

The Daily Tar Heel

Research funds jump 10 percent

MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR HIKE CONTINUES 10-YEAR TREND

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UNC continued a 10-year pattern of growth in sponsored research funding this year with a 10 percent increase in research dollars for the 2003 fiscal year.

The funding increased to \$537.4 million from \$488.3 million last year. The University saw increases in research grants from the federal government, state and local government agencies and private sources.

This year's increase continues a trend of growth at the University, which has drawn government and

private research dollars steadily during the last 10 years.

The University traditionally is one of the top 50 universities in the nation in total research funding.

This past year it jumped into the top 20 in science and engineering, edging out Duke University, said Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and economic development. UNC was ranked 14th in the nation for funding from the National Institutes of Health.

Waldrop said the money has funded research on topics ranging from the North Carolina coastline

to gene therapy to medical care for the poor.

Faculty who did research and wrote proposals for grants largely are responsible for UNC's steady funding growth, Waldrop said.

The School of Medicine brought in \$289.5 million, the largest amount of research money. Grants included money for training graduate students and for centers, such as the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The school also received money for clinical trials in psychiatry: the \$61.8 million grant was the largest for UNC last fiscal year. It is a multicenter grant involving researchers from across the University, said Bill Marzluff, executive associate dean for research at the medical school.

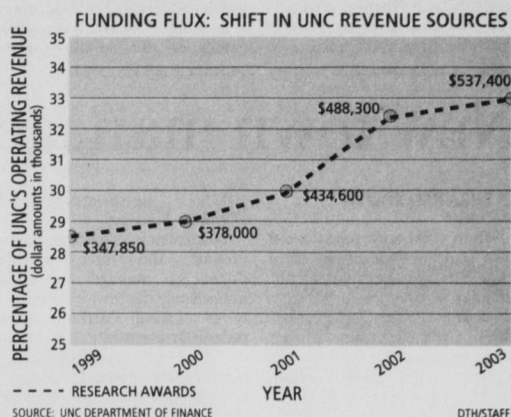
"What makes UNC different is having in one place of a couple of blocks world-class medical sciences," he said.

The School of Public Health also pulled in a large sum — \$58.2 million — and Dean Bill Roper said the success is thanks to the faculty.

"We've had a very successful period, driven by the fact that we have some of the very best scientists here, and we've been able to give them the facilities to do their work," he said.

The School of Nursing's research dollars shot up 54 percent to \$10.5 million from \$6.8 million. Dean Linda Cronenwett said that after applying for research grants for 15 years, the school now is maturing to

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Women praise split in shelters

BY NICK EBERLEIN
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Within the walls of a building where people arrive in despair, laughter and jokes still manage to dominate the atmosphere.

"I don't have both of them," 6-year-old Paige Covington playfully wailed Tuesday.

"Yes you do," replied Brittany, her 10-year-old playmate. "The other one's in your hand. I just saw it."

Residents of Chapel Hill's Homestart shelter say the joyful banter exemplified by the two children playing a game of hide-and-seek with game board dice has become more frequent since July 1.

Two months ago, the local Inter-Faith Council adopted an age- and gender-based model of segregation between its two homeless care facilities.

Women and children now are housed at Homestart — the council's three-building site on Homestead Road. The downtown IFC shelter at the corner of Rosemary and Columbia streets houses men exclusively.

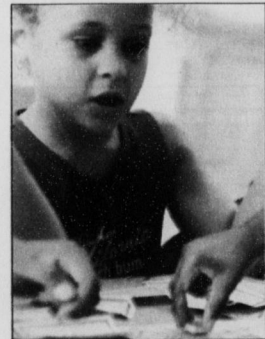
"For the women, this is a dream we have had for a while," said Paula Price, Homestart shelter manager. "We're seeing a much broader spectrum of women here; some wouldn't go to the (downtown) shelter."

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development cut \$366,000 in IFC's funding this year due to a drastic budget shortfall. The council absorbed the blow by reshuffling its organization and altering the mission of its formerly named Project Homestart site.

