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## Organizers to drop 40K on performer

WORK TO FINALIZE RAPPER'S CONTRACT DETAILS

BY JIM WALSH  
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As Homecoming draws near, negotiations continue about the performer scheduled to appear as part of the opening festivities.

Officials from the Carolina Union Activities Board said Wednesday that they are working out the details of their agreement with hip-hop artist Common, who is scheduled to per-

form Oct. 30.

The performance, to be held in Memorial Hall, is being sponsored by the Carolina Athletic Association and CUAB. Tickets are scheduled to go on sale early next week.

CUAB president Jonathon Benson said Common's artist's fee has been set at \$40,000. Details about his rider — a list of requests that could mean additional costs — are being negoti-

ated, he said.

"We're still trying to work it out," Benson said.

While Common's artist fee is eight times that of last year's homecoming performer, John Legend, ticket prices were announced Tuesday at \$15 a piece — only three times as much as last year.

Legend was signed as a last-minute replacement for Sister Hazel, an act

that fell through because organizers could not cover the \$28,000 cost of bringing the band to campus.

CAA and CUAB paid \$5,000 in artist's fees and around \$10,000 for production costs to bring Legend to campus.

His impromptu performance turned out to be a boon for the University, however. Following his performance here and the success of *Get Lifted*, his major-label debut, in December, Legend rose to national prominence.

"With Common we feel we're still catching him at the same point as John Legend," Benson said. "He's just starting to get bigger."

CAA and CUAB both have approved \$10,000 for the concert.

Anisa Mohanty, chairwoman of the finance committee, said Student Congress has appropriated \$10,530 for the event.

Organizers plan to make up the remaining cost with ticket sales at

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Jonathon Benson said UNC would pay \$40,000 for rapper Common

## State leans on school for help

UNC fixture sees thousands each year

BY LINDSAY MICHEL  
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Though he was well-versed in the intricacies of criminal law, Albert Coates found himself unfamiliar with practical law enforcement.

So in 1931, Coates, a UNC law professor, set out to establish a hub for institutional knowledge and instruction that would coalesce scholarly research into practice.

More than 70 years later, what began as the Institute of Government

has become the largest university-based local government consulting, teaching and research organization in the United States.

Today, the institute sponsors more than 200 classes, seminars and specialized conferences for some 14,000 public officials each year. The focus, to be sure, is on North Carolina governments.

And the school's Master of Public Administration program — ranked 10th nationally in Public Affairs

and Administration — enrolls up to 30 students each year.

Facts and figures aside, administrators say that what sets the school apart is its commitment to establishing long-term relationships with the state's government officials — which makes tackling problems and improving governments at all levels more effective.

"One of our core values is responsiveness to the needs of public officials," said Mike Smith, dean of the government school. "What they know is that we're going to respond — that our mission is to help them out."

"Not only do we get to know what their issues are, but they know that over time we're going to partner with them to address those issues," he added.

Always there

In 2001, the institute became the school, which comprises the institute and the masters program.

While its faculty members provide expert opinions and advice, the school stands as a nonpartisan, nonadvocacy consulting body.

"We are here with the time and inclination to do the reading and the writing," said Robert Joyce, a professor in the school.

In the end, Joyce said, it is up to the elected officials to apply the theories and opinions.

"We are not advocates of any course of action," he said. "We are advocates of good government."

The approximately 50 faculty members — two-thirds of whom hold law degrees — are on call

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Gov. Mike Easley hands Dell Inc. founder Michael Dell a plate with the state seal at the opening of the new Dell manufacturing plant.

## SPECIAL DELIVERY

BY MEGAN MCSWAIN  
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WINSTON-SALEM  
STAFF WRITERS

With the rhythmic thumps of the Winston-Salem State University drum line in the background, the city hosted Michael Dell, founder of Dell Inc., for the grand opening of the company's third and largest domestic manufacturing plant.

"Dell is the only leading computer company in the United States that actually makes computers in the United States," Dell said at the opening.

Bringing the plant to the state was not a quick process, so both company representatives and state leaders were ecstatic about the grand opening.

"This is my fifth year at the governor's office and I feel like I've spent all five of them working on Dell," Gov. Mike Easley said.

