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director of the UNC Center for AIDS Research.

"We've had a couple of trials that have been deemed successful with efficacy levels less than 50 percent," he added.

Angela Kashuba, an associate professor in the Eshelman School of Pharmacy who is heavily involved in AIDS research, said the study's success rate has not yet been seen in studies of its type.

"This is really an intervention that has demonstrated the greatest amount of efficacy in HIV prevention."

But Cohen cautioned that the study's results do not represent an unqualified endorsement of this strategy of prevention.

Practical implications of the

study are limited for both richer and poorer countries, due to the makeup of the study's subjects and the cost of antiretroviral drugs.

The study is made up of only heterosexual couples, a fact that suggests the study's findings are more relevant to AIDS in Africa.

"Ninety-plus percent of cases (in Africa) are among heterosexual couples," he said.

But the costs associated with programs of early antiretroviral treatment could pose problems for third-world countries as well.

"I'm certain it will be a struggle in trying to implement policy with the financial issues that are involved with the data," Kashuba said.

Cohen said he will continue working to advance the field of AIDS prevention.

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Dr. David Margolis,
UNC professor of medicine

"Okay, it was 96 percent effective," he said. "I need to understand why one patient got HIV. I need to get a drug combination that's 100 percent effective."

A shift to eradication

Next week, the National Institutes of Health will announce whether it will award more than \$35 million over five years to a project whose leaders include two University faculty — Margolis and Victor Garcia-Martinez, a professor of medicine who was also recruited from the University

of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

The project would conduct high-profile research surrounding AIDS eradication, a focus that represents a significant shift from the past emphasis on treatment.

"This would be the largest federal investment in eradication research ever — the largest single NIH investment in eradication research thus far," Margolis said.

"We're hopeful that it will be awarded," he added.

Cohen sits on the panel that will decide whether to grant the

money, he said.

The project — named the Martin Delaney Collaboratory — seeks to incorporate the work of researchers from the three different categories of AIDS research commonly referenced by those in the field: treatment, prevention and cure.

Margolis is currently working on research that seeks to eradicate AIDS by utilizing what some call the "shock and kill" strategy, he said.

In this method, the active virus is suppressed through antiretroviral medication, while drug therapy is used to effectively flush out the body's reservoir of infection.

Combined with this view in the project is that of Garcia-Martinez, whose method of humanizing mice resides on the cutting edge of eradication research.

In this method, mice are biologically altered so they can be infected with the virus.

Eradication efforts can then be tested more quickly, and with greater freedom in the level of drug toxicity.

"We'll probably cure a mouse in the next couple of years," Margolis said.

If the project receives the NIH grant, it would be a testament to the prominence of the University's research staff, said Kashuba, who added that Cohen played a large role in her decision to come to the University.

"This is a highly collaborative, highly multidisciplinary effort that is very unique to UNC," she said.

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FLANAGAN

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gave a struggling athlete so much more.

Taking the plunge

In January 2010, Flanagan was diagnosed with depression. Struggling with personal problems while starting all 16 games of UNC's 13-3 season, Flanagan had a tumultuous junior year.

And even while interning on Wall Street the following summer, Flanagan couldn't shake his desire to escape.

After seeing a feature about Fields of Growth on ESPN, Flanagan contacted the organization's founder, Kevin Dugan.

Dugan told Flanagan about Fields of Growth, and immediately the athlete was sold on making the trip. Without a hint of hesitation, he made what would prove to be a life-altering commitment.

"Ryan did not seem nervous or anxious at all, he just seemed really determined to just try and grow and develop as a person," Dugan said. "I could just hear in the enthusiasm that he had that he just wanted to have a really

deep and soulful experience."

Flanagan had considered other destinations and programs, but he ultimately decided on Fields of Growth because of its ties to the game he loved.

"I knew lacrosse was kind of the big theme around it," Flanagan said. "And if I don't know about anything else in life, I definitely know something about lacrosse."

Flanagan was set to serve as co-captain of the North Carolina men's lacrosse team during the 2010-11 campaign, but before taking off, the defenseman had to break the news of his impending departure to coach Joe Breschi and his teammates.

Flanagan said they couldn't have been more supportive.

"I had known that he was looking to broaden his horizons, if you will, but I know a lot of people weren't expecting that," teammate Thomas Wood said. "We were a little shocked, but we definitely admired his decision."

