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UP, UP, AND AWAY



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The University's Medical Air Operations, currently at Horace Williams Airport, is moving to the Raleigh-Durham International Airport at the end of the month.

Medical Air service to leave Horace Williams Airport

By Andy Thomason
Summer Editor

Horace Williams Airport isn't much more than a 4,000-foot runway, a few trailer-like buildings and an open field of small planes and rusty utilities.

To get in during the day, you can drive into the gravel parking lot through the open gate. At night, you can enter the passcode that's clearly printed on the closed gate (it's 1-1-1).

In an age of ironclad airport security, Horace Williams is quaint even by small airport standards.

And, only a five-minute drive from cam-

pus, the University-owned airport is 420 quiet acres at a time when UNC is relentlessly expanding on all sides.

Not for much longer.

At the end of the month, the University's Medical Air Operations will move from Chapel Hill to the Raleigh-Durham International Airport, ending its 43-year residence and signaling the beginning of the end for Horace Williams Airport.

The move comes despite the fact that the airport, scheduled to be closed permanently to make space for Carolina North, will probably not close for at least a year.

And it has some faculty upset.

"For most of (the pilots), yes, it's more

inconvenient and more inconvenient for (medical faculty), particularly those that live in Chapel Hill," said Dr. Tom Bacon, director of the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), the organization that oversees the Medical Air service.

But the discontent goes beyond mere inconvenience, Bacon said.

"There's a lot of attachment to the old airport," he said.

"There's this long tradition of our people flying in and out of there," he added.

"Change is hard. Anytime, change is tough. So there's that."

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Governor's School in need of \$200,000

The program must raise the money by the end of August to keep one of its two campuses open for students.

By Stirling Little
Staff Writer

About 30,000 high school students have attended the state's Governor's School program since its inception in 1963.

After lawmakers eliminated funding for the program in the most recent state budget, directors are hoping those alumni will give back to ensure the program remains accessible to prospective students.

Jim Hart, president of the Governor's School Alumni Association, said the program's usual celebration of its Alumni Day on Saturday will now be dedicated to fundraising efforts.

Governor's School is a six-week summer residential program held at campuses in Winston-Salem and Raleigh for rising high school seniors.

Hart said Alumni Day will also consist of "a few hundred people of all ages brainstorming together" about ways to solicit more private donations.

The program must raise at least \$200,000 by the end of August to gain approval from the state's Department of Public Instruction for the operation of at least one of the two campuses, he said.

"The news that Governor's School lost funding hasn't been well received by alums," Hart said. "But it has gotten lots of people charged up about doing something about it."

Michael McElreath, director of the campus in Raleigh, said Governor's School has traditionally been one of the few extracurricular programs in the state that did not require students to pay tuition or fees.

"There are lots of ways to reach education if your parents have enough disposable income," he said. "Governor's School is a way to get it without that."

In 2010, Governor's School began charging stu-

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ALUMNI DAY

Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

Location: Vann Hall at Meredith College and the Salem Fine Arts Center in Winston-Salem

Info: <http://bit.ly/pkU1Bo>

Election filings yet to show real race

Potential candidates have until July 15 to file for the fall election.

By Sarah Glen
City Editor

With six days left for potential public servants to file for November's election, the field still lacks true competition.

As of Wednesday morning, 15 people had filed to run for the 18 open seats in Orange County, but none of the openings currently have more candidates than positions.

The two-week filing period runs through July 15.

Chapel Hill




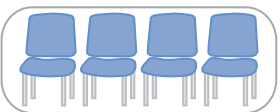
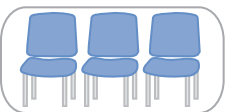
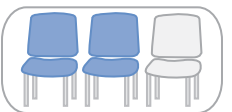


With one term under his belt, Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt has decided to run for another term.

Kleinschmidt said he wants to support development by updating the town's Comprehensive Plan.

"The question we need to answer is how is our community going to handle the trauma of change?" he said.

LOCAL OFFICIALS DECLARE CANDIDACY FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

Fifteen of the 18 open seats in Orange County have been filed for, but candidates are yet to face opposition. Filing ends July 15.

| CHAPEL HILL | CARRBORO | HILLSBOROUGH |
|--|---|--|
|  Mayor: 1 Seat <u>Mark Kleinschmidt *</u> |  Mayor: 1 Seat <u>Mark Chilton *</u> |  Mayor: 1 Seat <u>Tom Stevens *</u> |
|  Town Council: 4 Seats <u>Lee Storrow</u> <u>Augustus Cho</u> <u>Laney Dale</u> <u>Jason Baker</u> |  Board of Alderman: 3 Seats <u>Dan Coleman *</u> <u>Lydia Lavelle *</u> <u>Michelle Johnson</u> |  Town Commissioners: 3 Seats <u>Evelyn P. Lloyd *</u> <u>Eric Hallman *</u> |
| CHAPEL HILL - CARRBORO | | |
|  Board of Education: 4 4-year term seats <u>Mia Day Burroughs *</u> <u>James Barrett</u> | |  Board of Education: 2 yr unexpired term <u>Jamezetta R. Bedford *</u> |

SOURCE: [HTTP://WWW.CO.ORANGE.NC.US](http://www.co.orange.nc.us)

*These are incumbents

DTH/ANNA THOMPSON

communities to see how people want their town to look," he said.

Laney Dale, who moved to the area four years ago, said he is running to give back to the community he has grown to love.

"I would like to maintain and improve upon the quality of living in Chapel Hill," he said.

Augustus Cho, chairman of the transportation board who ran as

a mayoral candidate in 2009, has also filed for a council seat.

"Chapel Hill is a special place, and I would like to play a part in furthering the greater interest versus narrow interests," he said.

Jason Baker, who sits on the town's planning board, has put himself in the running and said

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Homeless struggle with mental healthcare

Homeless people cope with limited access to aid and treatment.

By Chelsey Dulaney
Senior Writer

Michael Wood has seen his share of dark days.

What developed as a bad habit in his teenage years eventually landed him a 13-month stint in prison and later left him living on the floor of a Chapel Hill homeless shelter.

Last year, Wood was one of about 3.5 million Americans who experienced homelessness.

He was also part of the estimated 25 percent of that population — or about 875,000 individuals — who struggled with a chronic mental illness.

And compared to the large number of homeless individuals with mental illnesses, the mental healthcare services available are disproportionately low.

The cause

Where the cycle of high mental illness in the homeless popula-



DTH/STEPHEN MITCHELL

Michael Wood teaches a class for homeless individuals about the housing, financial and healthcare resources available to them.

tion begins is difficult for many to discern.

Chris Moran, executive director of the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, said for many chronically homeless people,

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Inside

ANOTHER LAWSUIT

Former UNC defensive end Michael McAdoo is suing UNC and the NCAA over his eligibility. **Page 3.**



A NEW 'TAR HEEL VOICE'

Jones Angell is replacing longtime play-by-play announcer Woody Durham as 'Voice of the Tar Heels.' **Page 3.**

CCI EXPANSION

Information Technology Services officials say Mary Cooper's plan to expand CCI printing will be implemented in the fall. Printing will be more expensive for students next year, though. **Page 3.**

This day in history

JULY 7, 1972

The Board of Governors for the newly formed UNC system held its first meeting at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

DUST TO DUST



Born: July 7, 1940
Ringo Starr
Beatles drummer



Died: July 7, 1930
Arthur Conan Doyle
Scottish writer

Cause of Death: Heart attack

“I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth... Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.”

JOHN GILLESPIE MAGEE JR., "HIGH FLIGHT"