Many of the community leaders who were influential in locating the plant in the state, including Easley, Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joiner, U.S. Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-N.C., and Winston-Salem Business Inc. President Bob Leak were in attendance.

"Many, many people really played a significant role in bringing us here to this historic date," said Ro Parra, Dell's Americas senior vice president.

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*"If I had known that this would have put you within 60 percent of your customers, we wouldn't have negotiated so hard."*

MIKE EASLEY, GOVERNOR

## WILLIAMS SHOULDERS HYPE

Ex-UNC standout hopes to resurrect woeful Hawks franchise

BY DEREK HOWLES  
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ATLANTA — Being the second pick in the NBA Draft carries a certain amount of expectation.

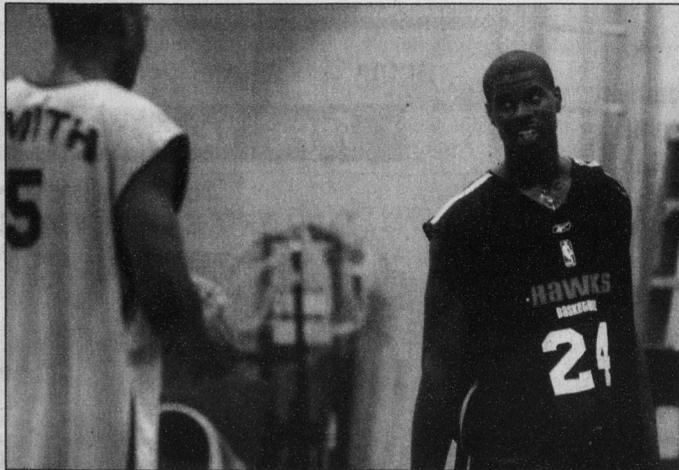
Expectation of being the one to help rescue the Atlanta Hawks, a team that less than a decade ago was among the league's best and couldn't have fallen farther faster if William Tecumseh Sherman was in charge.

Expectation of being a future star for a franchise that once boasted of players

such as Dominique and Dikembe, Spud and Pistol Pete.

Expectation of being the man to pull fans — and corporate sponsors — back

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Ex-Tar Heel Marvin Williams practices with Atlanta Hawks teammate Josh Smith this July. As the second pick in the 2005 NBA draft, Williams is expected to perform right away.

## Revamped peer lists could affect tuition

List helps determine tuition, salary rates

BY STEPHEN MOORE  
STAFF WRITER

Chancellors at UNC-system schools are working with a Colorado consultant to finalize a new list of peer universities for the 16-campus system.

The new list might have particular significance because of a proposal presented to the system's tuition policy task force. If adopted, the policy could set tuition rates at all system schools based on average costs at comparable institutions.

That proposal was not addressed during last week's meeting of the task force because the suggested peer institutions were made based on out-of-date numbers, said Jeffrey Davies, the system's vice president for finance.

"One of the reasons that the board postponed discussions is that our institutions have changed dramatically in the last four or five years," he said. "We're now looking at an updated list of peers."

That updated list is being developed by Dennis Jones, president of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems.

Formal comparisons with other universities are a way to check one's status within the world of higher education, Jones said.

"It's a way of saying, 'Are we in the ballpark or are we way out there?'"

An analysis of peer institutions is used to set administrative salary ranges at UNC-system schools, meaning an updated list of peers could have implications beyond tuition policy.

Salary ranges for the 2005-06 academic year are being reviewed.

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### CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the Wednesday front-page guest column "Tuition an issue for every student" incorrectly states the amount of revenue UNC receives each year from tuition as \$2.1 million. The amount is \$210 million. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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WIKI, WIKI, WIKI Jimmy Wales, the founder of Wikipedia.com, visits campus

WAGING ON Young professionals in the Triangle battle the area's high wages

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COMMUNITY ART

The Chapel Hill Public Art Commission's "Sculpture Visions" exhibit provides the Chapel Hill landscape with unique open-air pieces of art.

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COME AND SEE 'EM

The Daily Tar Heel will host its formal elections forum tonight at 7 p.m. All candidates for Chapel Hill and Carrboro municipal offices will attend.

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