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CAA, CUAB plan show

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With annual homecoming festivities improving in scale and popularity during the past three years, the Carolina Athletic Association and the Carolina Union Activities Board have a tough act to follow.

CAA leaders worked during the summer to address many of the common criticisms associated with the homecoming committee.

"This year, we have an actual planning process — that's always been a very common criticism of homecoming," said Pablo Friedmann, the homecoming committee chairman. "We're working to address the disconnect between the leaders and the committees."

Before summer began, a list of possible acts for the homecoming concert was made, CAA President Rachel High said. With the help of CUAB, the CAA committee contacted those artists to see who would be available during homecoming weekend, which begins Nov. 10.

"We've got a nice list of artists who are unavailable," High joked. "We're looking in all kinds of directions that would produce an exciting and energetic show for students."

CUAB President Erika Stallings said that list included such names as Maroon 5, The Killers, Black Eyed Peas and Jack Johnson. But touring conflicts nixed each act from the list of possibilities.

For the third year in a row, CUAB will aid the CAA in the preparation of the homecoming concert.

"It's one of the biggest things that CUAB does during the school year," Stallings said. "There's no thing that's written that says CUAB will work on the homecoming concert with the CAA, but the last two years has proven that the partnership works."

The most recent would've been for the homecoming concert was neo-soul act Gnarls Barkley, composed of rapper Cee-Lo Green and DJ Danger Mouse.

Recently though, Don Luse, the director of the Carolina Union, informed High and Stallings that Gnarls Barkley was unavailable.

Another development that surfaced during the summer was the possibility of booking Jon Stewart, host of Comedy Central's "The

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Fundraiser filling campus gaps

BY STEPHANIE NEWTON
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Striving to be named the nation's leading public university comes with an expensive price tag — about \$241.2 million during the course of a year to be exact.

That was the amount of money UNC brought in during fiscal year 2006 as part of the Carolina First campaign, the University's private fundraising effort.

"These private dollars do provide a margin of excellence," said Matt Kupec, vice chancellor for University advancement and the campaign's public advocate.

"I think we've been resilient in

continuing to make that case."

The total was the largest amount the campaign has reeled in since it began in July 1999 — it also marked the first time the \$200 million mark was broken.

Carolina First fundraisers said they hope to raise \$2 billion by December 2007. So far about \$1.826 billion has been raised.

Kupec said the University is on its way to raising \$2.1 to \$2.2 billion.

This summer a number of hefty donations were made to the campaign.

On a May 23 ceremony in

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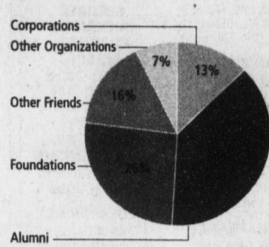
Fundraising campaign

UNC brought in \$241.2 million during fiscal year 2006. Carolina First leaders said they hope to raise \$2 billion by December 2007. So far their efforts have pulled in \$1.826 billion.

Progress by purpose



Sources of funds



SOURCE: CAROLINA FIRST

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Senior James Whitt checks IDs outside of Players Club while a long line forms on the sidewalk stretching past Jack Sprat. According to Steve Woodham, the club owner, safety has become an issue because of crowds forming in the high-traffic area and few police officers to help. The club will be hiring off-duty police to maintain safety in that area.

Police to beef up downtown presence

BY JESSICA SCHONBERG
CITY EDITOR

Students hitting Franklin Street for their daytime shopping or late-night partying needs can plan to see more people in uniform.

The Chapel Hill Police Department is assembling a 13-member unit to patrol the downtown district.

Chapel Hill Police Chief Gregg Jarvis said he expects the whole unit to be downtown sometime between November and March, depending on whether any of the new hires still need to be certified.

The budget for the fiscal year 2006-07, which was approved by the town council this summer, included \$250,000 to fund the positions.

Jarvis said the other eight officers will come from within the department.

Previously as few as one officer could be assigned to downtown.

The officers will be on foot, bike and in cars to increase visibility.

