

Nobel winner gives winnings to 4 schools

UNC funds will support speaker

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UNC's Nobel Prize-winning professor has decided to give part of his award back to the institutions where he worked and studied.

Oliver Smithies, a professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at UNC, and his colleagues, Mario Capecchi of the University of Utah and Sir Martin Evans of Cardiff University, were awarded a prize of about \$1.6 million. The award was given in Swedish krona.



Professor Oliver Smithies giving his Nobel money to four universities

The three scientists were recognized in the field of medicine for their work with genetic targeting that began in the early 1980s.

Their research focused on genetic targeting, in which mice genes are modified to determine the effect this alteration will have.

Smithies has since split his part of the award, about \$530,000, among the four universities where he has worked or studied. Each will receive about \$130,000.

The universities that received money were Oxford University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Toronto and UNC.

"All four places had something to do with it," Smithies said. "Each in different ways have been part of my going to Stockholm, and this is a nice way to recognize them."

Smithies received his master's and Ph.D. from Oxford, then did some postdoctoral work at Wisconsin.

He began his research for the work he received his Nobel Prize for at the University of Toronto, then returned to the University of Wisconsin-Madison for 25 years and finally settled at UNC for the past 20 years.

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The Nobel Prize money is given with no specific stipulations, and each university that Smithies is giving to, he said, will ultimately decide how the money will be used.

"It's for the benefit of the universities, not for my benefit or anyone else's," Smithies said.

Bill Marzluff, associate dean for research at the UNC School of Medicine, said the school will use the money in the way Smithies recommended it be allocated.

"He wants it to be used for the students and postdoctoral fellows to invite a speaker every year," Marzluff said.

He added that the only other stipulation Smithies asked for was that the speaker be from outside the United States.

"It will be someone we normally wouldn't be able to invite," Marzluff said.

Paul Cantin, associate director of

strategic communications and public relations for the faculty of medicine at the University of Toronto, said the money will be used for the same purposes in Toronto.

"The only definite is that someone is distinguished in his or her field and have an impact on biomedically related emerging sciences," Cantin said.

He added that Smithies has been invited to be a speaker at the University of Toronto's spring convocation.

"There has been mention for an honorary degree for him, as well," Cantin said.

Tuesday Smithies also was recognized by the N.C. Biotech Center, which renamed its faculty recruitment grant program the Smithies Award.

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FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Clinton retracts Bosnia recounting

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign said she "misspoke" last week when saying she had landed under sniper fire during a trip to Bosnia as first lady in March 1996. She later characterized the episode as a "misstatement" and a "minor blip."

The Obama campaign suggested the statement was a deliberate exaggeration by Clinton.

McCain hails U.S. successes in Iraq

CHULA VISTA, Calif. (AP) — Fresh off his eighth Iraq visit, Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, declared Monday that "we are succeeding" and said he wouldn't change course — even as the U.S. death toll rose to 4,000 and the war entered its sixth year.

McCain also said Democratic presidential rivals Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton were naive and "dead wrong" to want to withdraw troops.

New Pakistani government criticizes use of army against Islamic militants

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A key figure in Pakistan's new government told two top U.S. envoys on Tuesday there needs to be a change in President Pervez Musharraf's policy of using the power of the army against Islamic militants.

The call came as a new prime minister, Yousaf Raza Gilani, took office, closing the book on eight years of military rule.

Gilani's office quoted the new premier as saying Pakistan would "continue to fight terrorism."

But it was clear Pakistan's civilian rulers are rethinking counterterrorism strategy, amid concern that use of military force against al-Qaida and Taliban has provoked a bloody militant backlash.

Partners in the incoming coalition government have said they would negotiate with some militant groups — an approach that has drawn criticism from Washington, the source of about \$10 billion in aid to Pakistan since it joined the war on terror in 2001.

Court overturns airline regulation

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal appeals court Tuesday struck down a state law requiring airlines to give food, water, clean toilets and fresh air to passengers stuck in delayed planes, saying the measure was well-intentioned but stepped on federal authority.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said New York's law — the first of its kind in the country — interferes with federal law governing the price, route or service of an air carrier.

French president threatens boycott

PARIS (AP) — French President Nicolas Sarkozy suggested Tuesday that a boycott of the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics was a possibility — the first world leader to raise the prospect of punishing China over its ongoing crackdown in Tibet.

China, meanwhile, showed no sign of letting up on its crackdown. At least two people were killed in a clash between protesters and police, as was reported Tuesday.

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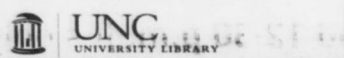
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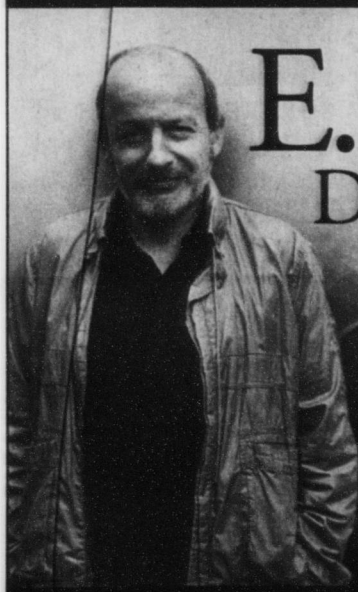
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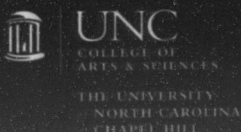
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