

CAMPUS BRIEFS
Board of Elections to hold special elections meeting

There is a mandatory candidates' meeting for the special today at 8 p.m. in the Pleasants Family Assembly Room in Wilson Library. Candidates wishing to appear on the ballot Nov. 5 must attend. Open seats include 1 seat in District 4, undergraduates in Granville, 3 seats in District 8, graduates in Arts & Sciences, Humanities, and 2 seats in District 9, professional schools.

Faculty Council concerned with fewer investment picks

UNC faculty expressed discontent Friday with a systemwide plan that would limit where they can invest for retirement. Faculty said at a meeting of the Faculty Council that they heard about the change too late and that it could limit new investments they plan to make. Starting Jan. 1, faculty will have a choice between only two vendors when deciding where to invest their money for retirement — either Fidelity Investments or TIAA-CREF.

The change to decrease the number of vendors is in response to Internal Revenue Service regulations that shift more responsibility for faculty investments from the employees onto the University.

Employees used to be responsible for monitoring loans, withdrawals and investments with the retirement account. Now that is the University's role.

Many faculty at the meeting said they were upset they were not notified earlier that the supplemental retirement program would change.

UNC swimmer released from hospital after one month

Sophomore Allison Barnes was released from UNC Hospitals Wednesday afternoon, where she was receiving care for an "apparent severe hyperthermic episode."

Barnes was admitted to the hospital Sept. 9 in critical condition and was upgraded to stable condition Sept. 16.

"Allison's rehabilitation will take some time, but we're optimistic concerning her overall recovery," Keith Barnes, her father, said in a statement issued Thursday. "We would like to thank all those who have supported us over this ordeal."

CITY BRIEFS

Carrboro businesses plan campaign to promote town

Five Carrboro businesses hope a new advertising campaign known as Walk Carrboro will bring customers and retail traffic to downtown shops.

A group of business owners plans to publish local area maps to help visitors locate shops, restaurants and galleries.

Owners of the Wootini Gallery, N.C. Crafts Gallery, Open Eye Café, Nested and Jesse Kalisher Gallery are working together to find ways to draw customers into local shops.

The project currently has neither financial support nor guidance from the Town of Carrboro.

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Dozens perform at Carrboro weekend poetry festival

Poets from all over North Carolina performed Saturday at Carrboro's third annual West End Poets Weekend.

About 35 local, published and award-winning poets participated in the 12-hour event at Carrboro Century Hall and DSI Comedy Theater.

The festival, organized by the town through the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department, celebrated the diversity in poetry, Recreation Supervisor Kim Andrews said.

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Special Olympics coaches needed for swim classes

Special Olympics Orange County seeks volunteer swim coaches for its fall swim program.

Coaches must be comfortable in the pool and enjoy swimming. Volunteers will work with beginning to intermediate swimmers ages 6 to 21.

No certification is required to participate, but each volunteer must commit to help with at least one class per week.

The season lasts through Dec. 3. All classes are held either at the Chapel Hill Community Center or the YMCA.

To participate or see a list of practice times, call Special Olympics coordinator Colleen Lanigan at 968-2787 or send an e-mail to clanigan@townofchapel-hill.org through Oct. 24.

—From staff and wire reports

Airport will generate funds

County official: 'It's an opportunity'

BY KATY DOLL
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A consultant's survey from earlier this year states that a new airport in Orange County could mean \$53 million in revenue.

But county officials caution that this is an opportunity, not a guarantee of overnight revenue increases.

The new airport could have an annual economic impact of \$40 million to \$53 million, compared to the \$10 million the Horace Williams Airport generates, according to a study from consulting firm Talbert & Bright Inc.

In addition to simply building the airport, local officials must bring in businesses and promote the new airport, said Bradly Broadwell, economic development director for Orange County.

"Nobody says, 'Build it and these people are going to come,'" Broadwell

said. "It's an opportunity."

The new airport will serve as a replacement for Horace Williams Airport, which is closing to make way for UNC's satellite research campus, Carolina North.

Two residents' groups have formed to protest the airport placement process and said expanding the tax-base is not in the public interest.

But Broadwell said there is a real opportunity for the airport to make new jobs and provide more revenues.

"What I don't understand is why do people believe \$53 million won't show up," Broadwell said. "You better have a reason why you don't believe something to fight it."

Kevin FitzGerald, head of the airport authority and a senior medical school official, said the 2008 survey addresses what an airport would do for Orange County.