"It's not a cure-all for all the crime in downtown," Jarvis said. "But we have committed to the council and to the citizens that these few people will be as

active as they can be and provide as much visibility as they can to make people feel comfortable about being downtown."

Liz Parham, executive director of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, said the addition of the officers is in line with the partnership's efforts to make downtown clean and safe.

"Just having people around so that if there is a problem ... there's somebody that they feel like they can call on quickly and get some assistance if they need, it will be huge," Parham said.

She also said the larger number of offi-

cers will allow for better patrols on the west end of Franklin Street.

Robert Poitras, owner and operator of Carolina Brewery at 460 W Franklin St. expressed similar sentiments.

"The west end has grown a lot in the last decade, but we haven't added any more infrastructure," Poitras said. "So hopefully this is a step in the right direction."

Jarvis said he has already received lots of applications for the positions, which are open to officers within and outside the

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UNC Hospitals draws ire for business focus | UNC wants leaders

BY ROBBY MARSHALL
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UNC Hospitals has come under attack by critics who say leaders are putting business before medicine.

A petition presented to UNC-system President Erskine Bowles Thursday was signed by about 1,100 community members who are unhappy with health care policies.

Those who signed the petition said the hospitals are overlooking their mission of serving the state by turning away those who can't afford medical care. UNC leaders counter that more affordable care is being provided now than in years past.

The problems sprouted about a year and a half ago when UNC Hospitals hired an outside company to help improve finances, said John Hammond, a retired UNC profes-

sor of medicine who is a leader of the petition effort. "Two ways of saving money are shaving your quality and shaving your cost," he said.

The petition was presented to Bowles along with a 15-page collection of personal stories of patients' poor treatment at the hospitals, said Florence Soltyz, another leader of the petition drive and professor in the UNC schools of medicine and social work.

Hammond said he believes poor patients are intimidated by the hospital expenses. Lawyers and paralegals now are seeking out those who haven't paid hospital bills, he said.

Those who make an appointment at the hospitals are sent messages by phone and mail prior to their visit detailing costs.

Bill Roper, CEO of UNC Health



UNC Health Care CEO Bill Roper says they are providing more affordable care than in the past.

Care, refutes the criticism with a single statement:

"We gave away more free care last year than in any other year in the history of the University," he said.

That amount was more than \$210 million, said Karen McCall, a hospitals spokeswoman.

The hospitals also instituted a 25-percent discount to uninsured patients in July, McCall said.

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UNC Hospitals petition

What is the petition? About 1,100 people signed the document, which claims that UNC Hospitals isn't living up to its obligation to serve the state.

What is the problem? Critics say automated telephone messages left for patients reminding them of their obligation to pay intimidate those who can't afford medical care.

Who has signed it? John Hammond, retired UNC professor of medicine and state senator Elie Kinnaird, among others.

How much free care is given? According to health officials, the hospitals gave more than \$210 million in uncompensated care last year.

UNC wants leaders

BY WHITNEY KISLING
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With many of UNC's top seats just filled, officials might be ready to put their feet up after all the searching — but four high-level administrative positions still remain vacant.

The positions — dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, vice chancellor for finance and administration, vice provost for enrollment policy and management, and an assistant dean of student affairs, who oversees Greek life — opened as leaders left this summer for different roles at UNC or other institutions.

While the posts are in limbo, interim leaders and search committee chairmen are loading their plates with more responsibilities to keep operations running efficiently.

The spot in the College of Arts and

Sciences opened when Bernadette Gray-Little gave up the position to become the provost July 1.

Madeline Levine, a professor in the department of Slavic languages and literatures, is serving as interim dean. She will not teach this year so she can focus on leading the college during the yearlong transition.

"I don't intend to make any radical changes," said Levine, who is not seeking the permanent post. "But I also have no intention of just letting things go."

Linda Dykstra, dean of the Graduate School and chairwoman of the search committee, said the committee will look through applications this fall and invite three to six candidates for on-campus

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