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UNC, ECU want to add medical students

They want satellite campuses to counter a shortage of doctors

BY JANE STANCILL  
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The state’s two public medical schools want to add students and create regional campuses to deal with a predicted doctor shortage in North Carolina.

A UNC-Chapel Hill proposal would add 70 medical students to each entering class, with 50 doing their final two years of work in Charlotte and 20 finishing their degrees in Asheville. The medical school’s first-year class would grow from 160 to 230 students.

East Carolina’s Brody School of Medicine in Greenville is working on a proposal to increase its first-year class from the current 73 to as many as 120, said Dr. Nicholas Benson, a vice dean. The school is considering one or two regional campuses in the eastern part of the state.

UNC’s proposed expansion would cost $239 million in one-time construction at the three locations and $40 million a year for added faculty and staff. The proposal has yet to be approved by the UNC Board of Governors or funded by the legislature, but UNC-CH wants to start admitting more students in 2009 or 2010, said Dr. Bill Roper, CEO of the UNC Health Care System.

Roper cautioned that the plan remains preliminary.

“It could get refined, changed, slimmed down or expanded,” Roper said. “The state needs to find out how much we collectively can afford.”

The proposal has already expanded. Talks between UNC’s medical school and Charlotte’s Carolinas Medical Center started in December 2006, with the school considering only an outpost in Charlotte. Roper pointed out that Charlotte is the largest city in the United States without a medical school.

About six months ago, the university was approached by hospital officials, community leaders and legislators from the Asheville area, asking for the school to consider a second satellite campus. UNC-CH officials said yes.

Then, late last year, East Carolina’s Brody School of Medicine expressed interest in growing, and UNC President Erskine Bowles directed the two campuses to work together on their ideas, Roper said.

Teams from both schools have met several times in what they describe as a cooperative relationship, despite the history of a bitter battle in the 1970s when ECU established a medical school over the objections of supporters of the Chapel Hill campus.

“It’s very clear we need more doctors in this state and we want to be part of the solution,” said Benson of the Brody school.

ECU had already planned to grow each class to 80 students, but the new approach could mean 40 more students.

Benson said it was too early to provide cost estimates or possible locations of satellite

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MEDICAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Here's enrollment for first-year classes at public and private medical schools in the state for academic year 2007-08 and expansion plans for the future.

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*Wake Forest expanded its class by 68 students this year.

Sources: University of North Carolina system, Duke University, Wake Forest University

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campuses. "We will be concentrating on the east and Chapel Hill will be looking westward," he added.

Thinking long-term

North Carolina had about 19 doctors for every 10,000 residents in 2005 — on par with the national average, according to the N.C. Institute of Medicine, an organization that studies health policy. But an institute study last year predicted a shortage in the future, with the overall doctor-to-resident ratio dropping by 21 percent by 2030.

The decrease will happen at a time when the median age of the population is expected to increase.

"Unfortunately, it's a national problem and most states are dealing with this," said Mark Holmes, vice president at the institute. "We really need to think about real long-term strategies."

In 2006, the Association of American Medical Colleges recommended that U.S. medical schools increase their enrollment 30 percent by 2015, churning out 5,000 more graduates annually.

In North Carolina, some geographic areas and disciplines are likely to suffer more than others. Rural counties and inner cities have historically experienced shortages, and deficits emerged in psychiatry, general surgery and among doctors who deliver babies. Eight of 10 counties with the lowest per capita supply of primary care doctors are in the eastern part of the state.

As of 2006, 93 of the nation's 126 medical schools had begun to add students, according to the medical college association. Many are starting regional and branch campuses, said Sarah Bunton, a senior research associate for the association, who conducted a recent study of the growth.

"The biggest challenge we heard was it's difficult to formulate exact estimates of what it's going to cost," Bunton said.

The tab for UNC-Chapel Hill will be accompanied by a plan for an expansion of the hospital complex, at an estimated cost of $732 million for an initial phase, including a possible request for

$325 million from taxpayers.

Duke has no plans to add medical students, said Dr. Edward Buckley, vice dean for medical education. Instead, the university will expand its physician assistant program by one-quarter over the next few years, he said.

"It allows physicians to extend their reach in areas where the care is relatively routine and prescribed," Buckley said. And it's cheaper for the nation's health care system, he said.

