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## Carolina First surpasses \$1 billion mark

Funds to aid faculty, construction

BY ELLIOTT DUBE  
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Rarely are there shortcuts on the path to ultimate success. By the time the Carolina First campaign, UNC's undertaking to become the nation's leading public university by raising \$1.8 billion in private funds, is complete, traveling that path will have taken several years.

But the endeavor has reached a particularly notable milestone. On Friday, Chancellor James Moeser told the campaign's steering committee that Carolina First has sur-

passed the \$1 billion mark.

"This is a very significant watershed in our campaign," said Charles Shaffer, one of the committee's three co-chairmen. "To get to a billion, I think, will now provide us with a great springboard to raise another \$800 million."

Together with state-supported funds and the \$500 million made available through the higher education bond referendum passed in November 2000, the money raised by Carolina First will serve to strengthen UNC's faculty, student

body, research and campus.

The campaign began July 1, 1999 and was announced officially on Oct. 11, 2002. UNC's \$1.8 billion goal is the second largest ever among public universities behind the \$2.4 billion goal of the University of California-Los Angeles.

To date, the largest contribution to Carolina First has been a \$27 million gift from the Kenan Charitable Trust.

Other notable pledges include an anonymous \$25 million donation for genomics facilities and research, a \$20 million gift to the School of Pharmacy from Fred

Eshelman of Wilmington, a \$12 million gift from Julian and Josie Robertson to support a joint scholarship program between UNC and Duke University and a \$10 million gift from steering committee member Alston Gardner.

Matthew Kupec, vice chancellor for university advancement and director of the steering committee, said the campaign's success thus far can be attributed to the University's case for support in the form of a great faculty and student body.

Alumni have a passion for UNC, he said, and corporations and

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### CAROLINA FIRST CAMPAIGN HITS \$1 BILLION

The Carolina First campaign, which began its quiet phase in July 1999, has set a fundraising goal of \$1.8 billion. Other institutions with similar financial drives have had varying success in their speed to reach \$1 billion.

School	Time to reach \$1 billion
Duke University	2 years
University of California-Berkeley	3 years, 7 months
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	3 years, 11 months
University of Southern California	4 years
Pennsylvania State University	5 years, 1 month

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### MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES



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Richard Huff, a Vietnam War veteran, wanders through Raleigh National Cemetery on Sunday. "Every Memorial Day, I walk through the cemetery and place a carnation on the grave of one soldier from every war," Huff said. Huff, who lives in Raleigh, served 45 days in Vietnam as part of a ground support unit. A Memorial Day ceremony scheduled for Sunday in the cemetery was canceled because of the threat of inclement weather, but many area residents still visited to pay their respects.

Across the Triangle, a number of Memorial Day observances were held. Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools joined several districts in holding classes Monday to make up for snow days, allowing teachers to have Memorial Day events in school. In Durham, a ceremony was held at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Fayetteville, home to Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, hosted a downtown parade. About 2,500 Marines returned home to Camp Lejeune on Monday. For the full story on their homecoming, see page 4.



## Faculty comes out against expansion

Cite secrecy, academics as paramount concerns

BY EUGENE SCOTT  
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Last week, UNC administrators joined the eight other members of the Atlantic Coast Conference by voting in favor of expanding the ACC. Leaders of UNC's faculty think differently.

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Council voted Friday against expanding the ACC on several grounds, citing its obligation in maintaining the academic integrity of the University and ensuring that student athletes aren't at an academic disadvantage.

While the financial implications of expansion appear to be beneficial, UNC professors are concerned about the academic ramifications of expansion.

One of the main reasons the committee opposes expansion is because faculty members weren't consulted before the decision was made to offer invitations to the University of Miami, Syracuse

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## Democrats work to carve identities

BY ELLIOTT DUBE  
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The 2004 presidential election is more than a year and half away, but Democrats hoping to win the right to face incumbent President George W. Bush already have begun to make their cases.

The candidates have varied their tactics, from arguing with each other about the Iraqi conflict and health insurance in a South Carolina debate May 3 to attacking the president's economic policy collectively in a May 17 forum in Iowa. Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life, said the leading Democratic candidates — former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt, Florida Sen. Bob Graham, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry and Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman — are working to distance themselves.

"Obviously the candidates want to have some issue positions, and



U.S. Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., aims to win his party's nomination.

you already see some emerging between the Democrats and Bush over tax policy," Guillory said.

"That combination of issues, values and personality — one of these candidates is going to emerge with the right mix."

Other Democratic candidates include former Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois, Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

"There is no current front-runner," wrote Larry Sabato, professor of government and foreign affairs at the University of Virginia, in an e-mail. "Lieberman, Kerry and Gephardt may share the leading

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## Provost OKs academic plan

BY ELLIOTT DUBE  
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The University now has a map to navigate its academic future for the next five years.

At last Friday's meeting of the UNC Board of Trustees, Provost Robert Shelton submitted a version of the University's academic plan for preliminary review.

The plan comes after 11 months of work by the 24-member Academic Planning Task Force, co-led by Shelton and Darryl Gless, senior associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

From March 2002 until April of this year, the task force considered the feedback of the University community in developing the plan's six major priorities.

"In principle, universities do so many things that it's possible to lose focus," Gless said.

"The idea of the academic plan is to make sure we know what our core identity is and our core activities. And so, if you have a plan of this kind, you are going to do a better job of protecting what is most important."

One of the plan's six priorities is to provide students with the strongest academic experience possible.

The plan also calls for the integration of interdisciplinary research and education, increased diversity in the University

### ACADEMIC PLAN TIMELINE

November 2000  
Statewide Higher Education Bond Referendum approved

February 2002  
24-member Academic Planning Task Force appointed by Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Robert Shelton

April 2003  
Revised General College curriculum approved by the Faculty Council

May 2003  
Academic Plan released  
SOURCE: UNC ACADEMIC PLAN

community, the enhancement of the University's public engagement with the state of North Carolina and the expansion of UNC's global presence.

Steve Allred, associate provost for academic initiatives, said developing six overriding themes to govern the University's academic needs was a major challenge for the task force.

"We spent a lot of time talking about a wide range of issues, and sometimes they

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### WEATHER

**TODAY:** P.M. Showers, High 75, Low 56  
**FRIDAY:** Showers, High 76, Low 55  
**SATURDAY:** T-Storms, High 77, Low 60

