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EA Sports is looking for UNC fans to be a part of "NCAA March Madness 2003." See Page 4

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No. 3 ranked Texas rolls into Chapel Hill. See Page 7



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Staying the Same

UNC's ranking remained the same in the annual U.S. News & World Report public college rankings.

Top Public University Scores (out of 100)

1. University of California-Berkeley (78)
2. University of Virginia (76)
3. University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (72)
3. University of California-Los Angeles (72)
5. UNC-Chapel Hill (70)

Top National University Scores (out of 100)

1. Princeton University (100)
2. Harvard University (98)
2. Yale University (98)
28. UNC-Chapel Hill (70)

SOURCE: U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

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UNC Holds Steady in U.S. News

Ranked 5th among public universities, 28th overall

By JENNIFER SAMUELS
Assistant State & National Editor

UNC's position among both national and public universities remained the same this year, according to the 2003 U.S. News & World Report's annual college rankings officially released today.

The University is ranked 28th among national universities. Princeton University tops the list, followed by Harvard and Yale universities, which are tied for second. A national university is defined by

the guide as an institution that offers a wide range of undergraduate majors as well as master's and doctoral degrees.

Among public universities, UNC is the fifth best nationwide. The University of California-Berkeley is ranked first, followed by the University of Virginia.

Key criteria in judging schools include selectiveness, highest graduation rate and highest proportion of classes with less than 20 students.

Also remaining unchanged in the 2003 guide is the ranking of UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business

School, which is tied for fifth with UVA's McIntire School of Commerce. The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania came in first.

But many University officials say the scores are quickly losing relevance and do not accurately reflect UNC's strengths. The methods used in determining the list tend to favor private schools over public schools, which might account for UNC's position, said UNC Provost Robert Shelton.

He said to move up in the rankings, officials need to look at internal administration to see if everything necessary is being done.

But Shelton added that UNC's score will not likely deter top students from applying to the

University. "(UNC is) much better in terms of the experience we give students, our research prowess and the way we serve the state and nation," he said. "I think it's important to think about the private list and the public list (separately)."

In his State of the University Address on Sept. 4, UNC Chancellor James Moeser stressed that his vision of making UNC the top public university in the nation does not necessarily mean being No. 1 in the rankings. "Leading implies an action, a sense of motion, rather than the goal of an end point," he said in his speech. "It signals leadership."

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BOG Rejects Request for ASG Post

Group wanted official to perform research

By ELYSE ASHBURN
State & National Editor

Students' needs and system officials' priorities went head to head Thursday over the potential hiring of an administrator for the UNC-system Association of Student Governments.

The UNC-system Board of Governors Budget and Finance Committee refused to allow the association to hire an administrator charged with performing legislative and higher education research, among other duties.

"A full-time administrator of the association is what we affirmatively did not want for the association," said BOG member Jim Phillips.

But ASG President Andrew Ducote said an administrator is needed to help the association make changes it envisions for the upcoming year.

"The association has a lot of growing to do this first year," he said. "We need somebody who has a good understanding of how student governments work and about what the state of higher education is. We're asking them to compile information for students to act on."

Money for ASG staff was provided by a sys-

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Professors to Study Academics After Sept. 11

By EMMA BURGIN
Assistant State & National Editor

The American Association of University Professors announced a special committee this week to analyze events in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks that threaten academic freedom.

The AAUP formed the Academic Freedom and National Security special committee last week. The committee is parented by the AAUP's standing committees on government relations and academic freedom and tenure.

The special committee has yet to meet but is slated to begin meeting before Thanksgiving and to prepare its findings for the AAUP's annual meeting in June.