If UNC and ECU add medical students, there's no guarantee those students will end up practicing in North Carolina.

The biggest predictors of where doctors practice is where they grew up and where they did their residency training, said Dr. Etta Pisano, a vice dean at UNC's medical school.

That's why it will also be important to expand the number of residency slots in the state, she added.

Creating regional campuses will allow the school to grow, while serving health care needs in far-flung communities, she said.

"We believe it's the most cost-effective way to expand medical education."

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ECU honored for global initiatives project

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East Carolina University's efforts to globalize student education have been recognized by the Institute of International Education.

ECU's Global Academic Initiatives project received honorable mention in the 2008 IIE Andrew Heiskell Awards for Innovation in International Education.

ECU will be among eight American universities honored March 13 at the United Nations in New York City.

Launched in 2003, the global classroom in the Science and Technology building has enabled more than 600 ECU students to become exposed to their academic counterparts in countries that include Angola, Turkey, Venezuela and China.

In the past five years, the Internet-based course has expanded to 21 partners in 18 countries, using web technology to provide a relatively inexpensive way for students - and faculty members - to go global.

ECU's Rosina Chia, the assistant vice chancellor for global academic initiatives, and Elmer Poe, the associate vice chancellor for academic outreach, created the program in response to a need for students to have more opportunities for international exposure.

Because it is not feasible for many ECU students to travel abroad — the percentage of those that do each year is still in the single digits, but climbing — Chia said the global classroom setting can serve as a 'bridge' to bring together students of different backgrounds and perspectives; it enables them to convene as classmates and friends.

The number of sections taught in the program each semester has grown from one to six, with anthropology professor Jami Leibowitz coordinating with three other faculty members.

Poe and Chia have traveled to India, Malaysia, Moldova and Angola, gaining partners for ECU's Global Understanding courses and for compiling research and lecture alliances among faculty members.

They have also worked with more than a dozen American universities to develop their own global outreach programs.

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Lincoln scholar offers talks

David Long, professor of history, will speak at the Greenville Noon Rotary Club Feb. 4 to discuss the Abraham Lincoln and Black History Month.

Later this month he will attend the bicentennial celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday in Louisville, Ky., and will be the featured speaker at the Milwaukee and Chicago Civil War Round Tables, presenting "Lincoln, Davis, and the Dahlgren Raid: Was Political Assassination a Legitimate Tool of War in the Civil War?"

Country Doctor Museum reopens

The Country Doctor Museum in Bailey, which had been closed for renovations, reopens Tuesday.

The museum, 6642 Peele Road, Bailey, features exhibits about the history of rural health care.

Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults, $4 for seniors 55 and older and $3 for students including college students with valid ID.
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procedures, identification.
For more information, call
252-335-4165 or visit http://
www.countrydoctormuseum.
org.

Engineers win
NSF grant

A team of professors from
the Department of Engineer-
ing has received a National
Science Foundation grant to-
taling more than $136,000 to
design and develop new teach-
ing methods for bioprocess en-
gineering at the undergradu-
ate level.

The project, “Design and
Development of Educational
Modules for Bioprocess Engi-
neering,” will be led by engi-
neering professors Richard
Williams, Loren Limberis and
Stephanie Sullivan.

“This grant will provide
us with more capability to de-
velop innovative and effective
methods to inspire eastern
North Carolina students from
all groups, especially those
who are underrepresented, to
consider and succeed in engi-
neering,” Williams said.

The grant will enable the
team to design new learning
materials that will engage
students’ understanding of
engineering concepts, par-
ticularly in the field of biopro-
cessing.

According to the N.C. State
University Web site, “Biology
is a broad term encompassing
the research, development,
manufacturing, and com-
ercialization of products
prepared from or used by
biological systems, including
food, feed, biopharmaceutical
and cosmetics.”

Concert to help
local clinic

A Sunday concert by the
East Carolina University
Symphony Orchestra will
help raise money for the
Grimesland Free Clinic.

The concert begins at 3 p.m.
in Wright Auditorium. The
concert is free, but a $10 do-
nation is requested. A silent
auction to benefit the clinic
begins at 2:30 p.m.

Conductor Jorge Richter
will lead the orchestra.

