# Nursing graduate to be Nightclub debuts downtown remembered with fund

**BY ALEX ROBINSON** 

Katherine Wilson, an inspirational and dedicated graduate of the UNC School of Nursing, died Feb. 16 after a 4 1/2-year battle with cancer. She was 28.

Now the University community is mounting a fund-raising effort to

ensure her name is not forgotten.
Wilson entered nursing school in 1999 and was slated to graduate in 2001. Several months after joining school, she was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer, a rare form of the disease usually found in 50-year-olds. Wilson is the young-est person on the East Coast to be diagnosed with the condition.

'She was undaunted." said Norma Hawthorne, director of advancement at the nursing school. "She had this extraordinary desire to become a nurse."
When chemotherapy and radia-

tion started to deteriorate Wilson's eyesight, her mother read her text-books into a recorder so she could continue to study, Hawthorne said.

While in nursing school, Wilson organized a campuswide bone marrow drive and advocated for a cancer

hospital to be constructed in Chapel Hill. Wilson graduated as a member of Sigma Theta Tau, a national nursing honor society, in May 2004. Wilson, a Morganton native,

showed her determination to succeed from a young age. While in middle school, she was the first girl to play on an all-boys soccer team when no teams were available for girls.

Six weeks before Wilson died, several friends decided to establish scholarship in her honor for an undergraduate nursing student.

"She was ecstatic that she would be able to live on and have an impact, even after she passed, through the scholarship," Hawthorne said.

UNC requires a minimum of \$50,000 to create a scholarship. Wilson's friends hope to raise \$100,000 and have collected about \$45,000 so far. There will be a silent auction and benefit tonight at Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk, Va., to raise more funds.

The event will include a basketball signed by members of the UNC basketball team and Coach Roy Williams and one signed by former coaches Dean Smith and Bill Guthridge.

"To witness the effort that everyone has gone through for this scholarship has been a tremendous experience, said Chuck Williams, co-chairman of Hampton Roads Carolina Club which is co-sponsoring the auction. We hope this fund-raiser helps us reach the goal of \$100,000."

Hawthorne will make a portfolio of Wilson's life to loan to students who benefit from the scholarship. The book will include stories about her, how people met her and how

she touched others' lives.
"I hope that students who receive nursing school.

Wilson is survived by her parents, John D. and Anne Wilson of Morganton; and two brothers,

Fletcher and J.D. Jr. of Chapel Hill. To donate money in Wilson's

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that money will spend a little time getting to know Katherine and how she felt so that they will carry some of her values into their prac-tice," said Beverly Foster, director of undergraduate programs at the

name, visit http://www.alumni.unc.edu/katherinewilson.

**LICENSING** 

would stop licensees from increasing production of UNC goods in countries like China, where the govern-ment prohibits labor organizations.

"In China, it's illegal to have an independent labor union," Stratton said. "These unions are the only way for workers in garment factories to have a voice in the workplace."

Stratton's proposal also suggests that licensees publicly disclose the volume of UNC goods produced in

each factory.

She said this stipulation would whether companies are shifting the manufacture of UNC apparel to locations deemed off-limits.

The committee expressed satisfaction with the general spirit of Stratton's ideas and decided to spend additional time exploring all of the angles of any new policy.

### **SPINOFFS**

ness. "It's more work for me that I hope is going to pay off in the long

run."
When the Carrboro Board of Aldermen discussed what type of businesses best benefit the community at its February planning retreat, high-tech spinoffs such as

Duncan's emerged as a favorite. These businesses saw broad approval because the University provides many tech-savvy would-

be entrepreneurs.
Technological endeavors also tend not to endanger existing businesses in the area.

"We're not going to support something that hurts somebody else's business," Harris said.

Many tech businesses also fit existing local office spaces, requiring only minor adaptations for machinery, such as extra cooling for computer systems.

Harris said Duncan's firm is the quintessential business Carrboro is looking to attract.

"They don't have any byproducts that are negative," he said.

One of Duncan's programs, a microscope simulator, emerged about three years ago from a scienceeducation project he was working on at the University.

Because he developed the simula-tor while working for UNC, Duncan does not own the rights to the program. Instead, he pays the University a small fee for each program sold.

What he does own are the virtual slides - recordings of what he sees under his research-quality microscopes. He digitizes these images for use with the program.

His company markets these slides, packaged with the simulator program. Science Learning Resources has sold only a handful of these packages, which retail for just under \$100 each — though there are bulk rates available

Yet Duncan remains hopeful that business will improve, as his products recently appeared in the catalogue of Carolina Biological Supply, one of the largest suppliers of classroom biology materials nationwide.

As Duncan builds his business, Carrboro continues to try to attract new ventures by touting advantages such as its loan program.