The survey takes into account changes that a new airport would have from Horace Williams, such as a 5,500-foot runway compared to the existing 4,005-foot runway.

The extra runway space and other adjustments would allow larger, heavier aircraft, which means more commercial opportunities as small planes cannot hold as much cargo or weight.

"It's an analysis done by looking at impacts of other airports across the state and making some judgments," FitzGerald said.

A larger airport could bring in a new job sector, such as businesses who need access to airplanes or aerospace industry.

"It would be a vehicle," Broadwell said. "It would be an asset that may be able to attract opportunities in a new sector."

Broadwell spoke from his experience working on an airport expansion during his time in Maryland.

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Schools' efforts can give a boost

University R&D helps economy

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Experts anticipate that university research will bolster states' economies through the current economic crisis.

Despite the nation's current economic struggles, states should continue to invest in university research because of long-term benefits in jobs and other areas, said John Hardin, acting executive director of the N.C. Board of Science and Technology.

"University research is essentially the seed corn for economic development," John Hardin said.

Although Gov. Mike Easley reduced the UNC system budget by 2 percent, university research is still likely to power local economies.

UNC-system research provides more than 5,000 jobs statewide, said Steven Leath, UNC-system vice president for research.

The state spent almost \$1.1 billion last year on the system schools' research and development projects.

Within the system, UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State University and N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University generate the most research and development jobs.

A study conducted by Families USA found that in North Carolina every National Institute of Health dollar invested in university research and development projects generated more than \$2 of economic activity.

Research is an economic pillar for states with large university systems.

Last year the University of Michigan system invested more than \$876 million in research efforts. The system employs about 20,000 people in research fields, said Lee Katterman, project manager in the Office of Vice President for Research.

The university's focus on research is part of the reason for the low unemployment rate around the main Ann Arbor campus, he said.

That focus attracts many businesses to the area that hope to profit from an innovative atmosphere and an educated workforce, he said.

And a well-supported research and development initiative is crucial to sustaining a healthy economy.

"There's no question that it's the university R&D engine that really drives a robust, modern, high-tech economy," said David Lee, University of Georgia vice president for research.

Some states are partnering public universities with the private sector to connect the local economy and university research and development, Lee said.

UGA's efforts alone have generated 170 companies.

And the economic benefits extend beyond people involved directly with research.

"When the research is completed and successful, a number of people

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Wendy Schwade examines Owen Jennings' teeth on Sunday at Kidzu Children's Museum. The museum charges no admission on Sundays. Thanks to a grant from the Orange County Partnership of Young Children, Kidzu offers kids' health programs once a month.

KIDZU KEEPS KIDS WELL

Dental health first focus of year-long project

BY PATRICIA LAYA
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With Halloween right around the corner, a local children's museum thinks now is a good time for parents to get their children dental checkups.

Kidzu Children's Museum had free screenings and toothbrushes for children Sunday afternoon to kick off its dental health month.

"Our two main goals are to enlist parents or caregivers in supporting their kid's healthy development and to expand our outreach to children in need," said Cathy Maris, executive director of Kidzu.

She said the museum hosted the event so parents could learn to keep their kids healthy before the Halloween candy binge begins.

A grant from the Orange County Partnership for Young Children allowed Kidzu to set up a year-long project that promotes child development and child health resources for families. Dental health month is the first in a series of child health-focused

events at the museum.

Wendy Schwade, a dental hygienist with North Carolina's Division of Public Health, set up a booth Sunday with basic reminders about children's dental health.

"If you start with a good regime early on, it's possible that you will never have problems like tooth decay," Schwade said.

She focused on issues like how to prevent baby bottle tooth decay, how to clean a baby's mouth and teeth and how to provide healthy food to children.

"A lot of times parents are blamed for their children's teeth issues, but I don't believe that," Schwade said. "Parents care about their children, but they just don't know how to take care of their teeth."

Angela Cooke, dental division director of the Orange County Health Department, accompanied Schwade at the event. Cooke said prevention and education can help avoid high dental expenses.

"You can end up in the (operating room)

and paying thousands of dollars," Cooke said.

As children went one by one through their checkups, later rewarded with brightly colored toothbrushes, their parents got the opportunity to ask the dental hygienist questions about when to take their kids to their first dentist appointment and whether pediatric dentists are really necessary.

"They have a leg up," Schwade said.

