out brochures and meet people. She said it will be more of an informational campaign. "I think it is only fair that I show who I am, what I stand for and what my record is," Kinnaird said.

She said she plans to address issues ranging from cutting tax loopholes for businesses to negotiating with pharmaceutical companies on lowering prescription drug prices. Lee could not be reached for comment Monday. N.C. Republican Party Chairman Bill Cobey said Republican candidates have not filed against Democrats because it is simply hard for them to win in Orange County. "Why run if you are going to lose?" Cobey said.

Cobey said one of the reasons for the strong Democratic support in Orange County is UNC, which traditionally is known as a bastion of liberalism in the state. Cobey added that the N.C. Republican Party still is working hard in portions of the state with better odds. "We have a good party structure," he said. "We can still make a difference in the statewide election."

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Campus Calendar

Today
3 p.m. - The Orange County Chapter of the American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive in Morrison Residence Hall until 7:30 p.m. Come support the Tar Heels in the Points for Pints competition and donate blood.
9:30 p.m. - Interested in being part of a student-run vegetable garden? Come to the Carolina Garden Cooperative meeting tonight in 217 Bingham Hall. E-mail formoff@email.unc.edu for more information.

Wednesday
10 a.m. - The Orange County Chapter of the American Red Cross is holding a blood drive on the bloodmobile bus. The event, sponsored by Black Law Association of Students, will be located outside the School of Law until 3:30 p.m.
12:20 p.m. - The executive branch of student government encourages you to meet today in front of the ATMs near Davis Library to go to the Board of Governors meeting located at the General Administration Building.
6 p.m. - The Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender-Straight Alliance will hold its kickoff meeting today in 209 Manning Hall. Dinner will be provided.

For the Record

The March 1 article "University to Divide Budget Cuts Evenly" incorrectly stated that the University's overhead fund will absorb one-fourth of the cost of budget cuts. UNC's budget committee will use its state funds to absorb the cost. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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