

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the sidebar in "System to make offering financial aid much easier" (May 29) incorrectly states that payroll and financial data will be out by the fall of 2010.

The rollout dates for these projects have not been set, as noted in the article. Student financials will be out in 2010. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

UNIVERSITY BRIEFS
UNC Hospitals looks to add new bed space with tower

As part of his budget request to the state legislature, UNC-system President Erskine Bowles is requesting funds to construct a tower on the old helipad site at N.C. Memorial Hospital.

UNC Health Care is requesting \$325.5 million from the state during several years for the \$732 million project, which would hold 321 beds.

A building with the space capacity this would create could increase the count of patient beds by almost 50 percent by the time it is completed in the next six years.

Entrepreneurship conference to be held in Kenan-Flagler

UNC will host the 28th Annual Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference on June 5-7 at the Kenan-Flagler Business School. The event is widely considered the premier conference for entrepreneurship research.

The conference will feature 300 researchers from 23 countries presenting 219 papers.

University professor wins first art prize for photos

Jeff Whetstone, a photographer and assistant professor of art at UNC, has won the inaugural prize for Southern artists from the Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston, S.C. The prize includes an award of \$10,000.

The Factor Prize acknowledges an artist whose work demonstrates the highest level of artistic achievement in any media while contributing to a new understanding of art in the South.

Whetstone was pitted against more than 250 artists for the honor.

Book series author to speak at Morehead Planetarium

Mary Pope Osborne, a UNC alumna and author of "The Magic Tree House" children's book series, will visit the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center this week.

The two "Magic Tree House Space Mission" premium shows will be held June 7 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Osborne will sign books for ticketholders at those two shows only.

Tickets to the 9 a.m. show are available. They are \$20 and available at moreheadplanetarium.org.

CITY BRIEFS

Parham to leave Chapel Hill downtown development

Liz Parham, executive director of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, announced her resignation Tuesday. She will leave the position July 18.

Parham will be taking a job as director of the office of urban development for the division of community assistance in the N.C. Department of Commerce effective July 21.

Parham was the partnership's first director in July 2005 after serving as executive director of Uptown Lexington Inc.

She has worked for more than 21 years in the field of downtown development.

Purcell to serve as principal at Orange County junior high

The Orange County School District announced Monday that Anne Purcell will serve as principal of C.W. Stanford Middle School.

Purcell has served as interim principal of Stanford since mid-April. She has worked for Orange County Schools since 1996.

A lifetime resident of Orange County, Purcell also has worked as a teacher, associate principal and director of student services of Orange County Schools.

STATE BRIEFS

Sen. Ted Kennedy's surgery by Duke surgeon a success

U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Massachusetts, successfully underwent brain surgery at the hands of Duke surgeon Dr. Allan Friedman.

He will spend a week recovering and then will return to Massachusetts to undergo radiation treatment.

Friedman is the co-director of Duke University's Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center.

Kennedy was awake for the three and a half hour procedure.

—From staff and wire reports

Obama claims nomination

Talk of running mate to begin soon

BY DEVIN ROONEY
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Barack Obama has crossed the threshold; he has picked up enough delegates to win the Democratic Party nomination.

Despite Hillary Clinton's rash of small-state wins stacked up at the end of the epic battle between the political heavyweights, Obama will make American history as the first black presidential candidate on a major party ticket.

Obama was able to win in Montana, by a margin of about

20 percent as of midnight June 4, according to CNN, while Clinton won South Dakota by about 12 percentage points.

Obama spoke June 3 in St. Paul, Minn., the city to play host to the Republican National Convention in September.

He spent most of his speech praising Clinton and decrying Sen. John McCain for his connections and similarities to President George Bush.

"At this defining moment for our nation, we should be proud that our party put forth one of the most tal-

ented, qualified field of individuals ever to run for this office," he said.

Clinton also commended Obama when she spoke in New York, but she stopped short of conceding and never acknowledged Obama's coup in the delegate race.

"This has been a long campaign, and I will be making no decisions tonight," Clinton said.

"In the coming days, I'll be consulting with supporters and party leaders to determine how to move forward with the best interests of our party and our country guiding my way."

Before the election night results were known, Ferrel Guillory, direc-

tor of the UNC Program on Public Life, said that building a consensus in the Democratic Party resembles an osmotic process.

"It isn't a club like the Rotary Club, where 30, 40 people come together to raise money," he said.

