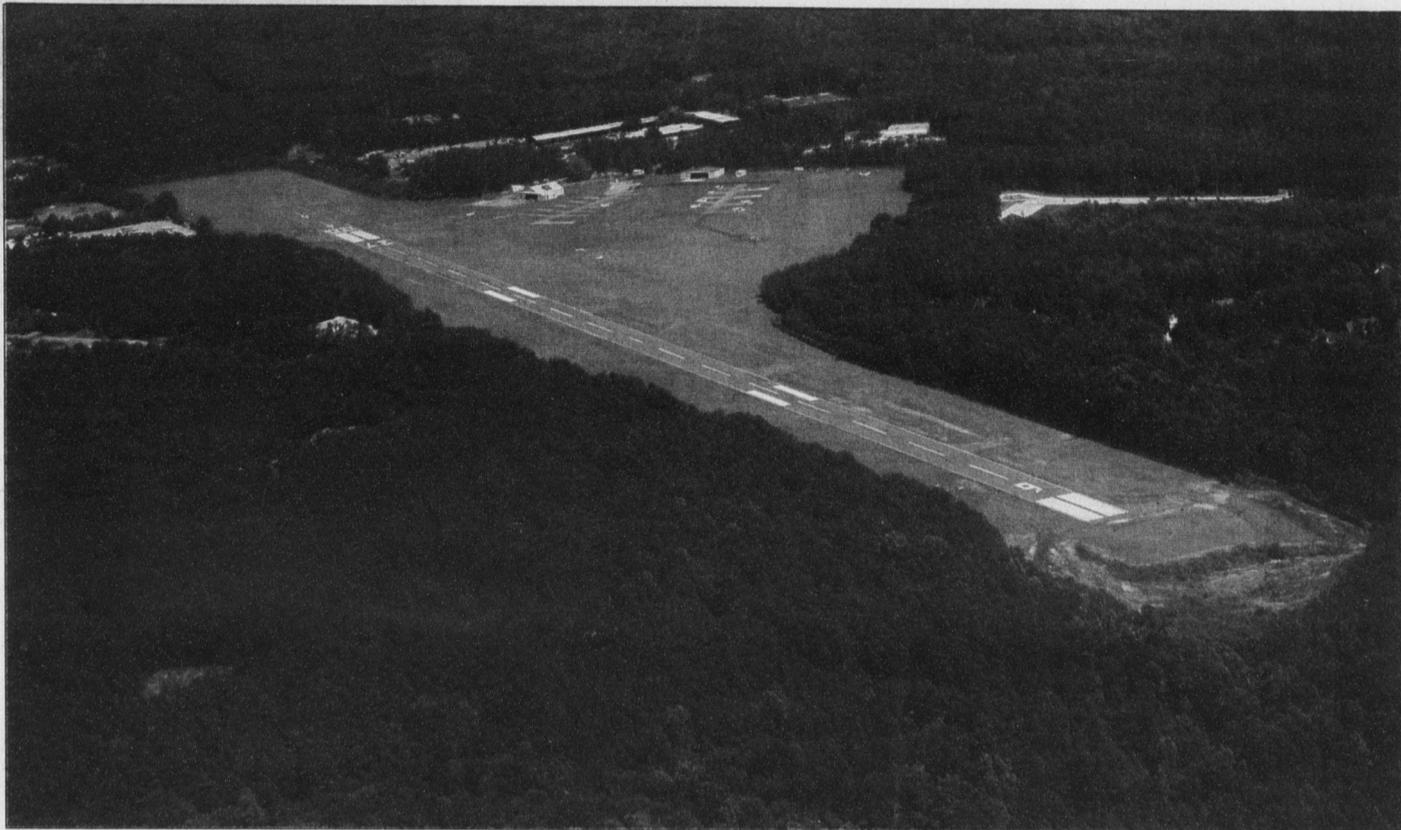


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UP IN THE AIR

Trustees favor closing airport; support Senate resolution to move airport services to RDU



DTH/BRANDON SMITH

The University's Board of Trustees voted last week to support closing the Horace Williams Airport. Trustees said the airport prevented developing Carolina North, UNC's proposed satellite campus.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- **RESOLUTION**
Trustees passed a resolution that supports the closing of the Horace Williams Airport.
- **MEDIAIR**
UNC's MedAir service could be relocated to RDU if the airport is closed.
- **EXPANSION**
A market study says the first two phases of Carolina North will create 7,500 jobs and \$600 million in business revenue.
- **RESEARCH**
Officials hope Carolina North will attract funds for research from private sources.

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ, UNIVERSITY EDITOR

University officials first moved to close the Horace Williams Airport three years ago. Now they have data and a resolution from the Board of Trustees to back the effort.

In what Chancellor James Moeser called one of the best board meetings of his tenure, the board received Thursday meetings outlining possible alternate airport sites and heard testimonials about the need for Carolina North, the University's proposed satellite campus.

