

Campus remembers Carson

Since Student Body President Eve Carson's death, several events and organizations have been created in her memory.

The Eve Marie Carson Memorial Junior-Year Merit Scholarship was created to carry out her goal to have a scholarship for juniors. Her plan was to have it named after former Chancellor James Moeser.

The memorial scholarship provides senior year tuition and money for a summer leadership program to a student displaying growth and achievement during their time at UNC. The application was due Nov. 21. A selection committee will interview finalists Jan. 15.

The process ends Feb. 1 when the recipients of the scholarships are notified. Between one and five students will win the scholarship.

All juniors with at least a 3.0 GPA and 48 completed semester hours were eligible.

"We think the scholarship is of the level of the Morehead-Cain or Robertson," said Andy Woods, student director of the scholarship. "We're seeking out a recipient of that level."

The Memorial 5k for Education, sponsored by Pi Beta Phi sorority

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and Phi Delta Theta fraternity in Carson's honor, drew 1,000 runners and raised more than \$23,000.

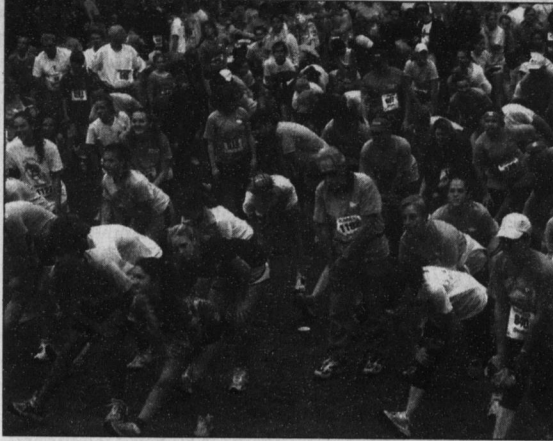
Two-thirds of the proceeds went to the Eve Marie Carson Memorial Junior-Year Merit Scholarship.

The other third was split between First Book, a nonprofit organization that gives books to preschoolers in low-income families, and Clyde Erwin Elementary School to improve test scores of underprivileged students.

Those two groups are the focus of the two Greek organizations' philanthropy efforts.

Coker Arboretum officials created an autumn tour in memory of Carson, who was quoted as saying "the arboretum in the fall" was one of the major reasons why she loved UNC.

The event was held Nov. 9, and included the arboretum's trees and shrubs from the southeastern U.S.



Runners stretch before the Eve Carson Memorial 5k for Education. It raised more than \$23,000 and drew more than 1,000 participants.

Arboretum directors plan to hold the tour annually.

In the future, Carson will have her own garden.

The Eve Marie Carson Garden will be located behind the Campus Y and adjacent to Hanes Hall. University Landscape Architect Jill Coleman is drawing up differ-

ent concepts for the landscape.

"We want it to be a place for celebration and a place for people and their thoughts to come together," student government senior adviser Katie Sue Zellner said.

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ECONOMY

2008. With half of the fiscal year already past, council members will have to make a 10 percent cut from scheduled spending between now and June, council member Bill Strom said.

These budget cuts will lead to the suspension of town projects, such as the expansion of the Chapel Hill Public Library, approved by the council in 2003 to expand the library from 28,000 square feet to 73,000 square feet.

The town has agreed on preliminary designs and conducted an analysis of the increased funding need to construct and operate the

new library. But without knowing exactly how much money they will have to work with, council members are unsure of how to proceed, Strom said.

Assistant County Manager Gwen Harvey said the county has not yet had to postpone any large capital projects, but officials are evaluating agenda items for their timeliness and importance, she said.

"As with many local governments, we are in the stage of watchful waiting, being careful to conserve resources while we wait for the end of this episode," Harvey said.

The state budget shortfall also will affect N.C. public schools — the state's 115 districts are being asked to return \$117 million in previously

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GWEN HARVEY, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

allotted funds.

Ruby Pittman, executive director of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Budget & Finance Office, said the school system will try to manage the reduction without layoffs by freezing vacancies in noncritical positions and limiting travel.

"We do need to conserve funds to brace ourselves for the state budget cut," Pittman said.

Despite the lack of real evidence

that the economy will rebound in the near future, Strom said he remains optimistic.

"I think we are in uncharted waters," Strom said.

