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UNC Campaign Boasts More Than \$800M

Officials might set fund-raising goals higher

By ERIN GANLEY
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UNC's fund-raising campaign, still in its quiet phase, has collected \$800 million in private donations in the past three years despite national financial troubles.

The campaign, aptly named Carolina First, is part of Chancellor James Moeser's effort to make UNC the nation's leading

public university by supplementing state support with private funds.

The multi-year campaign began July 1, 1999, with a goal of at least \$1.5 billion. This will triple the \$500 million the University received from the state bond referendum passed in November of 2000. Now, because of the campaign's success, organizers are considering raising the goal amount.

Speed Hallman, director of development communication, said that he is not ready to reveal the amount but that the new goal will be publicly announced on Oct. 11, a day before University Day.

The announcement was originally set for last October, but after the events of Sept. 11, organizers pushed it back.

"It just didn't feel right to have a major celebration on campus," Hallman said. "A lot of people wanted to just stay home with their family."

"In September we thought we'd make

the announcement in April. But the fund raising was going so well that, early this year, we decided we'd use the summer to look at how much we had raised."

Carolina First has raised a record-setting \$180 million in cash receipts for the 2001-02 fiscal year. "This has been our best year ever," Hallman said.

Additional funding has been promised but not yet given to the University. Although the number of donors this fiscal year has decreased 3 percent from last year, the amount of dollars received has

increased 19 percent.

"It has been a very unusual year for the country," Hallman said. "We've been working very hard and talking to a lot of alumni and friends of the University."

Although the state has historically been generous to UNC, Hallman said, "Private gifts have always helped us be a better university. We can do things that would not otherwise be possible."

One of Carolina First's goals to support the UNC community is funding for 200 endowed professorships and 1,000

new undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships.

Carolina First will be done in two phases. In the first period, called the quiet phase, the campaign is not overtly publicized but organizers begin to talk to people about making large donations. These "leadership gifts" are used to try to encourage other donors.

"We can say we already have 'x' dollars in hand, we need 'y' dollars to meet

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Council Supports Closing Airport

Backs chancellor due to safety concerns

By JON DOUGHERTY
City Editor

The unfolding drama surrounding the future of the Horace Williams Airport added a new subplot Monday.

The Chapel Hill Town Council unanimously passed a resolution supporting Chancellor James Moeser's plan to close the airport by the end of the year.

Town Council member Mark Kleinschmidt said the airport's usefulness has come to an end.

"We've always believed it's best not have the airport there," he said.

The closure of the airport, announced by the chancellor at an April 30 press conference, has drawn serious opposition from not only patrons of the airport but some state legislators in Raleigh.

The main point of contention is where to relocate the N.C. Area Health Education Centers program, which flies physicians to other parts of the state for seminars and consulting. AHEC houses its fleet and operates the program from the Horace Williams Airport.

Moeser has said the airport will not be closed until AHEC has a new home but has set the closure date for some time before the end of the year. The council re-emphasized the importance of keeping

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ACC Claims New Formula Moved Game

By KELLIE DIXON
Assistant Sports Editor

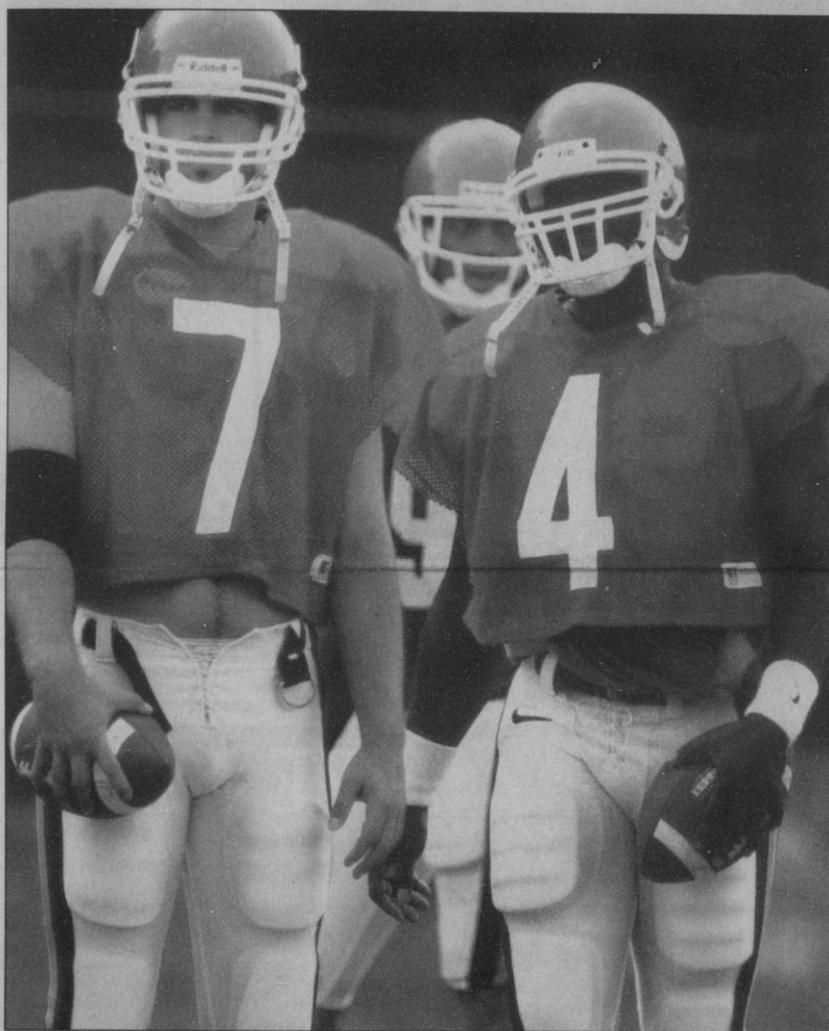
Each year when Fred Barakat crafts the ACC's men's basketball schedule he examines a few factors.