"A political party means some kind of interaction — emotional, intellectual interaction — between the party leaders and the party adherents."

Now that Obama has garnered enough delegates to clinch the nomination, the discussion of a running mate will begin to heat

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Town to lose airport as asset

Seen as vital to hospital patients

BY MELISSA BROWN
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Hospital patients and private plane owners might soon have to find another place to land in Chapel Hill.

Horace Williams Airport, located at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and North Estes Drive, has served as Chapel Hill's primary landing site for 77 years, but it is scheduled to close soon due to building plans for Carolina North, UNC-Chapel Hill's proposed satellite research campus.

UNC officials want to build on that space, moving the N.C. Area Health Education Centers program 30 minutes down the road to Raleigh-Durham International Airport, a proposal that some who use the airport said they aren't happy about.

"It's very short-sighted when there's not a viable alternative open," said state Sen. Tom Apodaca, a Republican from Hendersonville.

Apodaca, a pilot who has transferred patients from their homes to UNC Hospitals using the airport, filed a bill May 27 that proposed to keep Horace Williams open until another airport is built within 10 miles.

"It's crucial to have this airport available for patients coming up and down to Chapel Hill," Apodaca said.

"It's so much more convenient for the patients to not fight I-40 traffic and cancer, too."

Apodaca said the idea for the bill stemmed from the transfer of a patient who lived in Asheville and was fighting breast cancer.

"After I saw the condition she was in after her chemo, I could not think of her, on top of everything else she's been through, fighting to get to RDU or driving all the way to Asheville after her treatments," Apodaca said.

"We've got this great asset in our cancer center and hospital, and we're supposed to be looking after the public and find a suitable replacement, and we're not doing it."

Apodaca said in no way does he want to halt the prospering of the state's flagship university, so his bill allows the airport to eventually close for building.

But erecting the University's buildings somewhere else is much easier to do than find a new airport site convenient for patients, he said.

The bill, which Apodaca said he originally didn't think was going to get passed, has been picking up steam lately after several patients and doctors began to contact Apodaca in support of the bill.

Some doctors use the airport to fly in and do volunteer work,

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Incoming freshman Katie Heubel shows her excitement to be part of the class of 2012 as her orientation group files into Lenoir Dining Hall, their complimentary Carolina trackbags and folders in tow, for lunch during the second day of C-TOPS on Tuesday, June 3.

NEW KIDS IN TOWN

14 C-TOPS sessions welcome incoming freshmen

BY ANIKA ANAND
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As new students trek through campus, blue lanyards around their necks and orientation packets in their hands, it's official — the first of the class of 2012 have arrived.

According to admissions reports, the record 21,500 applications received, 6,785 students were admitted, of whom 3,900 are expected to enroll.

C-TOPS, or Carolina Testing & Orientation Program Sessions, is meant to ease the transition from high school to college, said Tim Lendino, project coordinator for New Student & Carolina Parent Programs.

"C-TOPS is important because we want new students to know that there are services and people available to ease their transition," he said.

There are 14 different C-TOPS sessions throughout the summer that accommodate

300 students per session. "C-TOPers" start early, arriving at 7:15 a.m. on the first orientation day and leaving about 5 p.m. the next.

Joseph Aloï said that though he spent much of his time in informational sessions, it already is better than being at high school.

Though some high school students are still in classes, Aloï was able to attend the early session because he was exempt from his exams.

First-day fears among freshmen range from getting lost to being late for new classes. New student Harris Gooze had other concerns.

"Tripping on the bricks in the quad. But it's OK, because now I've already done that," he said.

By lunchtime on the first day, students had checked into housing, met with their designated groups and attended an academic advising workshop. Students stay the night in the Connor Residence Hall community with an assigned roommate.

"The dorms are not nearly as bad as I thought they were going to be, and my roommate is a nice guy," said Taylor Twine, who is staying in Connor.

Upcoming C-TOPS dates:

June 5-6	July 10-11
June 9-10	July 14-15
June 12-13	July 17-18
June 16-17	July 21-22
June 19-20	July 24-25
June 26-27	July 28-29

TSOP dates:

June 23	Aug. 13
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After lunch, students were sent off to take their language placement exams.

"I'm about to get destroyed on this Spanish exam," Kuntal Shah said as he left Lenoir Dining Hall.

