

**NURSING**

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called for construction workers to use logging mats to protect trees around the construction site.

The new building features an extensive green roof, where the soil extends about four inches, similar to the grass at the Rams Head Center.

Shea said the application of green building principles will encourage other universities in the UNC system and agencies throughout the state to employ similar guidelines.

Many officials are praising the nursing school's expansion.

"I think it's really going to increase our capacity to educate students," said Amanda Dindino, associate director of public relations and communications for the nursing school. "We were cramped for so long, I think it was long overdue."

The school's human patient simulators, robots that can be programmed to develop symptoms of specified illnesses, have a new spot. Faculty, who often shared offices, now will have individual offices.

"We can bring in more equipment and have more space and a better learning environment," Dindino said.

Officials said they hope this expansion is just the beginning.

"I think the nursing school needs to continue to grow," Tonges said. "It's a wonderful asset to our state and needs to be financially supported so they can take more nursing students because the state needs it, and the people in North Carolina need that care."

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**ACCURACY**

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in the Information Age."

When we rank the DTH's error rates against those of the other papers, this student-run publication falls somewhere in the middle.

Though analysis of sources' trust of the paper indicates that one of the greatest concerns of the people we interview every day is reporter training, and though it's clear that we need to make our editorial page into a stronger venue to provoke action, the DTH shares many ailments common to an industry.

With the information we've discovered and will continue to investigate after the end of this semester, we'll be able to target some of those ills. And we'll be able to help other college papers with some of the same problems, as we're aiming to see this investigation published on the Internet, in print, or both.

Hopefully, our efforts will better connect us to you, the readers, and to the people who trust us enough to call us back and to take the time to treat student journalists like the professionals they someday aim to be.

The students who write for this paper are the torchbearers for future journalism, whatever form it takes.

The work done this year will improve their ability to critique themselves, to target their weaknesses and to understand their great responsibility.

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**MIXON**

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"Had only one person I met said, 'This place is all right,' or 'This place is OK some days,' it might have caused me to stay in Chapel Hill," he said.

Mixon, a 1980 UNC graduate, recently completed his 16th season alongside Woody Durham on the Tar Heel Sports Network's football and basketball broadcasts.

"You need a team that has a glue," said Gary Sobba, general manager of Tar Heel Sports Marketing. "Mick was the glue of the broadcast team — he pulled everything together."

Mixon also earned respect with his preparation and his professional approach to each broadcast.

"He brought a ton of research and background, and he brought insight into what was happening on the court or on the field," said Director of Athletics Dick Baddour.

Mixon also endeared himself to his listeners with his ever-present sense of humor.

"He had an uncanny wit," Sobba said. "He was a very, very sharp guy, a very intelligent guy."

The Tar Heel Sports Network likely will name a replacement for Mixon within 30 days.

But Sobba, who first learned of the Panthers' interest in Mixon three months ago, declined to identify any candidates for the position Thursday.

"We're in a pretty good position there," Sobba said. "We hate to lose Mick, but I think we have capable replacements."

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**LOTTERY**

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dollars in revenue since its inception more than three years ago, receives an estimated 12 percent of its revenue from North Carolina residents, said Ernie Passailaigue, executive director of the S.C. Education Lottery. That money has gone to fund 400,000 scholarships for South Carolina students.

According to the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research, N.C. residents spend an additional \$100 million on the Virginia lottery.

And it is the prospect of these monies in an airtight budget year that has some legislators backing away from personal reservations about state-sponsored gambling.

Black said that even though he has reservations about a lottery in North Carolina, he just can't see any other way. "We just don't seem to have the political will to take money out of the General Fund."

Adding to the revenue flow won't solve that problem.

"I'm always cautious and simply will not provide another revenue stream for North Carolina," said Rep. John Rhodes, R-Mecklenburg. "We have plenty of money. It's a priority of spending crisis."

Rhodes warned that waiting for the lottery to solve the state's problems could be dangerous optimism.

"The numbers just simply do not add up on the lottery," he said. "The numbers based on the governor's predictions are grossly overrated."

Rhodes cited deteriorating highways as one example of a pressure that won't be relieved by a lottery. Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president for finance, said that,

while beneficial for students, a lottery wouldn't help the university overcome its budget crisis.

"It's not general revenue to be added to the state's coffers for general funding," he said.

Rhodes also questioned a lottery's ability to have a meaningful impact within its focus area of school construction.

If the lottery netted \$500 million, that would provide \$250 million for school construction. Once split among the state's 100 counties, Rhodes said, the revenue would fund only one-third of an elementary school for each county.

Rhodes said his district's school system, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, needs about 75 schools.