The airport, which has been under the University's control for more than half a century, conflicts with the first phase of Carolina North's development.

Amy McLane, an engineer with Talbert & Bright, the planning firm that conducted the study, detailed a three-part presentation for the trustees.

In it she explained that:

- Raleigh-Durham International Airport is the site best suited for relocating N.C. Area Health Education Centers and Medical Air Operations;
- if the Horace Williams Airport remains open, almost half of the planned buildings for Carolina North

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Closing would displace MedAir

Officials fear move to RDU could yield decrease in user frequency



DTH/ISAAC SANDLIN

Passengers walk towards their plane early Wednesday morning at the Horace Williams Airport. AHEC would move to RDU if the airport closes to make way for Carolina North.

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Some Medical Air and Operations users say driving to Raleigh-Durham International Airport would be a potentially crippling roadblock for the service.

MedAir, based at Horace Williams Airport and a part of N.C. Area Health Education Centers, allows doctors to travel across the state to treat patients, perform outreach and teach medical students.

But despite hard numbers that aim to quantify the impact of the move, it will be impossible to determine the scale of a change until it happens, said Tom Bacon, AHEC program director.

"It's kind of a hypothetical question until we say ... your flights are now going to leave from here instead of here," he said.

A comprehensive analysis by Talbert & Bright, an aviation planning consulting firm contracted by the University to study relocating the program, showed there were

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Two future Tar Heels shine in tournament

Green, Ellington show their skills

BY ROCKY RIVERO
SPORTS EDITOR

The court in the Dean E. Smith Center is a place where memories are shared by players and cherished by fans of North Carolina.

Last weekend, two UNC recruits playing in the Bob Gibbons Tournament of Champions personified the future of the men's basketball

team on the same hallowed court.

Danny Green and Wayne Ellington excelled in the three-day tournament that began with 64 elite AAU teams from across the nation. Games were also held at venues in Durham and Raleigh.

Green, who will join the Tar Heels in the fall as a freshman, averaged 13.5 points during four games for the

New York Panthers until his team was defeated in the quarterfinals.

Ellington is a 6-foot-4 junior shooting guard who committed to UNC on May 25 for the 2006-07 season. His team, the Playaz from Philadelphia, advanced one round further before it was eliminated.

Although Green isn't wearing a Tar Heel uniform yet, the 6-5 swingman managed to score

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DANNY GREEN, 2005-06 RECRUIT



■ **Strengths:**
He can use his college-ready body for points in the paint and shoot from beyond the arc consistently.

■ **Weaknesses:**
"I'm trying to be more aggressive," he said, which would help translate into more rebounds.

WAYNE ELLINGTON, 2006-07 RECRUIT



■ **Strengths:**
As a junior in high school, he could already start for most college teams with his natural ability and skill.

■ **Weaknesses:**
Defensively, Ellington has a tendency to get beat by the opposition in traffic or on a fast break.

Officials hear budget worries

School funding alarms parents

BY CHRIS CARMICHAEL
STAFF WRITER

Perhaps next year the Orange County Board of Commissioners will book the Smith Center.

Concerned parents came in droves for a public hearing Tuesday on the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2005-06, leaving a wake of bumper-stickered minivans scattered along Homestead Road.

Whether at the podium or crowding around the boardroom windows wielding signs, their message was loud and clear: fully fund school budgets.

"It's the right thing to do," said Lynn Lehmann. "We should not have to fight for this every year. It should be the number-one priority in the budget."

In his recommended budget, Orange County Manager John Link calls for an increase of

Schools Call for Increases in Funding

In the midst of major county and state budget shortfalls, Orange County and Chapel Hill-Carrboro school districts are projecting major program cuts.

	Orange County Schools	Chapel Hill / Carrboro Schools
requested increase in funding	\$399 per pupil	\$270 per pupil
manager's recommended increase	\$95 per pupil	\$95 per pupil
last year's actual increase	\$57 per pupil	\$57 per pupil
total recommended education budget	\$19,061,334	\$29,525,634
estimated funds from special district tax	\$0	\$13,328,763

SOURCE: CHAPEL HILL / CARRBORO AND ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS

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\$95 per student for both Orange County and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City school systems.

That is well below the amount that each district has requested, causing concern over what programs or positions might be cut to make room for the state-level increases for salary and health insurance benefits.

For city schools, the proposed allotment falls \$1.6 mil-

lion short of requested funding for the 2005-06 school year. For Orange County, which requested an almost \$400 increase per student, the shortage is more than \$2 million.

Many armed with a recent budget alert produced by city school staff, parents and educators took turns pointing out the perceived

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SUMMER BUSINESS BOOM

Chapel Hill restaurateurs look to introduce deals to entice customers during summer months. PAGE 5

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TOP-O' MICROBREWS

Local brewery sells its top lager and pale ale in six-packs. PAGE 7

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