EDC

Epting said.
Didow said the business school was supportive of his new position and responsibilities.

The corporation began meet-ing in early July and grew out of recommendations from a mayoral task force on downtown business

The task force cited high business turnover to argue that an oversight entity was necessary to revitalize the downtown area.

Closings of prominent busi-nesses such as the Gap, University

for Calabria, who said it was a

top priority to meet with as many

administrators as possible.

One such official was Matt

Kupec, vice chancellor for University advancement. Kupec directs Carolina First, UNC's \$1.8

Kupec said he came away from the meeting, which focused on

how students can aid in fund rais-

"I think he's an articulate spokesperson for the students," he said. "He's off to a great start,

and we think it's going to be a good

billion fund-raising initiative.

CALABRIA

The group's next meeting will Between meetings, Calabria took time to announce the creation of VoteCarolina, a program a force in Raleigh isn't an overthat will encourage one-stop vot-ing at the Morehead Planetarium night project, he is proud of the relationships established.

Making contacts was a theme and provide transportation to

Chrysler and Sephora were what led to a call for the task force.

steering committee to further evaluate downtown business and

creating the CHDEDC was its rec-

priorities for the corporation are to establish a formal mailing address

and phone number for the group.
Didow said that the corpora-

tion faces the challenge to make

its vision a reality and that it is premature for the board to address

specific issues concerning down-

Didow said some immediate

ommendation.

The Town Council created a

polling sites. He also noted that a few unforeseen issues arose, such as the need to renovate the historic

Campus Y. Officers also were able to capitalize on the opening of the space adjacent to the student govern-ment office, which will be used to provide increased interaction with

Holloway said the group was effective this summer because of its ability to adapt and capitalize

on new developments.

"One of the things you learn very quickly is that everything you plan from day one gets thrown out the

be Wednesday morning in the conference room of the Chapel Hill

The group hopes to establish

both short- and long-term priori-ties at this meeting, Didow said.

Epting said he hopes the board can begin its debate about the role of the corporation in Chapel Hill because realtors probably are wondering what the committee can do in the future.

"We are not a Downtown Commission or a Chamber of Commerce," Epting said.

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window," he said. "We were really

flexible. Taking up new projects, Holloway said, allows officers the ability to continue working on platform goals throughout the ear instead of falling victim to

Even with a monthly planner devoid of white space, Calabria took pause during the summer to realize the significance of the posi-tion he worked to gain.

"You never know what to expect, and there's always a lot to learn,"

"Being in this position has been a very humbling thing — you real-ize how important this University is to the students, to the state and, really, to the nation."

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HOMECOMING

"Sister Hazel has received no money from the University of North Carolina," she said. The negotiations, thought to

have been near completion in mid-April, have been far from smooth. The baseline price for booking the band remained constant, but maintanence costs for the show continued to elevate the overall price for

Attempts on behalf of the CAA to branch out to other campus organizations have resulted in frustration.

"So far, we've been able to lead everybody to the table, but nobody's been able to do anything," Keith

Meetings to seek partnership with other student organizations, including the Carolina Union Activities Board, are in the works for this week.

"At this point, we have not gone as far as getting private support," Keith said.

"We're considering our other options at this point."
The 2003 Homecoming act,

Virginia Coalition, received \$2,500 for its performance.

Both Keith and Strunk said the

CAA intends to be careful in its further efforts to organize a concert, taking into consideration Hazel's set asking price and a lack of availability of larger ven-

The Great Hall of the Student

"We're going to look for what's ... in the best interest, long-term, for the students."

WILL KEITH, CAA PRESIDENT

Union, where the event was slated to take place, seats 775 at maxi-

mum capacity.

In its model contract, the band sted 30 complimentary tickets within the first 10 rows of the hall, further reducing the amount of public seating available for stu-

Strunk and CAA Senior Adviser David Forsythe emphasized the Hall, saying that all other campus venues are either too small or too

epensive.
"We have no other venue,"

Forsythe said.
All considered, Keith advocated

cautious, open-minded search for

"(The CAA has) to be financially responsible with the money we get from student fees ... We're going to look for what's going to be in the best interest, long-term, for the students," he said.

"We are open, as always, to sug-

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RANKINGS

would think that it is like a see saw, that when you push one side down the other side would go up. In fact, we actually pushed both sides of the see saw."

Moeser said this was an especially impressive feat considering the budget cuts the University has faced. "We were getting budget cuts and no salary increases, so to me, that is a very strong indicator and tracks along with the measure of excellence."

But Judith Wegner, chairwoman of the faculty, was wary of putting too much emphasis on the rankings.

"I object to the notion that you can rank these things," she said. "It's not that the information isn't interesting. They put it into numerical form that isn't qualified. ... We've got an American fixation on ranking

The numbers also could provide prospective students with false

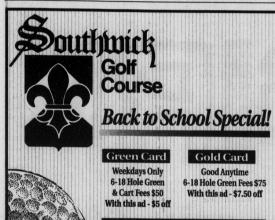
prospective students with land-impressions, Wegner said.

"I think that if (prospective students) don't spend time when learning who they are and what they're looking for ... they may give (the ranking) more value than give (the ranking) more value than it deserves."

Wegner said more focused studes - such as those only focusing on specific aspects of universities — are more informative to applicants.

"I think the students just need to pick the best school for them,"

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