The Grimesland Free
Clinic is a student program
sponsored through the Brody
School of Medicine and Pitt
County Care. With a special

focus on Latino populations,
the clinic serves uninsured
people of Pitt and surrounding
counties.

The clinic is open Sundays
from noon-4 p.m. and is staffed
by area physicians and ECU
medical students.

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tact Natalie DeSouza at (252)
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Grad programs
ranked in Top 10

Two ECU graduate pro-
grams have been named by
U.S. News & World Report
in the nation’s top 10 largest
graduate programs in dis-
tance education.

The ECU College of Nurs-
ing is ranked ninth in nursing
programs and the ECU College
of Education is ranked 10th in
library science programs.

According to U.S. News, it
surveyed 649 programs with
549 responses to compile a list
of the largest graduate-level
programs measured by enroll-
ment in business, education,
engineering, library science,
nursing and public health. The
top programs appear in the
Jan. 21 publication and www.
usnews.com/elearning.

Recordings
honor composer

The recorded performances
of an ECU piano professor
have been released to com-
memorate of the classical pia-
nist, William Gillock.

In January 2008, Alfred Pub-
lishing Co., one of the largest
publishers of piano music in
the world, released ECU pia-
nist Henry Doskey’s recording
of the 24 pieces that comprise
“Lyric Preludes in Romantic
Style” in conjunction with the
new, 50th anniversary edition
of the work.

Before he died in 1993, Gil-
lock designated Doskey “the
authoritative interpreter, and
judge of authenticity of sty-
listic treatment” of his work.

Doskey, a friend and former
student of the famed piano
composer, recorded “Pre-
ludes” and five other CDs on
his own label, Green Mill Re-
cordings of Greenville.

In all, Doskey has recorded
more than 350 titles of Gil-
lock’s work.

Originally released in 1958,
“Preludes” became widely
used by piano teachers, and
Doskey was among those who
received a copy of the compos-
er’s notes about each of the 24
pieces.
A night of music at the gala

The Daily Reflector

East Carolina University student musicians entertained more than 350 patrons of The Friends of the School of Music during the annual Scholarship Gala Jan. 26 at Rock Springs Center.

The theme for the event was "A Night in Old Vienna." Gala chairwomen are Friends of the School of Music President Julie Dietrich, FSM Membership Chairwoman Melanie Moll and past-president Nancy Sturgis.

The gala included a Viennese inspired dinner with wine and dessert of a traditional Sachre Torte. Dinner tables were adorned with silver candelabras embellished with crystals and Mozart chocolates commemorating the composer's birthday, which fell the day after the event. A Champagne toast was given with custom-designed souvenir Champagne classes.

Four stages were set up around the perimeter of the ballroom for the musical performances. The patrons sat at tables in the center of the ballroom.

The ECU Symphony Orchestra, directed by Jorge Richter, played the music of Johann Strauss Jr.

Opera Theater members baritone Gary Harwell and soprano Monika Vrabel performed scenes from Mozart's "Magic Flute" (which will be presented in full on March 5-7); the director is John Kramar.

The Wind Ensemble, directed by Scott Carter, performed Schubert's "Little Symphony for Winds."

The Chamber Singers, directed by Daniel Bara, performed selections from Brahms' "Liebeslieder Waltzter."

The Jazz Ensemble, directed by Carroll Dashiel Jr., played Duke Ellington's "Take the A Train;" soloist was Deborah Nansteel.

Guitar ensemble members Chris Adkins, Armin Abdihodzie and Paulina Puljek also performed; the Guitar Ensemble is directed by Elliot Frank.
Friends prepare for 'Evening in Venice'

The Daily Reflector

Board members of the Friends of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series met at the home of Elizabeth Edwards to hand-paint champagne flutes for the upcoming annual fundraising event, "An Evening in Venice."

The dinner and dance soiree, to be held on Valentine's Day at Rock Springs Center, will feature a three-course meal, a silent auction and dancing to the music of The Band of Oz.

Guests who purchase a champagne flute are entered into a drawing for a gift from Lautares Jewelers.

Tickets are $65 per person. The event is black-tie and masquerade-optional, and more information can be gained by calling the East Carolina University Central Ticket Office at 328-4788.
By Randy Jones
The Daily Reflector

Arnold Palmer and former ECU golf coach Hal Morrison share the same birth date. And since Palmer was considered the most respected golfer of his time by Morrison, his wife Wanda 'Brandi' Morrison, believes it was only fitting that Arnie was honored the same night her late husband was awarded a Distinguished Service Award by the Golf Coaches Association of America last month in Orlando, Fla.