Parents of students also are invited to C-TOPS. They had the opportunity to attend a variety of programs specifically designed for them, such as "Parenting a College Student" and "Alcohol and Assault Prevention."

"I think C-TOPS is most valuable in telling where things are and how things work,"

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Running with a purpose

N.C. man crosses state for cancer

BY COURTNEY ROLLER
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Today, day 10, puts Scott Adams just past the halfway point on his 744-mile endurance adventure and fundraiser called Run North Carolina 2008.

Adams began his 18-day journey in Murphy and intends to run across the state to Manteo in order to raise \$25,000 for the American Cancer Society and its related hospice program.

"Cancer is pervasive," said Adams, the information technology director of the UNC School of Information and Library Science. "It's something that affects so many different people," he said, adding, "we all know somebody who has gone through this."

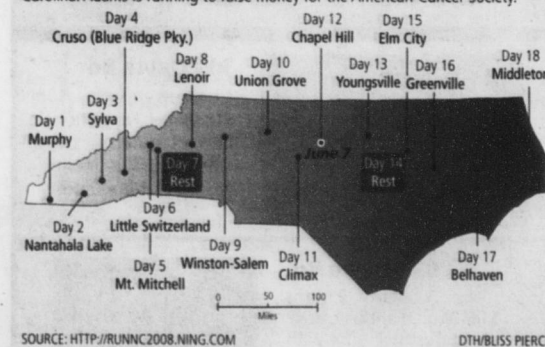
"I think he has taken up a very arduous journey because he has been so deeply affected by cancer," said Catherine Lazorko, a spokeswoman for the town of Chapel Hill and friend of Adams.

Lazorko is strictly personally involved with the fundraiser and said that Adams' decision to run is in response to the many friends and relatives who have battled cancer.

"He is doing something that he knows how to do best, to see if he can

Map of Adams' run across North Carolina

Chapel Hill native Scott Adams is on day 10 of his 18-day run across North Carolina. Adams is running to raise money for the American Cancer Society.



SOURCE: HTTP://RUNNC2008.NING.COM

make a difference," Lazorko said. Adams designed the run in three consecutive six-day periods with a one-day break in between each.

"I don't see this as an 18-day trip. I'm looking at the next six days. I have to make it through the next six days," Adams said. "When you finish the one day you're thinking about the next."

Each day after he finishes the 42 to 52 miles of running on the schedule, Adams' immediate concerns are getting food and icing his body.

It is for tasks like those that Adams' rotating two-person support crew of family members and

running partners comes in handy. "They're actually pretty busy," Adams said. "They don't have any time to play."

Adams is the first to admit that "it is a team effort" and has found support all over the state.

Lisa Carawan, owner of Carawan's Motel in Swan Creek, donated two rooms in her motel to Adams and his team. "Anytime you can help out anybody, that's just the right thing to do," said Carawan, who has lost many family members to cancer, including her father and

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Webmail system could receive major changes

Many features may be added

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Larry Conrad has a vision for the University's information technology system, and that vision includes radically updating UNC's Webmail system.

Since becoming vice chancellor of information technology and chief information officer, Conrad has seen dissatisfaction with Webmail among students, faculty and staff. He has asked his staff to research other options and present them by the end of this month.

Though Webmail functions properly, Conrad doesn't think it is as integrated as it should be.

"I don't think we're providing current state-of-the-art capability that's being provided elsewhere," he said, adding that UNC's system is behind those of its peers.

Conrad wants his staff to look at other schools' messaging systems and present a strategy for constructing a new messaging system for UNC.

More specifically, he wants to define messaging.

Messaging could include instant messaging, counteracting, integrated

PDA, fax and voicemail in addition to e-mail. "We're trying to take a broader look at the longer term needs of the University," he said.

Conrad wants people to be able to access the system as much as possible through multiple devices. "That's the 'holy grail' we need to get to," he said of his ultimate goal. "Whatever you need to access is available to you, wherever you need to be, with whatever device you need to use."

After the office decides on a strategy later this month, Information Technology Services will determine the specifications of the system implementation, including the schedule, budget and the products needed to support the new system.

Conrad wants these key elements in place by June of next year.

Some students say they use other programs to replace the inadequacies of Webmail, and many seem not to know how to use features such as their "sent mail" folder.

"I use (Mozilla) Thunderbird," junior Ian Morrison said. "One button and I'm there. I have it as my primary program."

Conrad said he is aware that there are already alternative products available for free in the general

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