Duncan said it was only through the town's support that he was able to realize his business aspirations. "I felt very supported. This kind

of high-tech business is what they wanted to promote," he said. "To form the business, buy equipment, I needed the town's support

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But the committee also said immediate action is needed.

Derek Lochbaum, committee co-chairman, decided that he and Stratton would represent the University in a conference call with other universities and Nike.

University officials will try to persuade Nike to pressure its Korean supplier of baseball caps, Yupoong, to comply with workers' rights and labor code initiatives.

Officials said they will request that Yupoong follow through with a 10 percent wage increase it promised to workers at the BJ&B Factory in the Dominican Republic.

The committee also tackled the question of whether to reaffiliate with the Fair Labor Association and Worker Rights Consortium, two groups that monitor international labor issues.

In a 6-2 vote, the committee decided to maintain ties to both organizations, noting that they complement each other nicely.

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### DEBT

Carolina's standing.
"North Carolina is rated AAA, which is our highest credit rating," said Robin Prunty, public finance analyst for Standard & Poor's. is one of 10 states that has the AAA

A credit analysis involves examination of the state's economy, debt profile, financial factors and overall management, Prunty said.

The borrowing of an additional \$206 million should not change the state's rating, she said, because the amount is fairly modest when compared to the total outstanding debt.

But positive assessments such as this one offer little reassurance for the two Council of State members who opposed the latest borrowing. Berry said she is worried that

paying the state's debt could involve raising taxes or cutting programs.

"All departments of the state government could be affected."

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BY MEREDITH LEE MILLER ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

In a town where thousands of college students can't wait until Thursday night to head downtown, a new nightclub hopes to provide competition for more established destinations.

Club Kryptonite will have its rand opening March 24 in a space that has dealt with the same turnover as the rest of downtown and played host to several clubs. The club's 136 Rosemary St.

location was the former home of Club Element and Club NV.

But co-owner Richard Parris, the former owner of the West End Martini Bar, said he is not discouraged by the location's past business

"I'm concerned with what I can do," he said. "The location is good; you just have to know what you are doing."

Owners say the new night spot offers something unique that will appeal to a range of consumers - those looking for a high-energy dance club and those looking for a cool, upscale environment to talk and share drinks.

The club portion — with its space-like, modern decor and green lights — opened its doors Saturday night, and owners said they reached full capacity.

Popular music and the I8-and-up admission will likely appeal to students they say

students, they say.

The membership club will also enforce a strict dress code, which includes no athletic apparel or ban-danas. Problems with dress codes sparked disputes last summer at several late-night venues.

A separate lounge area, called Bedz of Kryptonite, is expected to open Saturday.

The lounge is filled with beds available to rent, much like the New York City hot spot featured in HBO's "Sex and the City."

European techno music and extensive martini and wine offer-ings will compliment the laid-back atmosphere, which owners hope will appeal to young professionals.

something different then what you are going to find on Franklin Street," Parris said.

A unique niche might be key to the new business' survival.

Dan Markscheid, a co-owner of

Irish Pub and Carolina Blue Bar in Chapel Hill, has more than 20 years of experience in the nightclub and bar business

And while Markscheid said he welcomes the new club, it might have trouble competing with more

established destinations.

"(Chapel Hill is) a small place,"
Markscheid said. "The amount of places that are open does not go hand in hand with the amount of people who go out."

Also, the nighttime business climate of Chapel Hill is not active every day and lulls during the summer, which could make it hard to make profits, Markscheid

Parris said that he expects to see a drop-off in business during the summer, but he is optimistic about the club's potential to attract

"We're really excited," said Viggy Struna, a co-owner.

"There are a lot of good people around here."

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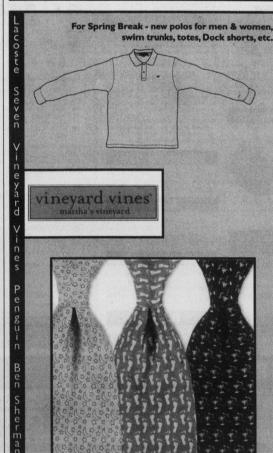
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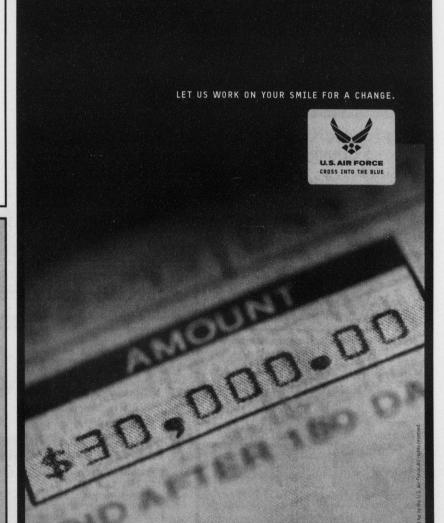
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