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Happy Birthday DTH!

On Sunday, The Daily Tar Heel celebrated its 110th year of editorial freedom. It was founded at UNC in 1893.

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UNC concludes sweep of Seton Hall with 7-6 win. See Page 12



Weather

Today: Partly Cloudy; H 58, L 33
Tuesday: Cloudy; H 42, L 27
Wednesday: Cloudy; H 49, L 30



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Santillan Dies 2 Days After 2nd Transplant

Officials seek cause of transplant error

Staff Reports

Two weeks of struggling with a mismatched transplant and ensuing complications ended Saturday afternoon when Jessica Santillan was pronounced dead at Duke University Hospital.

Santillan's condition rapidly worsened over the weekend, and doctors informed family members Saturday morning that Santillan's brain showed no signs of activity.

After a final assessment, Santillan was declared legally dead at 1:25 p.m. Saturday.

Family members spent the rest of the day saying goodbye and, according to a statement released Saturday by doctors, Santillan's ventilator support was discontinued at 5:10 p.m.

Santillan died two weeks after she received a heart-lung transplant at Duke University Hospital that did not match her type O-positive blood. The organs were from a type A donor.

Duke hospital officials reported that an error by Dr. James Jagers was to blame for the ultimately fatal mix-up.

"I assumed that after providing Jessica's name to the organ procurement organization and after the organs were released to me for Jessica, that the organs were compatible," Jagers stated in a report released Wednesday.

Jagers said he informed Santillan's parents immediately after the operation that an error had been made.

After she received a second heart-lung transplant Thursday, doctors at the medical center reported that Santillan's new heart and lungs were "functioning acceptably."

Hospital officials said Thursday that there was "no evidence that her neurological status or other bodily functions had changed."

But the 17-year-old's brain had begun swelling and bleeding by Friday morning, ultimately leaving her brain-dead.

Dr. William Fulkerson, CEO of Duke University Hospital, stated in a press release issued Wednesday that the medical center already has begun to review the events leading up to this fatal error.

"As a result of this tragic event, it is clear to us at Duke that we need to have more robust processes internally and a better understanding of the responsibilities of all partners involved in the organ procurement process," the release stated.

Fulkerson stated that the hospital intends to work more closely with organ procurement organizations to ensure that all steps are taken to maximize patient safety.

In the Wednesday press release, Jagers confirmed the need for better communication and a better understanding of individual responsibilities.

Santillan's family and friends will

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Above: Dance Marathon committee members raise cards Saturday night at the conclusion of the 24 hours displaying the total amount raised: \$167,238.49. Below left: Tommy Rimbach dances Friday night. Below right: Lindsay Garland crouches Saturday night to rest her legs.

DANCE MARATHON HITS ALL-TIME HIGH

By PATRICK WINN
Staff Writer

Most students would need a pretty good reason to work the dance floor for 24 hours straight.

Participants in the UNC Dance Marathon have found one.

The dancers raise money for the N.C. Children's Hospital, which draws patients from all over the state. With unhealthy children come extra costs, such as missed work, that family members are forced to bear in addition to medical fees. The marathon raises funds to help people make ends meet.

"The 24-hour commitment is symbolic of the start and end of a sick child's day," said Leia Kelly, overall coordinator of the student-driven event.

This year, the marathon raised an all-time high of \$167,438 for its For the Kids Fund.

"Now we've officially raised half a million dollars for the hospital in the past five years," Kelly said.

"I'm so excited, and I'm so proud of this University and all the students who made this happen."

About 1,000 students, including members of 102 student organizations, participated in the marathon in some capacity, making it one of the largest student activities on campus.

This year was the first time that the 500-plus dancers were required to contribute \$50 each to participate.

Once at the marathon, dancers were forbidden to sit down or even wear a watch, instead occupying themselves with talking, dancing, and playing games to take

their minds off their physical struggle.

"If they can live through these horrifying experiences, the least we can do is stay on our feet for just 24 hours," dancer Dan Anderson said.

Now in its fifth year, the marathon has become the largest fund-raising effort on campus, running year-round. Funds come from change drives, Greek organization donations and other charity events between each marathon.

Before 1998, the hospital's social workers were budgeted \$15,000 every three years. Most of the Dance Marathon's funds now go toward this budget. Last year, the marathon generated \$122,000.

"Social workers have said we're giving them a magic wand," said Hospital Committee Chairwoman Julie Robinson.

From meal vouchers to rent payments, the funds are designed to cover any expense that can overwhelm parents of sick children. "They've kept trailers from being repossessed," said Jacob Lohr, a 12-year pediatrician at the children's hospital.

Lohr said there is a child from each of North Carolina's 100 counties in the 136-bed hospital, which pulls some parents far away from their hometown jobs.

"(The marathon workers) are giving tremendously," Lohr said. "(Their work) resonates to the families what the Dance Marathon is all about."