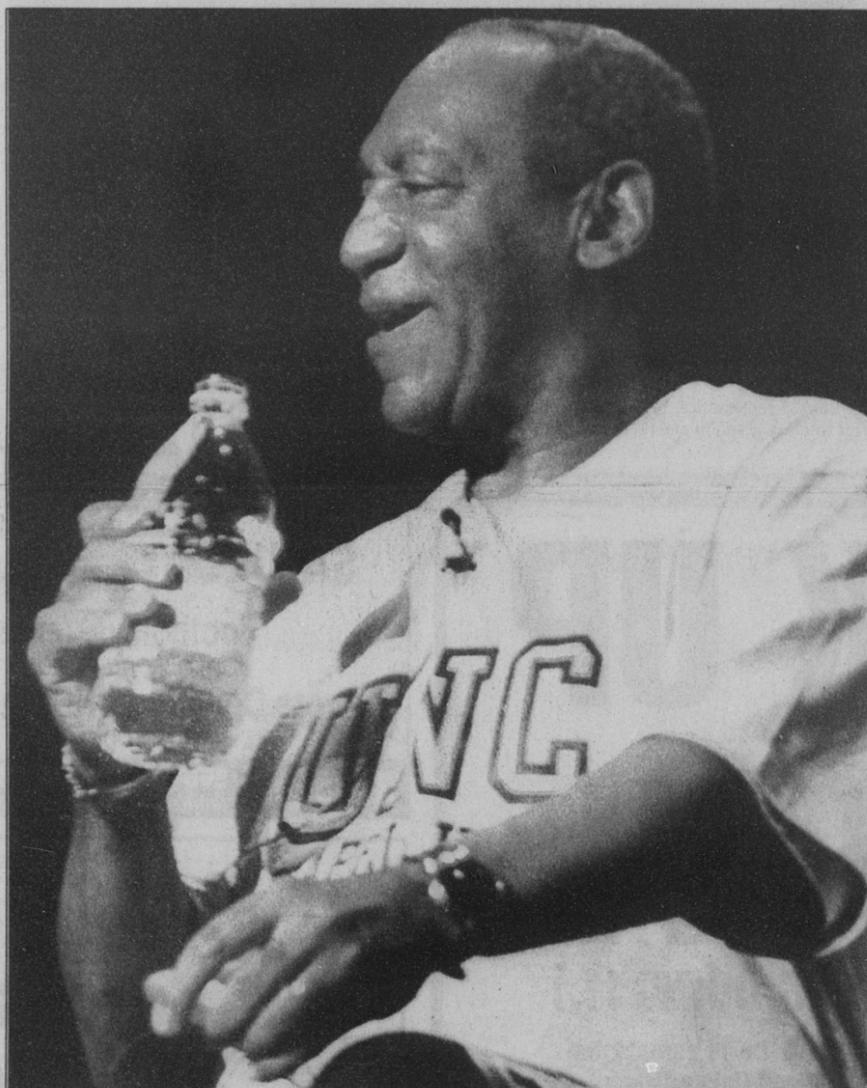
Robert O'Neil, chairman of the special committee, said members plan to examine how events that have occurred within the past year have affected universities and academic freedom on a national scale.

"We're not sure if anyone else is gathering this information or looking across the field for this," he said. "We're looking at policy changes, and there will be a lot of climate assessment."

O'Neil, also the director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression, said members will perform open-ended information gathering.

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GRADUATION 2003



DTH/JON KIRBY

Actor and performer Bill Cosby has accepted the invitation to speak during UNC's Commencement ceremony in May 2003. Cosby declined the invitation made by last year's senior class.

COSBY TO BID FAREWELL TO SENIORS

By JOHN FRANK
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Bill Cosby, one of the United States' most recognizable television dads, will deliver the spring Commencement address, Chancellor James Moeser announced in a statement Thursday.

"I am delighted that Bill Cosby has accepted the University's invitation," Moeser stated.

Moeser will preside over the ceremony May 18, 2003, at Kenan Stadium.

Senior Class President Paymon Rouhanifard said Cosby was the overwhelming first choice in seniors' suggestions submitted last spring.

"I think Bill Cosby is a wonderful choice," he said.

"Not only is he one of the most beloved comedians of our generation, Mr. Cosby is also a great spokesperson and advocate for higher education."

"We are so pleased that such a dominant force

in American culture will be coming to share a special day in Chapel Hill."

Cosby, an influential performer in the second half of the 20th century, has had an unparalleled television career and has written numerous best-selling books.

He also values the importance of higher education, having received a master's and doctorate degree from the University of Massachusetts.

The strong support from the senior class made Cosby the top nomination by the Commencement Speaker Advisory Committee when the group submitted its list to Moeser in April.

Moeser sent the official invitation to the speaker last spring. Senior class officials said Cosby accepted during the summer.

Other people receiving nominations included

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DTH/JOSHUA GREER

Marco Nardelli of HeJazz plays at Weaver Street Market on Thursday.

Carrboro Remembers 9/11 Victims With Flowers

Festival part of national 5,000 flowers project

By JAMIE DOUGHER
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Anyone walking toward Carrboro's Weaver Street Market on Thursday could hear the sound of a flute luring passers-by into the market.

Anyone captivated enough by the sound to approach the market saw belly dancers mingling with the crowd, moving their hips rhythmically to the music.

And anyone who walked up to the table where children crafted flowers out of colorful tissue paper discovered the larger project behind the festivities.

The event was held as a communitywide reception for the 5,000 Flowers Project, a nationwide commemoration of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Two New Mexican artists conceived the idea, which uses flower images to symbolize the lives lost in the attacks. Hunter Levinsohn, a community member acquainted with the artists, teamed up with organizers Anke Gassen, Jackie Helvey-Hayes and Debbie Meyer to bring the project to Carrboro.

Helvey-Hayes owns carrboro.com, a Web site she started in 1996, which she used as a vehicle to publicize the 5,000 Flowers Project.

"We are here because we all have felt the stirrings to respond in some fashion to the terrible tragedy which changed how we view and define the world around us," Gassen said. "The response to the 5,000 Flowers has shown us where this community's heart is."

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The Short List

Bill Cosby has accepted UNC's invitation to speak at this May's Commencement. Below are other speakers considered:

- Sidney Pottler
- Thomas Friedman
- Reynolds Price
- Ruth Simmons
- Michael J. Fox
- Wendy Kopp
- Bill Clinton
- Elizabeth Dole
- Ruby Gilliam
- Kofi Annan
- Madeleine Albright
- Nelson Mandela

SOURCE: COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.

Vince Lombardi