**The price of money**

Lucrative revenues are the driving force behind the lottery, but how much revenue will be made and the cost at which it will come remains unclear.

"Estimates are in the hundreds of millions of dollars," Fulk said.

The center stated in a press release that proponents of the lottery have pushed that number as high as \$400 million for the first year.

Wagers Chenault, spokesman for the Georgia Lottery Commission, said revenues have risen constantly since the Georgia lottery began in 1993.

But skeptics doubt that pace can be maintained.

In 1989, lottery revenues constituted 3.5 percent of the total budget of the 29 states running lotteries, according to the center. By 1997, lottery revenues in the same 29 states constituted only 1.9 percent of the budget.

To avoid this, the center says, states must advertise the lottery and introduce new gimmicks.

But Angie Whitener, policy analyst for Black, said the bill passed by the House earlier this month

prohibits advertising. The speaker, not entirely able to overcome his past reservations, doesn't support a bill that would include ads.

Another concern is that the lottery will provide sufficient revenue — so sufficient that the General Assembly shifts sizeable funds away from education.

The fear is that lottery revenues will end up supplanting education funds instead of supplementing them, said Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life.

**Protecting the poor**

Another problem for an education lottery is the understanding that it taxes the poor for the benefit of the rich.

While the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research found participation rates across racial and education levels to be relatively equal, they also found that lower-income players used a higher percentage of their income for lottery tickets.

In addition, they found high school dropouts to be the highest spenders, indicating an inherent bias against those less educated.

But Passailaigue pointed to an annual demographic survey performed by the S.C. lottery in 2004 that came to different conclusions.

Seventy percent of the players surveyed made purchases between \$1 and \$5, and the majority of them played less frequently than once a week, illustrating more of a casual pastime than a lethal addiction.

Passailaigue also said the lottery differs from a regressive tax, such as a sales tax on food, in a major way: It's voluntary.

"The lottery is something if you want to play, you play; if you don't, you don't," he said. "That's what America's all about."

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**RECRUITS**

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he's only a freshman. Even Marvin Williams, who could be the No. 1 pick in June's NBA Draft, was not forced to start every game, to be the focal point of the offense.

But John David Patillo, Hansbrough's coach at Poplar Bluff (Mo.) High School, said he is ready to take that step.

"He gets to expand his role," Patillo said. "It is a great opportunity for Tyler to step in and play with some of those guys coming off the national championship."

But Hansbrough doesn't just have to play with them — he has to be the star, no matter how much he thinks otherwise.

"I don't feel like I'm gonna have to carry the load next year," Hansbrough said. "I think that it will be a team thing, really."

And because the team needs him to step in immediately as a consistent post threat, UNC head coach Roy Williams can't afford growing pains.

"I don't foresee Tyler having a big struggle," Patillo said. "I think he'll take it on as a challenge."

Although Hansbrough appears to be polished and ready, the other three North Carolina signees — Bobby Frasier, Marcus Ginyard and Danny Green — likely will face more of a struggle.

The Tar Heels will be deep at point guard, but quantity does not add up to quality.

Rising sophomore Quentin Thomas showed flashes of competence but is far from being a consistent point guard.

Telep said Frasier, who hails from Brother Rice High School in Chicago, will compete for the starting job, even though his future is at shooting guard.

"Bobby Frasier, at the core of his game, when it's all said and done at the end of the day, is a shooter,"

Telep said. "He has been a serviceable point guard, but not for the long term."

Ginyard, from Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, Va., also could play the point but is a more defensive-minded player and is the only one of the quartet who was not in the McDonald's game.

Telep called the 6-foot-5 Green, from St. Mary's High School in Manhasset, N.Y., the second-best player in the bunch, comparing him to Rick Fox, an All-American swingman for UNC in the early '90s.

But the last thing the Tar Heels need is another perimeter player. The frontcourt was the most devastated by the departures, leaving Byron Sanders as the only returning big man.

And that's why Roy Williams is back on the recruiting trail, pursuing 6-foot-9 Uche Echefu from Montrose Christian High School in Rockville, Md., who, though unpolished, is one of the only big bodies still unsigned.

Echefu's other suitors include Florida State, Kentucky, and hometown Maryland. But none of those schools are in such dire need of his services.

"North Carolina needs Uche Echefu as a more glaring need than anyone else who is recruiting him," Telep said. "North Carolina provides the greatest chance to play a lot in the ACC right away."

Because of that opportunity, UNC might have the inside track to signing Echefu, who is making an official visit to Chapel Hill this weekend.

With or without a fifth freshman, the Tar Heels will have a talented but young core next season, and the newcomers will be forced into action early and often.

"It's gonna be a dogfight," Telep said. "Those freshmen are going to have to play like sophomores from day one."

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