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For the Record
 In the Dec. 4 article, "Female Students Hold Top 3 Leadership Posts," it was incorrectly reported that this is the first time all three branches of student government have been led by women. In 1999, all three branches also had female leaders.
 The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

Committee's Formation Signals Start of Kerry's 2004 Campaign

Mass. senator 2nd Democrat to run

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry filed papers Wednesday to open an exploratory committee for a possible campaign for the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination.

With the creation of John Kerry for President Inc., Kerry can start raising money to pay for travel around the country and to gauge voter support.

"We're going to build a grassroots organization of Americans who love their country and want to make it stronger," Kerry said in a statement. "I

believe Americans want a better, different kind of politics, and I begin this exploratory effort optimistic."

Kerry, who was re-elected to a fourth six-year Senate term in November, plans to transfer about \$2.5 million into the committee from his Senate campaign fund. About \$500,000 will stay in that fund to cover outstanding campaign bills.

In the past, Kerry and his wife, Heinz foods heiress Teresa Heinz, have decided against using their own money, which totals in the hundreds of millions of dollars, for campaigns. He has said he rather would run on a broad base of individual supporters.

Kerry does not take money from political action committees representing corporations, labor unions and interest groups.

Kerry filed papers with the Federal Election Commission creating the exploratory committee. He has said a decision on running for president is months away.

Democrats are expected to have a crowded field of candidates seeking the party's nomination, although only Vermont Gov. Howard Dean already is running.

Al Gore, the 2000 nominee, and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards expect to disclose their plans after the holidays.

Outgoing House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri is expected to begin telling colleagues whether he plans to run.

Also considering the race is Gore's running mate from two years ago, Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut.

Stroke Center Set to Open Doors

By LANCE JOHNSON
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Area stroke victims will be closer to a treatment center as the newest division of UNC Hospitals opens its doors.

Although inclement weather might stifle the opening ceremonies, the Stroke Treatment and Prevention Clinic will begin service to the public today.

Six rooms in the Neurosciences Hospital were modified to serve better the needs of those showing the signs or symptoms of stroke as well as victims of stroke. Devices used to monitor patients' vital signs, such as cardiac and oxygen monitoring equipment, were purchased and installed in the six rooms.

"This is the first step in creating a large comprehensive stroke unit," said Frank Longo, chairman of the Department of Neurology.

A stroke is a disruption in the blood supply to the brain. Signs of a stroke include sudden, severe headaches; blurry vision or loss of vision; loss of speech, trouble talking or difficulty understanding speech; or sudden weakness or numbness on one side of the body.

In addition to new equipment, increases in hospital staffing also were

necessary to complete the stroke unit. Nurses and additional personnel in the neurology department joined hospital staff to meet the need.

"The level of nursing care is more intense for stroke victims ... so more nurses were recruited and trained," Longo said.

Three neurologists trained in stroke treatment were recruited from across the nation to head the department. Longo said he hopes to recruit two more neurologists as the clinic expands.

The stroke specialists will work with physicians and nurses from several areas of the hospital system, including radiology, cardiology, emergency and rehabilitation.

Plans to create the Stroke Treatment and Prevention Clinic began about a year ago as part of a goal to create a larger, more comprehensive stroke unit.

"The big-picture goal of the Dean of the School of Medicine and the CEO of the medical center was to expand the

Department of Neurology," Longo said.

Longo said local stroke research programs and the special relationships between faculty of different University departments gives UNC advantages in creating a successful stroke unit.

"The partnership between the Department of Neurology and the School of Public Health is fairly unique here at UNC," Longo said.

UNC's large research program in experimental magnetic resonance imaging will help the stroke unit provide better analysis of stroke signs and symptoms, Longo said.

The UNC Neurosciences Hospital is a \$43 million facility that opened in 1995. It includes the UNC Hospitals Emergency Department as well as psychiatry services, research laboratories and expanded inpatient and outpatient clinics for neurology, neurosurgery and otolaryngology.

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