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DTH/KRISTIN GOODE



DTH/GARRETT HALL

Housekeepers To Air Woes In Meeting

Mooser, officials will consider grievances

By DANIEL THIGPEN
University Editor

Chancellor James Mooser will sit down to talk with frustrated housekeepers this morning, nearly four months after workers first contacted him about various concerns with the Housekeeping Services Department.

Although the meeting is a private discussion between administrators, faculty and the housekeepers, a group of students and others is expected to gather at South Building to express their support for the workers.

Kelly White, a junior women's studies major, is helping to organize part of the demonstration. Early Friday morning, White sent an e-mail to a group of people asking them to attend the gathering at 9 a.m. today. Others since have distributed the message over e-mail listservs.

The demonstration likely will be a low-key event with no speakers lined up, White said. "It's more just to have students there," she said. "It's to show support."

White was not sure how many people

are expected to attend today, but she said she hopes other housekeepers will make it to the event.

Inside South Building, Mooser will be meeting with housekeepers who have harbored a laundry list of frustrations for months.

In October, a group of housekeepers sent a letter to the chancellor asking for a meeting in regards to various concerns within the department. Mooser requested that Laurie Charest, associate vice chancellor for human resources, set up a meeting with Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus services, and Bill Burston, director of housekeeping.

The result was two meetings in December between the administrators and the housekeepers involved in the conflict. Charest prepared summaries of each meeting for the chancellor and those in attendance.

At least two of the housekeepers at the forefront of the process were not satisfied with the action taken after those

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Disasters Increase Caution in Clubs

Venues could face surprise inspections

By COURTNEY BARKER
Staff Writer

Local club owners are assessing the safety precautions taken in their venues in light of two recent disasters at nightclubs in Chicago and Rhode Island that combined left more than 120 people dead.

As of press time, 97 people were reported dead in a fire that erupted Thursday at the Station Nightclub in Rhode Island.

The band Great White's pyrotechnic display lit the one-story, wooden building on fire. It was engulfed in flames

within three minutes.

Only days before, on Feb. 16, an incident at the E2 Nightclub in Chicago resulted in the deaths of 21 people.

Security guards used pepper spray to try to break up a fight on the club's second floor, causing a panic that resulted in a stampede as people tried to escape.

The second floor of the club lost in July its authorization to operate.

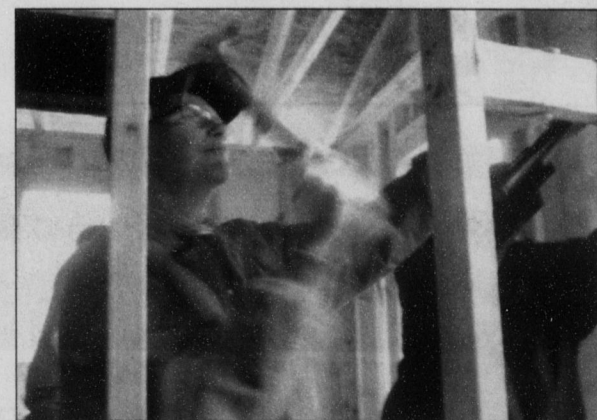
These recent incidents have caused concern nationwide.

The Raleigh and Durham fire departments responded to the scare by performing surprise inspections this weekend in many Triangle nightclubs.

Officials from the Chapel Hill and Carrboro fire departments said they have not yet performed such inspections.

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TOOL TIME



DTH/SARAH WHITMEYER

Chancellor James Mooser lends a hand in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house in Efland on Friday. The house is being built primarily by student volunteers. For the full story, visit www.dailytarheel.com.

Md. System Students Sue Over Midyear Tuition Increase

Lawsuit says school in breach of contract

By AMANDA JEPSEN
Staff Writer

Seven students are suing the University System of Maryland for raising tuition in the middle of the academic year to make up for a systemwide \$67 million budget cut.

Multiple university systems, including the UNC system in 2001, have

raised tuition after the start of a semester to contend with budget shortfalls, but the Maryland students are the first in more than a decade to sue a system over such a hike.

The Maryland students brought a class-action lawsuit against the system Feb. 14, and the first hearing in the case is scheduled for Tuesday.

Francis Canavan, associate vice

chancellor for the Maryland system, said the state first cut the system's budget by \$30 million in November. The system dealt with that cut by reducing operating costs and personnel.

When the system was hit with another cut in January, its governing board was left with no choice but to raise tuition midsemester, Canavan said.

"After the state cut another \$36 million in January, the board had to raise tuition in combination with the reduction of operating costs and personnel,"

he said.

But the students claim that the system had no right to raise tuition, no matter its budget constraints.

The students enrolled in their respective universities with the understanding that they would pay a set tuition for the year, and the system violated that agreement, said Deborah Eisenberg, one of the attorneys representing the students.

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Cheerfulness is a very great help in fostering the virtue of charity. Cheerfulness itself is a virtue.

Lawrence Lovasik