

Marathon Sets Goal of \$75,000 Missing UNC Student Returns Home

By Allison Ford
Staff Writer

This weekend, more than 200 UNC students will be busting their moves for 24 hours nonstop to help raise money for the N.C. Children's Hospital.

In only its second year, the UNC Dance Marathon has established itself as the largest fund-raiser on campus.

This year's marathon will start at 7 p.m. Friday in Fetzer Gym and will end at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Last year, the marathon raised more than \$40,000. This year the goal is \$75,000, said publicity coordinator Leslie Cooley. "The snow has set us back this year," Cooley said. "But we're going to be able to support the kids, which is all that matters."

The raised money goes to programs that can't be supported by government funding. Cooley said only 18 percent of UNC Hospitals' funding comes from state and local government.

Another goal of the marathon is to rally campus and community support for a cause. "We want to unite student groups for a common purpose," Cooley said.

Last year, 70 organizations participated. This year, more than 100 organizations will be raising money, supporting families and getting to know the kids they are helping.

Cooley said this demonstration represented the students' support for the kids.

"We can't know exactly what they're going through, but we're trying to empathize with them," she said. "We want to do anything we can for them."

The marathon will include numerous activities as well as dancing. Cooley said people were not required to dance. "We only ask that you commit to stand on your feet for 24 hours."

During the course of the evening, the marathon will hold an athletic lip-synch competition, karaoke, kick-boxing and a shag dancing competition. UNC's men's basketball matchup against

Maryland will also be broadcast on a giant TV screen during the event.

Along with a DJ, musical performances will include Runaway Cab and an '80s cover band, The Ticket. Student groups such as the Clef Hangers and Loreleis will also perform.

Local radio station KIX 96.9 and 101.1 will also broadcast from the marathon on Saturday.

Committee Chairman Mike Bucy said, "It will have everything you can possibly think about."

The last hour of the marathon is an opportunity for families to speak and share their gratitude with the organizers and dancers. This makes the experience worthwhile, Cooley said.

"It's going to be 24 hours of just a big party," Bucy said.

Cooley said the marathon committee hoped to establish the event as "the" University fund-raiser.

"We want to lay a foundation for a tradition," she said.

Cooley said the hospital was a good charity because of its financial situation. She said a growing number of uninsured children could put a financial strain on the hospital.

Bucy said the marathon showed that students supported the kids in need.

"Anybody can raise money," he said. "Not everybody can make a time and energy commitment."

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By Tricia Barrios
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Carboro police are not releasing any details about the return of a UNC sophomore who had been reported missing for two weeks, nor are they discussing reasons for her abrupt departure.

Investigator Matthew Dean said Emily Judith Jacobs' father had notified him Friday that the girl had come back home to Fayetteville, where her parents live.

"She has been located," Dean said. "She's safe and sound."

Dean said Jacobs had left the state during her disappearance.

He said police did not know where she went or why she disappeared.

Don Appairius, assistant dean of students, said he got a call from the Carboro police informing him of the

girl's reappearance.

"They confirmed that she is physically well," he said.

He declined to discuss the details of the girl's disappearance in respect of her privacy.

Jacobs, 19, of 303 Smith Level Road, Apt. E-23, was reported missing Feb. 8 by her family.

The day before, Jacobs left a note in her apartment which stated that she was leaving and might not be back for some time.

William Jacobs, the girl's father, said



Carboro police said Emily Jacobs returned home, but they did not release information about her disappearance.

she had never disappeared before without informing someone and urged anyone with any information about his daughter's disappearance to come forward.

According to police reports, Jacobs left in her 1989 Toyota Celica. One of her roommates, junior Kristen Soles, said she took items from the apartment with her, such as her comforter and towels, when she left.

Alex Paschold, manager of Hams Restaurant, where Jacobs worked, also said her behavior was not out of the ordinary when he saw her the Friday before her disappearance.

Jacobs' parents and roommates refused Wednesday to comment on her reappearance or any details surrounding her disappearance.

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Campus Calendar

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5:30 p.m. - There will be a UNC National Association for the Advancement of Colored People general body meeting in Union 210. All members are invited.

7 p.m. - Pamela Sexton from the East Timor Action Network (ETAN) will meet in 103 Bingham Hall and discuss the past and current war crises that have afflicted East Timor. The event is free. Everyone is

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encouraged to come out and learn about East Timor.

7 p.m. - InterVarsity Christian Fellowship North Chapter, a group of Students seeking to know Jesus more and to share his love with others, invites everyone to attend Large Group this Thursday.

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8 p.m. - The North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra will perform in Hill Hall Auditorium. Tickets are \$4 for all students and \$10 for the general public. Tickets are available at the door or at the Carolina Union Box Office.

Friday

11 a.m. - Students for Economic Justice will host an "anti-sweatshop party" whose theme is "I'd rather go naked than wear sweatshop clothes" in front of South Building. The public is invited.

noon - The Intellectual Climate Implementation Committee invites all faculty, staff and students to participate in "Grade inflation: Is your A really a B?" It is a discussion led by Ed Neal of the Center for Teaching and Learning. The meeting will be held in Union 210. Coffee, lemonade and light snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring

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3 p.m. - The Student Recreation Center will hold a **bench-press competition** at the SRC. All UNC students, faculty and staff are invited to participate.

For more information, contact Kristian Jones at 962-3301.

Sunday

6 p.m. - The Campaign to End the Death Penalty and other Triangle activists will be taking a bus to Washington, D.C., to take part in a **protest against the death penalty** and to support the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal to be held at the Supreme Court. The bus leaves Sunday evening and will return Monday night. A seat on the bus costs \$25. All interested students should contact Jennifer Clayton at 914-0093.

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Come to "Dignity for All: Fighting the Hate, an Interactive Anti-Hate Crimes Vigil" in the Pit. The event is sponsored by the Black Student Movement, the UNC Queer Network for Change and other campus groups. Speak out against hate!

Items of Interest

■ The Class of 1938 Summer Fellowship Abroad deadline is March 8. Six fellowships of \$3,000 each are available for sophomore or juniors interested in pursuing a project of personal or career interest abroad. For information, contact the International Center in Union 116, at 962-5661 or check out www.unc.edu/depts/interctr/overview.html.

For the Record

The graphic that accompanied Wednesday's article, "History of Greek SBPs Ends With Matthews," should have stated former Student Body President Reyna Walters was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority Inc. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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