But it still didn't keep her from being nervous when her time came to speak to the gathering of coaches from around the county at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort.

"Of course I had to be first and I was a nervous wreck," she said. "My knees were knocking and my teeth were chattering. I didn't have a prepared speech, of course. I told a little story about Hal towards the end of his life about the Duke people that came down to take him to a game and to the golf camp.

"I was so humble and proud that he was honored in the company that he was honored in. It was even more special that Arnold Palmer was there as I remember all the years Hal said Arnold was his most respected golfer in his lifetime. He thought so much of him. Because he gave so much back to golf."

The honor was just another for the former East Carolina men's golf coach, who died at the age of 78 in July after a lengthy battle with cancer. He had already been inducted to the Golf Coaches of America Hall of Fame, along with the Tennessee Hall of Fame and the East Tennessee State University Hall of Fame.

During his career, Morrison coached from 1955 to 1980 at ETSU and led the Pirates from '66 to '94.

"We've had a wonderful golf life," Morrison said while looking at photos of her husband over the years.

Allan Strange, one of Morrison's star pupils at ETSU, said the award for Morrison was well-deserved.

"The honor he got is amazing," said Strange, the brother of PGA great Curtis. "He had a tremendous amount of respect from other coaches. Ones that intimidated us. We'd all be sitting around (in college) saying 'Boy, coach hangs with the big boys.' They showed him respect.

"It's one way you know how big an honor this was. They don't honor their own very easily.'"

Since his death in July, Wanda Morrison said she has had a tough time dealing with the loss of her husband, companion and golf partner of 25 years. However, the support of the golfing community around the country, and in the Greenville area, has been more than she ever expected.

Coaches from colleges that the two used to travel to for competitions call all the time. As do former student-athletes who learned many of the game's, and life's, lessons from their coach.

"They said that when they got up to speak on his behalf at the service, that he was like a second father to them. It made me so proud," Morrison said. "I felt like I was the mom at East Carolina, as well."

Strange said the athletes respected Morrison for being such a top-notch athlete himself. As a collegian, Morrison

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was named to the Little All-America squad for the ETSU football team, and has his No. 34 retired at the school.

He also was a tough, but fatherly leader for his team.

"There was only one thing he demanded," Strange said. "And that was to come and see him once a day. We'd always drop by his office and read an old Golf World, chit chat or just hang out and talk. That's how we all got close to him.

"That was his one demand. And you'd hear it from him if you didn't show up one day."

Names like Strange, J.C. Snead, Bobby Watkins, Larry Henson, David Aker, Skeeter Heath, legendary golf coach Rick Smith, and ECU alums such as John Maginnes and the first ECU signee — Simon Moye — have all stayed in contact over the years. That has been very special, especially over the last few months, Morrison said.

"If it was not for his boys support, his players, they have been so good to come back and support me and come by and check on me," she said. "If it was not for them, all of my friends and his golfers, I could not have gotten through this. Greenville has certainly opened its arms to me."

It's no wonder, with the teacher Hal Morrison setting the example for them all.

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Event brings out crimson-clad crowd

By Kristin Day  
The Daily Reflector

More than 600 women in every shade of red passed through the halls of the Hilton Greenville on Saturday.

In conjunction with the American Heart Association's national Go Red for Women campaign, Pitt County Memorial Hospital's Cardiovascular Center held its annual Go Red for Women Community Luncheon and Discussion from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the hotel.

Beth Anne Atkins, media specialist for Pitt County Memorial Hospital, said that the 600 available seats were filled by Jan. 24, and they began a waiting list in case of any cancellations.

"All five years we've had to close registration early," Atkins said.

"We have a population of women in eastern North Carolina who are wanting to learn how to improve their lifestyle. This is like a one-stop shop."

The campaign uses the color red and the symbol of the red dress (which reflects energy, passion and power) to encourage women to improve their heart health, according to the AHA. Its near-term goal is a 25 percent reduction in coronary heart disease and stroke risk by the year 2010.

The organization also is working to change the perception that heart disease is a "man's disease." Women now account for more than half of all deaths in the U.S. from cardiovascular disease. Atkins said heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women over 25.