"We've been getting more referrals for ladies to come here than we had (women) dropping by at Rosemary Street," said Laurie Williamson, Homestart program coordinator.

Homestart's operations are two-pronged. Two buildings are dedi-

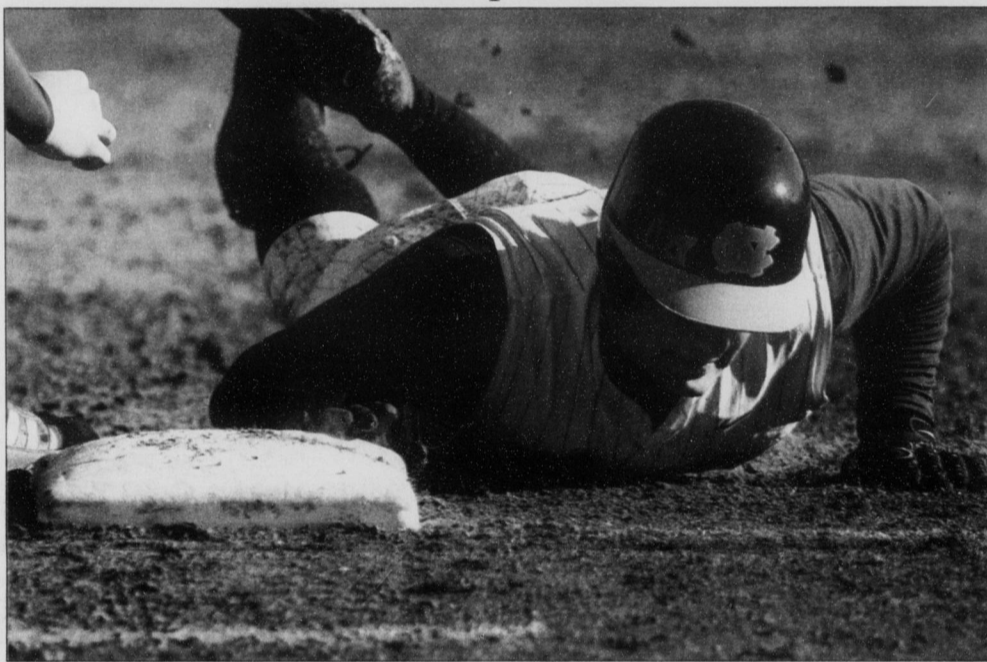
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Six-year-old Project Homestart resident Paige Covington plays Carolinaopoly after school with other children.

ACC Expansion



DTH FILE PHOTO/JOSHUA GREER

Tar Heel baseball (above) is one of the few Olympic sports that will be affected greatly by ACC expansion, as the addition of Miami's baseball team will increase the conference's competitive level. Other sports, such as swimming (below), will experience few changes.

FEW OLYMPIC CHANGES FOR ACC

Baseball, volleyball among sports facing higher levels of competition

BY JACOB KARABELL ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

North Carolina has won 22 ACC championships in the past five years and has claimed 10 team national championships in the last decade.

North Carolina even won the Sears Directors' Cup in 1994 — an award given to the university that has the greatest on-field success in all sports throughout the year.

Now, as the athletics program enters a new era, it remains to be seen whether ACC expansion will affect North Carolina's ability to attain such accolades.

But for Olympic sports, at least, the change in the conference's quality of play will not be drastic.

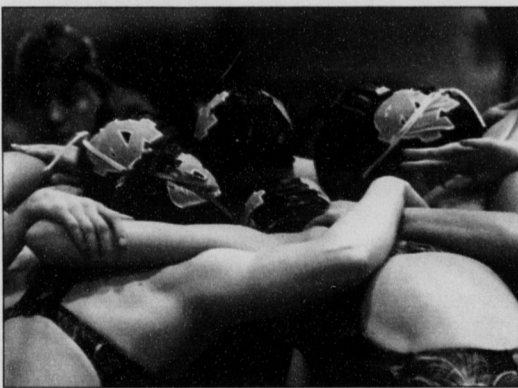
Although Miami and Virginia Tech will bring their elite football programs into the ACC realm, the schools will add only marginally to competition among Olympic sports.