Building 'fields of growth'

When Flanagan first arrived in the village of Kkindu, the native children outside marveled at his 6-foot-6 frame.

But moments later, they pounced on the tall stranger, welcoming him with hugs.

It was a greeting Flanagan said he'll never forget.

"That's a rewarding feeling — like somebody appreciates you being there," Flanagan said.

During his time in Uganda, Flanagan helped build an athletic field and schools in the village of Kkindu, all the while keeping in touch with his coaches and teammates back home through regular blog posts about his experiences.

But throughout his stay, when he wasn't doing manual labor, Flanagan got the opportunity to play lacrosse with the village's children.

The game was foreign to the children, but Flanagan said they would often play until it was too dark to see the ball.

For Flanagan, the opportunity to share something so dear to him with children who were so eager to learn was an experience like no other.

"It was a gift just to be able to teach lacrosse and spread the game that I grew up with, and just giving back to a game that has given me so much," he said. "The opportunity to go over would never be here without lacrosse."

The journey, continued

The 21-year-old returned to Chapel Hill a new man.

"I was coming off living in Manhattan where you have everything to going to Africa where you have nothing," Flanagan said. "For me, it was an opportunity to be like, 'Okay I didn't have anything in Africa and I was just as happy

as I was when I was in New York."

Since returning to America, Flanagan has continued work with Fields of Growth by organizing lacrosse clinics and donating the proceeds to the organization. He hopes to soon raise enough money to build a school in Kkindu.

Flanagan and Dugan continue to work closely, and the recent UNC graduate might soon have an official position within Fields of Growth.

Dugan said he is thankful for the chance to work side-by-side with Flanagan, and said his passion for giving back is unparalleled.

"He's very dynamic, very energetic and enthusiastic, and he's very driven," Dugan said. "I've never met somebody at such a young age who was just so determined to make their life count."

The winner of the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award will be announced May 28.

But win or lose, the lessons Flanagan took from his experience in Uganda are more than enough to satisfy an athlete whose idea of a break from everyday life turned into a cause he would support for a lifetime.

He might not receive the award. But in the eyes of his teammates, Flanagan will always be a winner.

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TOWN BUDGET

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ages, some of the town's major capital projects have been put on hold, including constructing a new police headquarters and a Parks and Recreation building.

"We've combed through the budget and taken out every possible expenditure," Pennoyer said.

The proposed budget also cuts funding for the July 4 fireworks show at Kenan Stadium.

But it does include an \$800 lump-sum payment to town workers to compensate for rising gas and health care costs.

Considering the rough economy, council member Donna Bell said she supports the proposed budget.

"The town manager made some really tough decisions in a tough economy," she said. "We've been in a recession and we're coming out of it much slower than anyone expected."

Laurie Paolicelli, executive director of the Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau, requested that the tourism sector receive an additional \$20,000 in funding at a public hearing on Monday.

Paolicelli said the money could be taken from the town's occupancy tax, which is paid by local hotels. If the council funds the request, the bureau will be the only entity of its kind receiving an increase.

Without the increase, Paolicelli said the bureau, which brings in about \$150 million in revenue per year, will have to make cuts.

"It's the out-of-towners who help sustain our economy," she said. "What I'd like to see is greater recognition of the proven potential of tourism to add to revenue streams."

The council will adopt its final budget June 13.

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METH

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and customs agents are following up on the case and federal charges against Potts and Joustra are still possible, Hunter said.

State Sen. Wesley Meredith, R-Bladen, co-sponsor of the bill banning mephedrone and other synthetic drugs, said the level of abuse the drug is seeing sparked renewed interest in passing a law against its use.

Meredith said a similar attempt to ban the drug failed two years ago.

"That drug is being abused on a regular basis, and it needed to have more regulation so we could rein in the use of it," he said. "It's being used for a lot of unintended purposes."

Potts said when he returned to his hometown of Grover after being released, he found mephedrone being sold as bath salts in

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Christopher Potts,
UNC student

a head shop half a mile from his house.

"I'm mad that they knew what it was, and they kept me locked up for three weeks," Potts said. "I'm mad at the way the whole thing was handled."

Hunter offered caution to anyone using mephedrone since the drug is not being regulated.

"Who knows what the people are putting in it? And there are no long-term studies on its effect on the body," Hunter said.

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