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Carolina First amps up funding goal

ADMINISTRATORS SEEK ADDITIONAL \$200 MILLION

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In an effort to expand merit-based scholarships and support faculty, University leaders are extending their goal for Carolina First to \$2 billion. Administrators say they opted to expand the massive fundraising campaign because of the momentum already demonstrated to date. Almost \$1.6 billion had been raised by the end of the September.

The campaign, which funds a number of University initiatives including scholarships and faculty support, initially set out to raise \$1.8 billion when it was kicked off in 1999. Leaders also extended the campaign's deadline six months to December 2007. Matt Kupec, vice chancellor for University advancement and the campaign's public advocate, attributed the success of the campaign to the quality

of UNC. "I think it's a tribute to leadership on campus, to the great volunteer leaders that we have, the wonderful product that we have," Kupec said. "It's a campaign that continues to go very strong. We are thrilled with the results." Of the additional revenue, \$70 million will fund scholarships, \$100 million is aimed at faculty support and the rest is earmarked for special initiatives

within the University.

The expansion of the campaign denotes a trend that many University administrators nationwide have seen. Top public universities more and more are relying on private fundraising to account for expansion and growth. While the amount of state funds allotted to UNC has increased during the past several years, it is not growing as fast as the University, forcing administrators to target new revenue sources. "While the state appropriations really are outstanding... we need these private gifts to give us that margin of

excellence," Kupec said.

UNC's decision to raise the Carolina First benchmark raises it to the upper cadre of university fundraisers. Eight universities nationwide are pursuing similarly large campaigns in the last decade. Duke University, one of those schools, completed their multi-billion dollar fundraising campaign in 2003. Campaign for Duke raised \$2.36 billion during the course of seven years. The campaign largely funded Duke



Matt Kupec has confidence that UNC can raise more money through Carolina First.

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Erskine Bowles lays out his vision for the UNC system Monday at the UNC General Administration Building after being sworn in as the system's fourth president. The only choice recommended by a Board of Governors' search committee, the one-time White House chief of staff will take office Jan. 1.

BOWLES USHERED IN

BY AMY EAGLEBURGER
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In a unanimous vote Monday by the Board of Governors, UNC-Chapel Hill alumnus Erskine Bowles was named the UNC system's new president. "I want you to know that you will never, ever see someone who is more excited to be here than I am," Bowles said after the vote. BOG Chairman Brad Wilson said that Bowles emerged as the perfect candidate. He was the sole person nominated by the board's search committee, which interviewed

five people. Some critics say the process was less than extensive. "The search committee was literally bowled over," Wilson joked. "Given Erskine Bowles' performance in the interviews and his life experience and his commitment and passion for North Carolina, the choice was clear." But after the congratulatory speeches end, the real work will begin. On Jan. 1, Bowles will take the reins from President Molly Broad, who has led the 16-campus system through many changes and challenges throughout her eight-and-a-half year tenure. She will take a position at the UNC-CH School

of Government. Broad said Monday that she still has much to do before her term closes. "I do have 90 some days left," she said. "And I intend to make use of every single one of those days to tie up loose ends and to bring projects to a place where I can pass the baton and know that every aspect of the university is strong and in good health." Bowles also is looking for ways to facilitate a smooth transition. He said he will visit each of the campuses meeting with administrators, facul-

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Bush pick surprises analysts

BY JOHN WULSIN
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President Bush surprised experts Monday with his nomination of virtually unknown Harriet Miers to succeed retiring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The nomination came after much speculation about whom the president would ultimately choose. Experts said Miers, the White House counsel, was not one of the expected choices. Miers' short public career makes her nomination unprecedented, said Michael Gerhardt, professor of law at UNC-Chapel Hill. "Miers has) one of the thinnest resumes we've ever seen." Miers has served as the White House counsel since February. Previously, she worked for the White House as the deputy chief of staff and assistant to the president. She has also chaired the Texas Lottery Commission for five years, practiced law with Locke, Purnell, Rain & Harrell for 26 years and served as a member-at-large on the Dallas City Council for two years. Gerhardt added that the appointment is especially unusual because Miers served as the president's personal lawyer in 1994. "It's unusual for the president to be so close to a nominee." Her short public career will make her confirmation hearings heated from both sides of the aisle as senators try to determine her position on controversial issues. The Senate Judiciary Committee will soon lead the effort to assess Miers' qualifications. They will ask her

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Harriet Miers

Supreme Court Justice Nominee

- **1995-00**
Served as Texas Lottery Commission chairwoman
- **2001-03**
Served as White House staff secretary
- **2003-05**
Served as White House deputy chief of staff
- **Feb. 2005-present**
Serves as White House counsel



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Flagship looks to plug holes

Pursues initiatives to fill medical shortages

BY KAVITA PILLAI
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UNC-Chapel Hill has a unique obligation to meet the growing need for health care professionals in North Carolina. With three major schools for pharmacists, nurses and dentists — professions in high demand across the state — UNC-CH officials are hoping to find ways to increase capacity, attract more students or keep those students in state after graduation. The School of Dentistry is encouraging its graduates to work in under-served areas of the state. Four counties in North Carolina have no working dentists at all, and the state ranks 47th in the nation for

overall dentist population. The school uses programs such as the Board of Governors Dental Scholarship to address the shortage. The scholarship loan was amended this summer by the N.C. General Assembly to require that recipients work in state for four years within seven years of graduation. Thomas Lutten, director of student services at the dentistry school, said the scholarship, which is awarded to about eight students each year, should be increased. The dental school is hoping to increase enrollment by roughly 50 students by 2010. "I think it should be increased proportion-

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Health care needs

UNC is working to alleviate health care shortages in North Carolina.

Dentistry

- Four dentists to every 10,000 N.C. residents
- N.C. ranked 47th in the nation for overall dentist population
- Four counties without dentists: Camden, Gates, Graham, Hyde

Pharmacy

- About nine pharmacists to every 10,000 N.C. residents in 2000
- Camden is the only county without a practicing pharmacist

SOURCE: DR. NONA BREELEND/CECIL G. SHEPES CENTER FOR HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH
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Hospitals across state say leeches catching on

BY EMILY FISHER
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In laboratories across the nation, microsurgeons are putting down their fancy medical equipment for a simpler tool — the leech. In the summer of 2004, the Food and Drug Administration approved the bloodsuckers for use as a medical device, although they have been in demand in the microsurgery field for several decades. Dr. Scott Hultman, a microsurgeon at UNC Hospitals, says his office uses a total of 4 or 5 leeches per year, and typically for the same kind of procedure. Sitting in his Chapel Hill office, he brought out several before-and-after photos of a patient's inflamed thigh injury, cov-

ered by a four-inch shiny black lump. The man's leg would have been amputated without the leech, he says. Used as a cure-all in Europe during the early 19th century, leeches may be back in vogue, but this time their scope is smaller; they are used for reattaching mostly fingers, ears and what Hultman calls "flaps." Flaps are body parts that are moved to another section of the body without closing the arteries. When flap procedures began in the 1970s, doctors found that the best way to decompress the veins of the relocated parts was to use a leech. But not just any backyard or mountain stream leech will do.

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CORRECTION

Due to an reporting error, the photo outline accompanying Monday's front page story, "A concert with more than music," misidentifies Luis Reveles as Louis Reveles. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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A BIT OF CLOSURE
Two years after UNC alumnus Stephen Gates was killed in a hit-and-run accident, the state passes a new law on leaving the scene of accidents.

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PROTECT YOURSELF
Campus officials distribute information to students on how to prevent viruses from being downloaded in the wake of recent attacks.

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