Unfortunately for UNC students eager to attend this season's North Carolina-Duke regular season men's basketball game, Spring Break isn't one of them. The contest will be played March 9 - two days after the break starts.

As the associate commissioner and director of men's basketball operations for the ACC, Barakat is responsible for making sure each conference team plays 18 games before the NCAA tournament commences. "We don't look at the Spring Break," he said. "What we do is we avoid the exams in December."

The ACC bases its regular season schedule, which is always released Aug. 15, on the NCAA tournament schedule.

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UNC quarterbacks C.J. Stephens (left) and Darian Durant prepare for a drill in last week's practice. They have been competing for the starting spot since last spring when Durant returned to the team.

BUNTING PICKS DURANT TO START

A rocky off-season fails to sidetrack the sophomore

By KELLY LUSK
Sports Editor

The North Carolina quarterback controversy has been put to rest.

UNC coach John Bunting announced Tuesday that Darian Durant beat out C.J. Stephens to reclaim the starting position.

"Statistically, all documentation bears out that (Durant) gets the job," Bunting said. "Darian's in better physical condition than he's been in. He's got experience - beyond that, there's not much of a difference."

Bunting told the quarterbacks his decision Sunday night. Durant said he was ecstatic about the news.

"If you've got the head guy on your side, you've got everybody on your side," Durant said. "Hopefully I can go out there and make it look like a good decision."

Durant will take most of the snaps with the first-team offense during this week's practice.

Knowing Bunting's choice will allow Durant and Stephens to become comfortable in their respective roles.

"I think it was important for both of us," Durant said. "You get into a certain rhythm working with a certain group. It was going to be real important for either one of us to work with that group."

Bunting said he also plans to give Stephens some practice time with the first team and will grant him some minutes in Saturday's season opener against Miami (Ohio). Bunting said he would like to get Stephens in during the first half but hasn't devised a set plan to get the junior in the game.

"I do realize that I'm not exactly where I need to be, and just because of the sheer experience factor, Darian is a little ahead of me right now," Stephens said. "That's what's best for the team. I'm in full support of

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DARIAN DURANT
UNC Starting QB

COMING FRIDAY
The Daily Tar Heel's preview of the 2002 football season

Legislators Need Additional Time To Craft Budget

By ELYSE ASHBURN
State & National Editor

With the budget debate all but stalled, the N.C. Senate decided Tuesday to buy itself a little more time - a month to be exact.

Senators approved a resolution continuing the state's operation under the funding levels prescribed in the 2001-02 budget until Sept. 30 or until a budget for the 2002-03 fiscal year is produced, whichever comes first. The resolution could go before the House today.

"We know that we won't have a budget done by the end of August," said Senate Appropriations Committee Co-chairman Howard Lee, D-Orange.

The Senate approved its version of the budget June 19, while the House approved a different version Aug. 13. The two chambers must reach a consensus before the budget can be finalized.

Because the House and Senate budgets agree on tuition rates and enrollment growth funding, UNC-system officials had hoped the continuation resolution would include a provision allowing them to go ahead and dole out those appropriated funds. But the resolution approved by the Senate did not include such a provision.

"We had been hopeful that the General Assembly would have included it," said Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president for finance. "It would have been preferable to have been able to have moved ahead."

Lee said senators understand the sys-

tem's bind but that they cannot allow administrators to allocate funds until the budget is finalized.

"The reasons are very valid," he said. "They are really operating at a disadvantage, but we didn't think we could make that exception for one institution. ... Before you know it, you'd have a budget on the floor in the form of a continuing resolution."

Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, said the reconciliation process has ground to a halt because the two chambers' budgets have fundamental differences. "It's going quite slowly," he said. "But there are significant differences in the philosophies of the two."

Despite the differences in the House and Senate budget proposals, Rand said the conferring process remains cordial. "I have seen neither a gun nor a knife."

But high tensions or not, Lee said he expects debate will drag on well into September because neither side will alter its proposal with ease.

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SEEKING SHELTER



Sophomores Ashley Self and Brett Stewart avoid the rain Tuesday.

Blue Heaven was but a memory Bin Chapel Hill on Tuesday, although the rain was a welcome relief for the area's drought conditions. Recently placed under Stage 2 water restrictions, the town is going to need more than just one day of rain to put a dent in the low water

levels found in Cane Creek Reservoir and University Lake, the area's sources of water.

Similar rain showers across the state prompted the National Weather Service to declare flash flood watches for 23 counties across the state that lasted until 5 a.m. today.

Money may kindle, but it cannot by itself, and for very long, burn.

Igor Stravinski