A crowd began forming outside the luncheon area long before its 11 a.m. start. The event featured Dr. Karen Gersch, cardiothoracic surgeon, and Karen Sneed, motivational speaker and author.

Before a short question-and-answer session, Dr. Gersch spoke about the heart, disease and how women can stay healthy and away from her surgery table.

"Heart disease kills more women than all cancers combined," Gersch said. To help prevent heart disease, Gersch suggested three things: "Diet and exercise, diet and exercise and diet and exercise."

Sneed approached the heart in a different manner: looking at its emotional side.

"The spiritual aspect of your life is just as important in helping you live," Sneed said.

The day started with staff from the hospital and Vignes checking blood pressure and body mass indexes.

At 9:30 a.m., exhibits opened with all sorts of health information, as well as booths featuring jewelry, food and cosmetics, adding an extra something that might interest attendees. Guests also were treated to line dancing from the Carolina Girls Line Dance entertainers from Ayden.

Shannon Foster, a chef from Christine's, demonstrated healthy cooking tips for the ladies.

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Donating time earns dentists a smile

Event provides care for needy children.

The Daily Reflector

More than 100 kids were smiling easier Friday night thanks to 25 area dentists, their staffs and medical school volunteers.

Pitt County dentists joined their colleagues nationwide for Give Kids a Smile, a day where dental treatment is donated to select children, said Dr. Jasper Lewis, a long-time area dentist.

It's the program's fifth year in Pitt County and more than 120 children were scheduled to receive care. The kids, kindergartners, second- and fifth-graders, were identified by a public hygienist in the Pitt County Health Department.

“I have had five abscessed teeth over the years and none of the pain I've had playing athletics (compares to) that I had with those abscessed teeth,” Lewis said. Some children treated Friday had abscesses, he said.

Others had cavities filled, dental pulp treated and some needed crown work, he said. The dentists were assisted by 100 people from their various staffs.

Along with helping children, the event is designed to "raise awareness of community leaders and policy makers about how phenomenally great the need (for dental care) is today," he said. Local legislators and U.S. Rep. Walter Jones Jr., R-N.C., dropped-by to talk, along with East Carolina University football coach Skip Holtz. ECU athletes and cheerleaders held the hands of some young patients.

Lewis attributes the firsthand experience legislators and local business leaders have gained during the past five years as contributing to the success in obtaining funding for a dental school at ECU.

While the high cost of providing dental care and the unwillingness of some dentists to accept Medicaid payments has contributed to the problem of limited dental care among the poor, the issue is far more complex, Lewis said.

“Even if all the dentists in eastern North Carolina would see anyone who walked in for free we still wouldn't be able to help everyone because there are too few dentists,” Lewis said.
Secret Service agent counsels police

By Jimmy Ryals
The Daily Reflector

Dealing with on-campus threats requires a fundamental change in approaching the battle against crime, a Secret Service agent told campus safety officials Friday.

Police generally find themselves reacting to violence, said David Robey, resident agent in charge of the Secret Service’s Wilmington office. Since most school shootings are over within five minutes, he said, even the fastest reactions will leave police caring for the wounded and dead.

He said officials need to be proactive if they are to prevent attacks.

Robey, the final speaker of a two-day campus safety symposium hosted by East Carolina University, described how to adapt Secret Service threat-assessment techniques to a campus setting.

The keys, he said, are taking threats seriously, involving the police early, and encouraging teamwork among police, mental health and medical professionals, administrators and campus living officials.

School shooters don’t fit a particular physical or demographic profile, Robey said. In a 2002 study of 37 U.S. school attacks, the Secret Service found diverse shooters: good students and bad, products of supportive homes and broken ones.

Robey advised his audience to focus on behaviors rather than looking for a threatening “type.” He noted that Seung-Hui Cho, the Virginia Tech shooter and an Asian-American male, didn’t fit profiles suggested by shootings in Littleton, Colo., and elsewhere.

“The reality is, those who may fit a profile will probably not pose any threat of violence,” he said. “The profile will more than likely fail to identify those who truly pose a risk.”

When investigating potential threats, Robey urged focusing on communication between the potential attacker and others, and looking for any interest the person shows in weapons, violence or previous school shootings.

