# Technology changes kick off Prevention is

**BY SERGIO TOVAR** 

Technological experiences for students at the University are on their way to morphing into a more accessible format

University leaders gathered Wednesday to usher in the next generation of UNC technology **Enterprise Resource Planning** which seeks to integrate the

University's computer systems.
Some of those changes include the registration and financial aid systems.

"All of us today are making Carolina history," Provost Bernadette Gray-Little said.

Officials outlined a rough timetable for the project and explained the importance of ERP.

Gray-Little said the upgrade will bring UNC into the 21st century. "This is a legacy that we will leave for this campus," she said.

Speakers discussed how the current system is not completely con-nected, making it harder for users to access information.

Steve Farmer, director of undergraduate admissions, said one of the biggest issues is that systems are not communicating with each other.

"It's like we speak different languages," he added.

The implementation stage for ERP's first phase, which will undate student information services, is set to begin in February.

"We're to the point where we have great expectations," University Registrar Alice Poehls said.

She said some of the answers that students want to know are not clear yet - such as when the new system will go online and begin to directly affect their daily lives.

Poehls said that even though specifics have not been set, some of the changes include having a real-time course search engine and implementing a shopping-cart registration system.
Officials also announced that

Information Technology Services is planning a variety of ways to train staff as the system comes online.

Laurie Harris, ERP director of change management, said training should begin in early 2009. Stephanie Szakal, assistant vice

chancellor for ERP, said a reason for the updates was the systems' age. The University's software is about 20 years old — older than many students.



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Provost Bernadette Gray-Little speaks at the Enterprise Resource Planning project kickoff at George Watts Hill Alumni Ballroom on Wednesday.

Szakal said that the vendor for the current system decided that its maintenance wasn't profitable.

UNC was given until 2009 before it would have to maintain the systems by itself.

Although most upperclassmen won't see the outcome of the project, Student Body President Eve Carson said she hopes students will remain involved in the planning stages.

"We will help to develop it and make Carolina stronger for future Tar Heels," Carson said.

Gray-Little said the project will be lengthy - consuming a large amount of money, time and sweat.

"It may be frustrating at times, but it will be worth your while."

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#### What is a flu shot? at udesk@unc.edu.

A flu shot is a dose of vaccine that generates immunity to certain strains of the virus. It is delivered by a needle to the arm.

BY ELIZABETH DEORNELLAS

Red runny noses don't go well

Flu season begins as early as November and can last until

State Epidemiologist Dr. Jeffrey

Engel held a press conference

Wednesday to discuss the unpredict-

able nature of flu outbreaks and to

emphasize the importance of taking

preventative measures this season.

What are the predictions

for this year's flu season?

"There is still no way to predict what the season will be like," Engel said, adding that past data cannot

accurately project the severity of

future flu outbreaks.

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### Who should get a flu shot?

Those most vulnerable to the illness include young children, pregnant women, the elderly and ealth care workers. But Engel said flu shots also benefit the general public. "What we're trying to do is encourage everyone to get it.'

#### What is the best time to get a flu shot?

October is the recommended month to receive a shot, Engel said. Antibodies that protect against flu develop about two weeks after a vaccine is given.

How many flu shots are available?

Nationwide 130 million doses

### How to prevent the flu

Wash hands often using soap

emphasized as

flu season nears

- ➤ Avoid touching your nose and
- eyes. Sneeze or cough into a tissue
- Promptly throw away any used tissues, and wash your hands.
- ➤ Use an antiviral disinfectant to
- ➤ Get enough sleep and avoid
- Drink four to eight glasses of fluids each day.
- ➤ Eat a balanced diet and exercise.
- ➤ Don't smoke.
- SOURCE: Campus Health Services

are manufactured. Traditionally, large retailers receive their supply before small clinics, but Engel said the state is aiming for more equal distribution this year.

### Will UNC offer flu shots?

Yes, Campus Health Services will be offering flu shots. The amount offered will depend on the supply

#### What are the side effects of flu shots?

Reactions including pain and redness at the injection site and mild fevers generally last a day or two. Those experiencing side effects are advised to take Tylenol, Engel said. A reaction signals a good immune system response, he added.

"It's your immune system doing what we want it to do, which is revving up.

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### Narratives give voice to Katrina victims

BY BETH MECHUM

After Hurricane Katrina. Danielle Vignes said she felt that she had an obligation to tell the stories of Louisiana residents.

The St. Bernard Parish, La., native will tell some of those stories in the finale of a three-part cycle of narratives about Louisiana culture today and Friday in Swain Hall.

Vignes' one-woman performance, "Hang It Out To Dry," includes eight narratives from Louisiana residents. as well as Vignes' own stories about Hurricane Katrina's effect on her

But the doctoral candidate in the Department of Communication of Louisiana State University, did not always have "Hang It Out to Dry" in her original script, which conone-woman performance to a tradi-

sisted of two installments.

"I can make these voices heard through telling the struggles that many Louisianians faced throughout that time and are still facing today," she said.

The interviews that Vignes collected for the performance are from friends, family and people she met at furniture stores.

"Furniture stores were a great place to meet people because everyone had to buy new furniture since all of theirs was destroyed," ignes said.

Vignes said it was her professors and colleagues that helped her come up with the idea of "Hang It Out to Dry" as a way to cope and come to terms with her family's struggles. Vignes said she preferred the

tional show because she feels close to the issues she is writing about

plus she likes to be challenged. "It's extremely emotional because a lot of those people I have a connection with, and knowing the struggles that they face is very emotional," she said.

Stace Treat, a teaching assistant in the UNC Department of Communication Studies, saw Vignes perform "Hang It Out to "last year at LSU.

He said he knew right away he wanted to bring it to UNC because of Vignes' talent and the performance's subject matter.

"It really illustrates and augments the power of live performance in helping us learn and understand different types of people and different types of places," Treat said.

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"It also gives students a new perspective on the Katrina tragedy."

Vignes said she thinks her mes sage is especially important for students like herself.

"Hopefully I'll get other people interested in these stories and get them researching different problems and challenges that our nation faces when disasters occur," she said.

"We're the ones that will eventually be trying to fix the problem."

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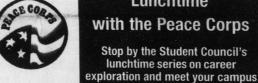
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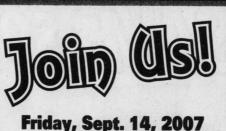
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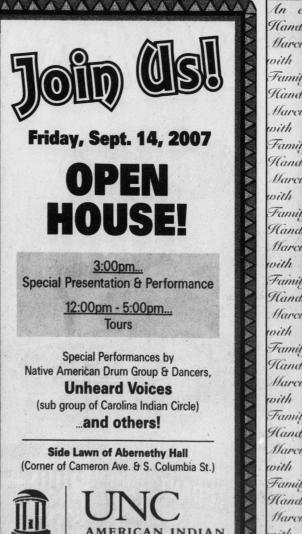
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