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## Vista switch pushed back

Compatibility a concern for ITS

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Software and hardware incompatibilities have led UNC's Information Technology Services to delay switching to Windows Vista until next semester.

Though the software originally was set to be available this spring, students won't be able to get Windows Vista on their University laptops until the fall, said Priscilla Alden, assistant vice chancellor for ITS user support and engagement.

Windows Vista is the latest operating system from the Microsoft Corp. Its features include Microsoft Office 2007, DirectX 10 and Windows Flip and Flip 3D.

"I think what people will be more interested in is that the new load will have Office 2007," Alden said.

Though Windows Vista has been tested by the University's support staff since December 2006, technical problems with software and hardware have led ITS officials to delay offering it to students.

Problems include trouble running some applications such as Secure Exam and getting the software to work in UNC's printing labs.

For those reasons, the current UNC laptops still come equipped with Windows XP.

"We are trying to buy time so that students aren't impacted," said Bruce Egan, manager of the ITS Response Center.

When the University switches to Windows Vista, it only will be available on new freshman laptops, which will come equipped with hardware that is compatible with Windows Vista. The hardware on current laptops is not fully compatible with the new software.

The software will be available for those with older laptops through Student Stores, but Egan advises that students not install Windows Vista onto their laptops until the Microsoft Service Pack 1 for Windows Vista comes out, which Egan said is likely sometime this spring.

"Since we are still working out all the issues, there will be no Vista support on campus until summer," he said.

While Windows Vista can be installed on older laptops, not all of its applications will work correctly. For that reason, Egan suggests obtaining the Microsoft Service Pack 1 before installing Vista.

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## Lease approved to move MedAir

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After years of discussion, plans to move the University's Medical Air Operations are moving forward, also signaling the waning days of a Chapel Hill staple, Horace Williams

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Raleigh-Durham International Airport that will allow construction to begin in the fall on the \$3.5 million new hangar and office

### ATTEND THE MEETING

Time: 8 a.m. today

Location: Carolina Inn, Chancellors Ballrooms East and West

Info: www.unc.edu/depts/trustees

space for Medical Air.

Medical Air provides transportation for the N.C. Area Health Education Centers, which send health care services and educational programs to underserved areas of the state. The lease will cost a maximum of about \$4,560 per year, depending on the facility's square footage, and will last 40 years.

The move to RDU is needed

to ensure that work on Carolina North, the University's planned satellite research campus, can go forward. The airport conflicts with the first phase of Carolina North's development and will not close until construction begins.

"It's a change, but it's something that we're going to make work," said Nadine O'Malley, N.C. AHEC associate director for administration and finance.

The longer commute to RDU will be the biggest change; Horace Williams is only a few miles from UNC's main campus, while RDU is almost 20 miles away.

The additional driving time could mean that doctors are able to see

fewer patients, O'Malley said.

The lease's approval comes as the University is moving full steam ahead with Carolina North.

Trustees have set a deadline of October for plans to be submitted to the Chapel Hill Town Council, and three different development plans for the area are set to be unveiled during a University-sponsored session for public comment Tuesday.

Completion of the RDU facility should wrap up in fall 2008, about the same time that some UNC officials hope to have Carolina North plans approved by the council.

"It is definitely a sort of a milestone," Chapel Hill Town Council member Cam Hill said of the lease.

But he added that the airport's closing shouldn't have any material impact on UNC's negotiations with the town.

The fate of Horace Williams Airport has been a matter of public contention for years. Plans to shut it down first surfaced about five years ago, and about two years ago members of the Board of Trustees voted to support a resolution to shut down the airport.

The closing also was supported by the N.C. Senate.

Concerns centered on a possible decrease in faculty interest in the program and a potential gap in air

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## HELP MAY BE ON THE WAY



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Johnny Cooper, known as "D.C.," sits amid passers-by on Franklin Street. "I'm out there every day, hanging out in the streets, tryin' to get some change to eat with and to get some cigarettes," he said. Orange County leaders finalized a 10-year plan last week to address chronic homelessness through programs and permanent housing.

### Homelessness plan offers hope to some

BY ANDY KENNEY  
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Last year Elijah Davis had a house on the golf course in Carrboro and a wife of 13 years. Since November, Davis, a 13-year veteran of the Army Rangers, has lived on the streets unemployed.

"You wind up with nothing, and society

doesn't want to help you be reborn," Davis said. "How the hell can I not be homeless?"

He lost almost everything after his wife divorced him for adultery while he served a five-month prison term for receiving stolen goods.