“When you run across the one, you’re gonna know,” Robey said. “It’ll literally make the hair on the back of your neck stand up.”

The work doesn’t stop with jailing or institutionalizing would-be shooters, Robey said. Campus officials have to follow up with potentially dangerous people “daily, weekly (or) monthly.” That’s part of what makes confronting campus violence so difficult, a police official from N.C. State University said.

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ice storm closed the Virginia Tech campus and cancelled the conference, said Peter Romary, an attorney with ECU Student Legal Services. It will be held some time next week, and a video of it will appear online, he said.

The students will discuss general issues of campus safety, not the shootings at Virginia Tech last year, Romary said.

“The irony here is that they had to put their action plan in place and make sure nobody got injured there going into campus,” he said.

The two-day symposium brought more than 250 law enforcement officials from around North Carolina, said Dawn Gibb, a Student Legal Services official.

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When you open one of these investigations with a student, it never closes,” said John Dalley, assistant chief of the NCSU police department. “You know, this student is always there. You’re always going to follow up with that student.”

Friday’s sessions were supposed to start with a teleconference between ECU and Virginia Tech students. An

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Cancer treatment’s new focus: survivors

UNC center to help patients face the challenge of living

BY JEAN P. FISHER
STAFF WRITER

UNC Hospitals’ cancer program will join an invitation-only group of cancer centers dedicated to meeting the singular needs of the growing number of patients who have beaten the disease but face myriad ongoing issues.

UNC’s Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center is the eighth member of the national network, which was established by the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Other members include such noted cancer programs as Harvard University’s Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. UNC is the only participating cancer center in the Southeast.

Cancer survivorship has become a buzz word in oncologic care in recent years amid steadily rising survival rates across most types of cancer. Thanks to better treatments, the National Cancer Institute estimates, about two-thirds of all adult cancer patients survive at least five years, and close to 80 percent of all pediatric patients do. In all, there are about 11 million cancer survivors nationwide, according to the cancer institute.

Yet, until recently, the health care system has done little to address those patients’ medical and emotional needs, said Marci Campbell, a professor of nutrition at UNC-Chapel Hill and co-director of the new Lance Armstrong Foundation LIVESTRONG Survivorship Center of Excellence.

“The end of active treatment, we think, is a time of celebration — you’ve finished chemotherapy, you’ve beaten your cancer,” Campbell said. “But for many patients, that’s the scariest time. While they’re in treatment, they feel like they’re doing something. Then, they’re suddenly cut off.”

Cancer support groups abound, but they often cater to patients coping with diagnoses or in the throes of treatment.

Last week, the Chapel Hill cancer center announced it will use a five-year, $1.5 million grant from the Lance Armstrong Foundation to develop tools and programs for survivors of breast, prostate and colon cancers. Those three cancers account for the largest number of survivors, Campbell said.

UNC-CH already has a survivorship clinic for testicular cancer, the disease that struck cycling great Lance Armstrong, and it is launching one for survivors who underwent bone marrow transplants. Campbell said UNC-CH’s goal is to have some type of survivorship program available to all cancer patients treated at Lineberger, which treats patients from all over the state.

Duke University Medical Center in Durham is also developing programs for cancer survivors, beginning with breast cancer and what may be the nation’s only clinic dedicated to brain tumor survivors.

Many efforts to target survivors focus primarily on ensuring that they get appropriate follow-up care and are aware of the side effects of treatment, as well as signs of possible recurrence. The American Society of Clinical Oncology, a professional group for cancer specialists, has developed templates that help doctors prepare such treatment summaries for breast and colorectal cancer survivors and is readying a checklist for lung cancer.

Campbell said UNC-CH’s survivorship clinics will take a more holistic approach, tackling both medical and psychosocial needs such as anxiety about recurrence and difficulty returning to work and life responsibilities. One specific program that UNC-CH will cultivate is a statewide peer counseling program to train cancer survivors to talk with others who have beaten the disease.

Often, cancer survivors say that what they most want is to talk to someone who has been through cancer themselves,” Campbell said.

Valerie Jones of Carrboro, who was diagnosed with malignant melanoma in 1998 and survived a recurrence in 2000, remembers feeling lost and alone after completing each round of treatment.

“You’ve had your life totally turned upside down, and you have to put it back together again,” said Jones, a registered nurse who works at UNC Hospitals. “You have to figure out what works and what doesn’t.”