"But I believe in American ingenuity and I hope there is a common sense of purpose that we all find to work our way out of this."

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AIRPORT

interview. But some residents contended that this number was unrealistic.

Residents speak out

Two groups of concerned residents, especially those who live in the area identified by the 2005 Talbert & Bright study, have spoken out against the airport at public meetings, have written letters to the editor and have generated petitions.

Preserve Rural Orange and Orange County Voice tend to cite the 2005 survey's information that RDU was the best choice for AHEC's use and the lack of local government input when talking about the airport.

"The real issue is that the airport authority is being formed in a way that bypasses input from community and our elected officials," said Bonnie Hauser, of Orange County Voice, in an e-mail.

Preserve Rural Orange has protested by standing outside meet-

ings between the Chapel Hill Town Council and UNC, calling out "No airport."

The University's role

Several people have questioned UNC's role in the process.

The one current member of the airport authority is Kevin FitzGerald, a senior official in UNC's School of Medicine.

In an October interview, he said that the University was in talks with the local municipalities and governments, though there has been some tension between the county commissioners and UNC. University representatives also

"(A new airport) would be a vehicle. It would be an asset that may be able to attract opportunities in a new sector."

BRADLY BROADWELL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR ORANGE COUNTY

will form a majority of the authority.

"The University currently operates an airport with no input from the public, and what we're really talking about is having this next phase formally involving a variety of stakeholders as we move ahead," FitzGerald said.

FitzGerald said he hopes the other members of the authority

will be chosen and approved in January.

From there, the authority will put in place a process to review the situation and order studies.

"It will be a methodical process to get this up and running and off the ground," FitzGerald said.

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CARSON

At the August hearing, Woodall also announced that he plans to seek the death penalty against Atwater if convicted, despite Carson's parents' opposition to capital punishment.

And Carson indicated similar feelings in an August 2007 group meeting to discuss the summer reading book, Sister Helen Prejean's "The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions."

"It doesn't work, in my opinion," said Carson, then in her early days as UNC student body president.

Lovette was 17 at the time of the crime and therefore ineligible for the death penalty. Federal prosecutors have not said whether they will seek charges against him.

Federal and state prosecutors will have to coordinate when Atwater will be in court.

"Right now we don't think that's going to impair our case in any way," Woodall said.

But it will likely be more than a year, in fall or winter 2009, before the cases come to trial. The time period is typical in a capital case, Woodall said.

A judge scheduled Atwater's

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JIM WOODALL, DISTRICT ATTORNEY federal trial for November of 2009.

A discovery hearing to enter evidence was delayed Nov. 24 when attorneys for both sides decided that they needed more time to gather evidence.

Woodall said the hearing is likely to be rescheduled for one of the first days of the new year.

The defense will ask a judge to turn over reports from people calling into Crime Stoppers that have not previously been entered into evidence.

The request will prove controversial because prosecutors say that it could decrease the number of people calling into Crime Stoppers.

"CS is a real good tool for law enforcement and you don't want to have a chilling effect," Woodall said.

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ELECTION

and economic changes, as well as President Bush's unpopularity and fears about a faltering economy, President-elect Barack Obama's campaign was able to make North Carolina, formerly a Republican base, a competitive two-party state.

"The McCain campaign has to defend what had been safe Republican turf. What it means is that the Obama campaign has expanded the playing field for a Democrat ticket," Guillory said.

And other candidates in the state played on Obama's popularity. "Bush is a drag on all the Republican candidates," said John Hood, president and chairman of the John Locke Foundation.

Hagan successfully drew strong ties between Dole and the Bush administration, portraying Dole as a Washington insider out of touch with the needs of the state.

She got a boost from a big advertising investment from the national Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, which aims to elect more Democrats to the U.S. Senate.

"It's the change in the last few decades. ... We have new residents not tied to political constructs."

FERREL GUILLORY, UNC PROFESSOR

Continued Democratic control of the governor's mansion was not a surprise, but the closeness of the race between Governor-elect Bev Perdue and Republican Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory was unusual.

His strong showing in a difficult year for Republican candidates across the board is a clear sign that the state remains a two-party state.

"McCrory's race shows that even though this state went Democratic in the Electoral College and sustained Democratic governance in state government that Republicans haven't gone away," Guillory said.

"The Republican party remains a strong force in the state."

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