

Moesser reaches out on N.C. tour Rapper unlikely to return for show

Tries to strengthen UNC's connections

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A hair salon, a dental clinic and a marine science research center shared something in common over the summer — Chancellor James Moesser paid them a visit.

As part of the Carolina Connects program, Moesser traveled statewide to highlight and strengthen the University's connections throughout the state.

The program kicked off in May with a bus tour of different regions in North Carolina.

While Moesser has said that he will be off campus just as much as he is in Chapel Hill, he said the tour will not interfere with his work.

Nancy Davis, associate vice

chancellor for University relations, said the tour underscored the University's connections to North Carolina communities.

"I think it reminds the people of North Carolina that this University is committed to them and is connected with them," she said.

Moesser said he became more aware of the University's impact on the state with each place he visited. "I am learning a great deal," he said. "I think we are able to put the spotlight in a local sense to show the connectivity of Carolina to local communities all across the state."

Moesser visited Unique Hair, a salon in Burlington that's participating with UNC's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

and the School of Public Health for the Bringing Education and Understanding to You program.

BEAUTY is working with salons throughout the state to share information about preventing cancer risks for black women, who have a higher mortality rate than any other group.

Moesser also visited the Alamance County Health Department Children's Dental Clinic in Burlington. The center is staffed by University dental students who provide free dental care to low-income families.

Dr. Elizabeth Krzysstoforska, the only dentist at the clinic, said the visit was uplifting for the staff.

Moesser spent a weekend in June in Beaufort touring one of the largest clusters of marine science research and education in the country.

Dave Inscoc, executive director of the economic development counsel in Carteret County, said Moesser's visit raised the level of awareness of UNC's presence in

the community.

As a result of Moesser's stop, officials are discussing how to create jobs and economic growth in eastern North Carolina through their research.

In addition to the tour, the Carolina Center for Public Service formed a new database that contains more than 700 records of projects reaching all 100 counties in North Carolina.

Moesser's visit garnered a new appreciation for the University's dedication to rural communities, Inscoc said. "The mere presence of the chancellor coming to our community and meeting our leadership certainly is not an everyday occurrence by any means."

On Thursday, the University Science Bus will visit High Point Central High School in Guilford County to give local students access to a state-of-the-art science lab. The program aims to entice students to explore science careers.

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Rapper unlikely to return for show

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With Nas set to arrive, UNC was in a New York state of mind.

But the rapper's abrupt cancellation of his anticipated April 22 performance in the Smith Center left students disappointed and the Carolina Union Activities Board frustrated.

Claire Anderson, the 2004-05 CUAB president, said that Nas offered at the time of his cancellation to return this year but that CUAB has not yet been approached by his staff about a specific return date.

"We're not interested in bringing Nas to UNC again," Anderson said. "We would feel very hesitant to commit to him again as a performer."

Anderson said that any student would love to see a large concert on campus but that CUAB is wary of committing so much money and energy to Nas again this year.

"It's high-risk to put on a concert of that size, and it'd be foolhardy for CUAB to take on Nas again because of what happened."

The \$10,000 spent by CUAB on advertising and publicity for the concert could not be recovered.

Anderson said Nas offered to lower his artist's fee by \$10,000 to offset the loss if he returned.

Along with the \$50,000 artist's fee, \$10,000 for publicity and an additional \$10,000 slated for production and venue fees, CUAB

was prepared to spend more than \$70,000 on the concert. The unspent money does not roll over from year to year and was instead funneled into the Carolina Union's reserve fund.

Anderson said CUAB will be working with an estimated budget of \$300,000 this year, almost twice as much as last year.

T.J. Abrams, chairman of CUAB's performing arts committee, said the group is looking to bring something special to UNC this year.

"We're at that stage where we're still looking at a variety of different artists and fees, sizes of venues and artist availability," Abrams said. "We're still thinking about having a large concert."

Anderson said that CUAB is focused on bringing in an act that is both accomplished and affordable.

"Our main criteria is that we want someone who appeals to the majority of the campus population, but we also don't want to get someone that we'd have to charge students \$40 a ticket to see."

Nas tickets were only \$10 for students, but Anderson said that concert was not about making money.

"We were already set up to lose money with the Nas concert, but we felt it was the best deal we could offer students," Anderson said.

"We're not doing our job if we're not spending money on students."

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