Sometimes survivors struggle for years, said Jones, who is on the community advisory board for the new UNC-CH survivorship center of excellence. Nearly eight years out from her recurrence, she is still trying to find the right work situation. Jones cannot be on her feet all day because she developed lymphedema, which causes fluid to build up in the extremities, as a side effect of having lymph nodes removed. For the moment, she is picking up hours on an as-needed basis in a UNC Hospitals psychiatric unit.

“You can’t do things the way you did before,” Jones said.
Each year since, tuition has gone up between 5 percent and 9 percent, to $20,836 this year.

Aaron Lay, a Graham spokesman, said the increases were necessary to keep Catawba competitive.

"They've got to keep up with everyone else," he said.

Lay said the school has had to pay for major renovations and build new dorms. He said Graham, an attorney and alumnus, has given more than $1 million since joining the board.

"He's using his personal income and helping find donations to help keep tuition down," Lay said.

Catawba College's tuition is at the higher end of private schools ranked similarly by U.S. News & World Report in North Carolina: $17,880 at Belmont Abbey College, $18,000 at High Point University and $20,690 at Lenoir-Rhyne College.

Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory joined the college's board of trustees in 2005. The tuition that year was $18,750.
NAACP leader: Keep up the fight

Join rally, he tells St. Aug's students

BY JOSH SHAFFER STAFF WRITER

RALEIGH -- The president of North Carolina's NAACP urged St. Augustine's College students Friday to join him in next week's rally against racism, poverty and war.

The Rev. William Barber II told a crowd of about 500 that today's college student enjoys an advantage that Frederick Douglass and past giants for racial equality could not match.

"They didn't have the Internet," Barber said. "They didn't have Facebook. My God, what would happen if you took the technology of today and used it in the cause of freedom?"

Last year, more than 2,000 people marched with Barber through downtown Raleigh in a push for equality in education, higher wages for the working poor and an end to the Iraq war.

Barber will lead a second rally Feb. 9 for better school funding, health care for all citizens and state money for North Carolina's historically black colleges.

"There must always be some people who cut against the grain," he said.

Barber spoke near the end of St. Aug's Founders Week, which honors the school's 141-year history.
A GREEK REVIVAL

N.C. State is planning to raze and rebuild Fraternity Court’s houses

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he square brick hulk known as Pi Kappa Alpha house squats at the end of Fraternity Court, smeared with four decades of men and beer.

N.C. State University junior Ben Boger wrenched open the front door and offered this review: "They need to tear this nasty piece of [junk] down."

This spring, the university will do just that.

NCSU will soon start tearing down the aging boxes that line its Greek Court and replace them with a $104 million Greek Village.

It could take 10 years, but when it’s finished, NCSU hopes to have a showpiece on its campus to replace the boxy buildings from the 1960s.

An added benefit: Each fraternity or sorority will design, build and own its own house, freeing the university of costly upkeep.

Meanwhile, the plan gives Greeks a chance to boost sagging membership with quality housing as a lure.

“The existing buildings are not attractive,” said Tim Luckadoo, associate vice chancellor for student affairs. “It’s hard to get students to live there.”

Greek fraternities and sororities date back more than a century at NCSU, with membership about 3,000 and active houses now numbering more than 40. Those groups range in size from two members to more than 100.

Some are scattered in private houses off Hillsborough Street, but the majority are clustered between Western Boulevard and Varsity Drive.

NCSU has leased those buildings to Greek groups since 1964 and has spent $6 million renovating them since then.

Still, the Greeks feel neglected.

The front door sticks at Pi Kappa Alpha.

Nearly 30 students share four urinals, Boger said, half of which were only recently added. The tile floor is cracked and stained, and the walls are scratched with graffiti from “Cattfish” and other brothers from distant decades.

The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house is ticketed for replacement in the renovation of Greek Court, which could take 10 years.

“It’s not worth the money we pay to live here,” Boger said. “I feel bad for my parents.”

Sigma Nu is one of the first slated for demolition, and it will be designed by Raleigh architect and Sigma Nu brother Edmund Gontram.

In Gontram’s days at NCSU, Sigma

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Nu brothers shared a communal shower. But today’s incoming freshmen want their own bedrooms and bathrooms, computer labs and study rooms, he said.