"(Baseball) may be the main other sport that's strengthened," said Beth Miller, UNC's senior associate athletic director of Olympic sports. "But I really don't foresee it hurting any sport."

Miami's volleyball, women's swimming and diving, men's and women's tennis and women's track and field teams also will jump into the upper half of the ACC.

But by and large, the expansion will bring a significant number of mediocre teams to the conference.

Virginia Tech will add little to the conference's



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strength of schedule in any Olympic sport with the possible exception of women's basketball.

The Hokies' women's soccer team, for example, finished fifth in the Big East's Northeast Division last season with a record of 6-11-1. Their women's lacrosse team fared even worse, a putrid 3-14.

Teams such as these will have worse records in the stronger ACC. Some sports won't be affected at all. Neither Miami nor Virginia Tech fields a team in field hockey or men's lacrosse, and Miami does not have a men's soccer team.

ACC baseball, however, will be affected drastically by the addition of Miami, one of the premier college baseball programs in the nation. The Hurricanes finished fifth in

the College World Series last season and won the national championship in 1999 and 2001.

UNC baseball coach Mike Fox said he thinks the expansion will bolster the Tar Heels' schedule. Fox already had scheduled games with the Hurricanes in 2002 and 2004.

"We're trying to play the best teams in the country to prepare for (NCAA) regionals and Super Regionals," Fox said. "This makes our league a very good one, but it was very good anyway."

Though baseball is the primary Olympic beneficiary of the expansion, all Miami and Virginia Tech sports — boosted by new recruiting opportunities — gradually should

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ANALYSIS

Outline for peace is failing

BY ELLIOTT DUBE
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A Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem was thrown into disarray as bodies, shards of glass and scraps of metal covered the street.

The cause of the carnage: a suicide bomber on a crowded bus.

The attack took place Aug. 19. Within two weeks, Israel had retaliated in several ways against Hamas, the militant Palestinian organization linked to the bomber.

Many Islamic militants have been arrested, and Israeli forces have targeted numerous Hamas leaders, killing and wounding Palestinian civilians in the process.

These are the latest events in a succession of wars, assassinations, bombings and broken cease-fires that have marked Israeli-Palestinian relations for decades.

The newest steps in the cycle of violence effectively have suspended the U.S.-backed "road map" plan for peace developed earlier this year, said Dov Waxman, professor of government and legal studies at Bowdoin College.

"Unfortunately, it appears as if the road map is in danger of being confined to oblivion," he said.

In addition to the recent bloodshed, Waxman said, prolonged peace will be difficult to achieve in the Middle East because the leadership on each side isn't poised to carry out the necessary steps.

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Gangs use UNC logo in identity

BY EMILY STEEL
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Members of the Neighborhood Crips sport the logo proudly. The Folks Nation gang represents itself with the colors, and the gear helps identify the Mara Salvatrucha, a gang known as MS-13.

Actually, a lot of their apparel can be found at Student Stores.

The University's merchandise not only has been a hit UNC over the years but has caught on with gang members across the nation.

"They are an easy target for gangs," said Chaniqua Walker-Barnes, professor of psychology at UNC.

Carolina blue and white apparel with the interlocking "NC" logo has identified the Neighborhood Crips gang for years.

Folks Nation gang members in Chicago wear UNC gear in black and blue. The Mara Salvatrucha of El Salvador also wear UNC's colors to represent themselves.

While University officials are responsible for approving and

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HELP WANTED

- DTH interest meeting, 5 p.m. Thursday, Union 226
- Applications due by 5 p.m. Sept. 9
- Results posted at DTH office on Sept. 11



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MOVING ON UP

North Carolina tailback Ronnie McGill earned a starting position in this week's game against Syracuse PAGE 7

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