One Sunday each month for the next year, a child health advocate will visit the museum to provide free information and services.

Museum admission is \$4 for adults and children and free on Sundays because of a grant from Durham Regional Hospital.

Next month, Kidzu will help parents find a good health care plan for their children.

Maris said the museum strives to give children a fun environment to learn and experience ways to take care of themselves.

"What better way to learn about important health issues than to learn while playing at Kidzu."

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Fundraiser contributes to Zanzibar scholarships

UNC students fund girls' educations

BY ANIKA ANAND
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Sophomores Bryanna Schwartz and Katherine Novinski remember the moment they first met 15-year-old Shemsia this summer in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

"When she walked in, we knew we were going to choose her right away," Schwartz said.

Twenty-two girls in Zanzibar vied for scholarships from UNC's nonprofit organization Students for Students International. The money the girls received would provide them with four years of secondary school education and give them the opportunity to be competitive in the career world.

With limited scholarships available, Schwartz and Novinski carried the responsibility of choosing the recipients from a pool of distinguished applicants. For these scholars, it only costs \$295 a year to sponsor one girl's secondary education.

Schwartz and Novinski said that in her interview last summer Shemsia spoke confidently with a big smile on her face about her future goals of becoming a doctor. She did not mention the fact that her family still lives in Pemba, a small island near Zanzibar, and that they use most of

the family income to pay for her to reside in a Zanzibar hostel. It was important to Shemsia's family that she get the best education possible.

After their trip to Zanzibar, Schwartz and Novinski realized how much \$295 could change Shemsia and nine other girls' lives.

S4Si holds fundraisers throughout the year to help raise money for the scholarships. S4Si sponsored one such event — a swing dance — Friday in the Great Hall of the Student Union. The event, which 135 people attended, raised \$884 toward the scholarships.

S4Si focuses on young women because of the growing disparity between men's and women's education. Women often are perceived by society as "future mothers" and are not given priority when it comes to family finances.

"If given the decision to send a boy or a girl to school, a family is going to send their son," Novinski said.

Schwartz and Novinski reviewed applications from the highest-achieving schools in Zanzibar. They gauged the girls' academic achievement and commitment to the community, interviewing them in English, their second language. They also took into consider-

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BRYANNA SCHWARTZ, S4Si

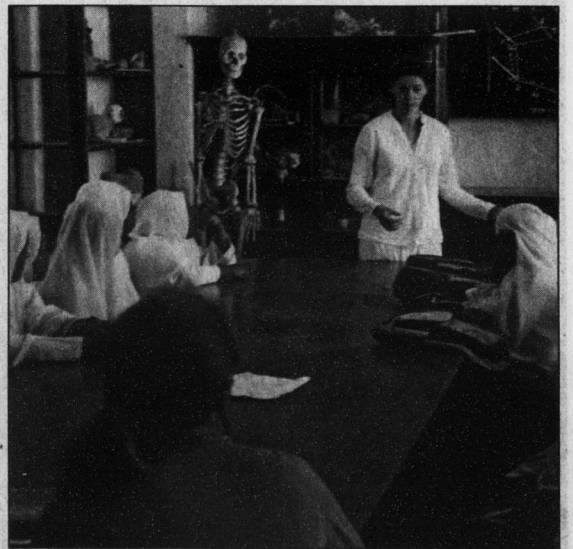
ation the girls' family situations in terms of financial status and responsibilities around the home.

"Choosing the scholars made me realize how much of an impact S4Si really has," Schwartz said. "You can be on campus raising money, but until you actually see it, you can't really realize how much these girls are getting out of the scholarship and how much it really changes their lives."

After Zanzibar students finish their secondary education, they have to pass a national exam to take more advanced courses. They also must pay for textbooks, supplies and extra classes' tuition.

Despite coming from a financially poor background and living away from her family, Shemsia scored at the top of her class on the national exams, Schwartz said.

The duo were not only impressed by the young scholars' academic work but also by their way of life. Schwartz



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Bryanna Schwartz, a member of the S4Si fundraising committee, talks with potential scholarship recipients at a girls' school in Zanzibar.

said that after visiting Africa, she learned to appreciate the girls' work ethic, humility and simplicity.

"It's so hard because all these girls are telling you these amazing things they want to do in their future, and all they need is that

extra little push," Schwartz said. "Your decision determines whether or not they get that extra push. It's incredibly hard."

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