Davis isn't alone, and the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness finalized last week its 10-year plan to address the growing problem of homelessness.

The program's focus on chronic homelessness is unique among other 10-year plans developed in the area.

Those who live on the streets for long or frequent episodes and have a disability are considered chronically homeless. They typically make up about 10 percent of a community's homeless population but can consume between 50 percent and 60 percent of resources allocated to the homeless.

"I just think Orange County really took a lead in saying, 'We're going to go there first,'" said Stan Holt, Triangle United Way's community impact specialist for homelessness.

Holt helped design the 10-year homelessness plans in Orange, Durham and

Wake counties, and said that providing stable housing and services is key.

He said Durham and Wake counties' plans did not focus as much on halting chronic homelessness as Orange County's.

The partnership's plan calls for the creation of 40 units of housing to help the 39 chronically homeless people identified in Orange County in 2006.

"They may or may not ever achieve self-sufficiency, but they're off the street and

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## Lawmakers react to DMV problems

BY LIZ GILLIAM  
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A broad state audit uncovering a possible breakdown in the state's licensing practices has some lawmakers calling for a crackdown.

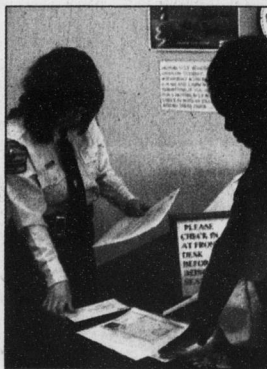
Nearly 27,000 driver's licenses were issued to people with invalid Social Security numbers or numbers belonging to dead people, according to a state audit of the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles released Tuesday. About 1.7 million more did not have any Social Security number.

The audit cross-referenced more

than 8 million Social Security numbers in the DMV driver's license database by comparing them to the Social Security Administration's valid numbers and its Death Index File for deceased persons.

"The hole we discovered was that DMV did not review previously issued licenses," State Auditor Leslie Merritt stated in a press release Tuesday. "That hole presents a potential threat to homeland security and exacerbates the

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Examiner Donna Hooks looks over identification documents from Dborah Aysheshim at the N.C. DMV's Carrboro branch.

## Tar Heels less reliant on reserves

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For 36 minutes Saturday night, Ty Lawson pushed the tempo of the game, flying around the court with breathtaking speed.

The point guard's performance was crucial in lifting North Carolina to a victory against Michigan State and a Sweet 16 berth. And it wouldn't have been possible without his backups.

Sure Bobby Frasor and Quentin Thomas played only a combined four minutes against the Spartans, but all season they have been there to spell Lawson when he needed it. As the Tar Heels have entered the postseason, minutes for Frasor, Thomas and the rest of the backups have declined, but not because of their play.

Even 36 games into the season, UNC's starters have maintained their fresh legs, which allows head coach Roy Williams to leave them on the floor longer. As a result, in the five games in the ACC and NCAA

### Shortening the bench

Difference in minutes from conference play to postseason:

**Starters:** Averaged 25.7 in ACC play, 28.1 in postseason

**Notable Gains:** Ty Lawson +4.5 mpg  
Reyshawn Terry +3.9 mpg

**Notable Losses:** Marcus Ginyard -2.5 mpg  
Danny Green -2.4 mpg

tournaments, all five starters' minutes have risen while the seven key backups' minutes have declined, as compared to conference play.

"We stay fresh pretty much all the time," said starting shooting guard Wayne Ellington, who is averaging

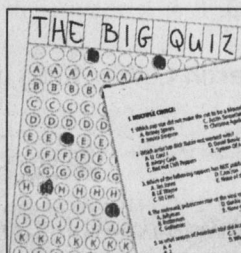
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**SHAKESPEARE IN SONG** Production will mold Shakespeare into a musical

**KEEP THEM HERE** Area leaders point to the need to create jobs for local graduates

**PUT DOWN THE PADDLE** Bill aims to outlaw corporal punishment in schools



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### NO. 2 PENCILS ONLY

Put your pop culture knowledge to the test with Diversion's annual Big Quiz including questions on Steven Seagal, The Simpsons and the Mouseketeers.

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### RACE IS ON

Three Republicans and two Democrats have announced their intentions to run for N.C. governor and have formed campaign committees.

this day in history

### MARCH 22, 2003 ...

Two seniors at Chapel Hill High School camp overnight at the Franklin Street post office, drawing a crowd of 60, who performed anti-war readings and music.

weather

Partly Cloudy  
H 74, L 52

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