The new Sigma Nu will be smaller, housing only 20 students. But space won’t be a problem because the N.C. State chapter has dwindled to zero members, and Sigma Nu will want its new house to be full.

“It’s a totally different mentality now,” Gontram said. “They join fraternities for the lifelong brotherhood and the business contacts down the road. There’s no more keg parties.”

The land lease program NCSU is using has the university putting up about $30 million of the total cost, the Greeks spending $58 million on construction and infrastructure, and the final $15 million coming through gifts.

They will also pay the university a portion of the cost for water, sewer and other utilities, along with sidewalks, streetlights and streets. They can either pay an up-front cost of roughly $350,000 or pay half up front and the rest over 10 years.

When it’s finished, the new Greek Village will have its own bandshell and picnic shelters.

When the houses were built, the Greeks lived apart from the main part of NCSU, Luckadoo said. But now the Greek Village will sit between the main campus and Centennial Campus, with a Wolfline bus running through.

This should help ease the long-term perception that NCSU ignores its Greeks, Luckadoo said.

At Pi Kappa Alpha, the brothers responded with a thumbs-up.

“Anything,” said junior Jared Smith, “would be better than this.”

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Tar Heel makes a friend in Mideast

A few weeks ago, I wrote about Capt. Jeffrey Donaldson, a UNC-Chapel Hill graduate from Fayetteville, who is serving in Iraq. I heard about him because his boss e-mailed us a Christmas Day photo of Donaldson and his team, which is posted at share.triangle.com/node/12939.

Well, there's another photo of Capt. Donaldson, which he posted to share.triangle.com/node/13333. I am running it on this page, too.

Dan Barkin

This makes him probably the longest-distance photo-poster on triangle.com; he and his unit are in a little town a few miles from the Kurdish border in northern Iraq, a place called Makhmur. It sits between Kirkuk and Mosul, if that helps.

In the photo, Donaldson is doing something I don't recommend you try at home, which involves feeding a camel.

I had a couple of e-mail exchanges with the captain. The picture with the camel was taken while his unit was still in Kuwait, before they crossed into Iraq.

"I have seen some nasty, mean-spirited, grumpy-old camels," Donaldson wrote. "But this white feller was as bright-eyed and bushy-tailed as a puppy!"

Donaldson's unit is helping to train Iraqi soldiers in very trying conditions. Beyond the daily grind of life in a combat zone, there's the Iraqi summer, when the mercury hits 120; he is sort of prepared for that.

"I remember my first summer back in North Carolina, before I started fifth grade." Donaldson wrote me. "It was an education in heat. That education was revisited in the fall of '97 when I reported to my un-air-conditioned Ehringhausen room on UNC's South Campus. I was similarly undeserving of air conditioning my sophomore year ... in the same room, one floor up."

Donaldson's story is a familiar Fayetteville one.

He was born at Fort Bragg, the son of a career soldier with the 82nd Airborne, and his father's job took the family to the Middle East. When his father retired, Donaldson went to Fayetteville Academy, where he graduated in 1997, and then to Chapel Hill, where he earned a degree in economics in 2001.

He and his wife have two young daughters. His wife is finishing her undergraduate degree in social work while taking care of the home front.

This is his second combat tour, and he has been in Iraq about seven weeks. His first deployment was to Baghdad from November 2005 to October 2006. He hopes to be home by Thanksgiving, in time for one of his daughter's birthdays, or, at least, home for Christmas.

In addition to his Iraq tours, he was deployed for a year in South Korea.

Not surprisingly, Donaldson is an intense fan of the Tar Heels. Time permitting, he surfs the Web for the latest news about his teams. His hope is that this spring, he'll wake up very early one morning and watch the UNC men play for the national championship, and "then get back to work."

So Coach Williams, here's a thought:

If you're looking for a way to get your guys up for Duke, tell them a story about one of their biggest fans, Captain Jeff, living out there in the middle of the desert, who checks on the Web a couple, three times a week to see how the team did, because he loves his Tar Heels. And how he then straps on his helmet, grabs his weapon and puts Chapel Hill out of his mind, because it's back to work in one of the most challenging coaching assignments you can imagine, in a place you never heard of, between Kirkuk and Mosul. Tell them to win one for Captain Jeff.