

Robertsons delay campus building

Completion date no longer 2010

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Robertson Scholars will have to wait a few more years before they can have an on-campus building to call their own.

Tony Brown, president of the Robertson Scholars Program, said plans to construct a free-standing building at UNC are on hold.

Last spring, program officials announced plans to have the building completed by 2010. Now, starting the project will be delayed for two to three years, Brown said.

"The decision to put the project on hold is a combination of two things," Brown said. "As the program is growing, we're unsure about our needs, and the cost of the facility was going up significantly."

The Robertson Scholars Program provides full-tuition scholarships for students to take classes at both UNC and Duke University.

Brown said the program had already invested money in plans and design for the facility.

"We hope to use the same plans for the facility once we are ready to move forward again with building," Brown said.

One of the issues holding up the project is the added expense of building according to U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

guidelines.

"We value environmental issues," Brown said. "We want to make a statement about our commitment to the environment."

Brown said he thinks the University will hold the land near the Ackland Art Museum for the project until the program is ready to proceed with construction.

In the meantime, there are plans to improve the UNC Robertson facilities at Graham Memorial Hall, he said.

"We're going to paint and add book space to make the area more scholar-oriented so they can have a place to come hang out," Brown said.

The free-standing building was originally pitched as a way to give the program more of an identity.

Harrison Lee, a Robertson Scholar at Duke, said he thinks the program is cramped in Graham Memorial.

"Having the new building at UNC would have given us more space for outreach and special events," Lee said.

Sofia Wilson, a UNC Robertson Scholar, said she doesn't mind the project's delay.

"From what I understand it was pretty expensive for us right now," Wilson said.

"It's probably best that the money be used elsewhere until we're ready to move forward with a new facility."

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UNC making progress on the ground

Running game productive at Miami

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North Carolina's running game finally looked effective Saturday against Miami.

Just don't look at the stat sheet for proof.

UNC's grand total for net rushing yards in the 28-24 win was 35 yards on 33 rushes — an average of 1.1 yard. That's less than ideal for a half of football, much less a full game.

So why was quarterback Cameron Sexton praising the UNC tailbacks Monday?

"Really our rushing statistic was not indicative of how we ran the football," Sexton said.

"I thought we were physical up front, but I really thought that those three guys running, I really thought they ran like warriors."

Sexton has a point in saying

those stats are slightly skewed. UNC actually gained 81 yards on the ground and lost 46.

Most of that negative yardage came from a turnover on fourth down when UNC muffed a punt snap for negative 19 yards and two sacks of Sexton for negative seven and 11 yards.

Add those totals up for negative 37 yards on just three plays — none of them from the running game.

Take Sexton and punter Terrence Brown out of the total, and UNC is left with 29 rushes for 72 net yards — an average of 2.5 yards per carry.

Granted, nobody's going to mistake Greg Little for Reggie Bush with those numbers, but even those statistics don't tell the whole story.

Through the early games of 2008, the Tar Heels have struggled with losing yards on rushing plays

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CAMERON SEXTON, UNC QUARTERBACK

on first and second down.

That put the Tar Heel offense in a tough situation of facing a second down and 11 or 12 and forced many drives to end in just three plays in UNC's opening three games.

That trend reversed itself Saturday.

UNC running backs rushed for loss only twice in the game and only lost five total yards on those rushes.

That means that UNC spent most of Saturday's game moving forward on the ground — a vital component to keeping drives alive.

"We had so many third and

short conversions," Sexton said. "And you see the momentum we carried, to keep us out there and keep us driving."

Of UNC's 12 drives Saturday, six went for six plays or more, and only one was a three-and-out.

"It was a step forward," coach Butch Davis said. "The thing that I thought they did is they ran hard."

"I thought Ryan (Houston) ran hard; I thought Greg ran harder and more physical than in either of the two games at the end of the season last year."

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