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SpringFest making its return

BY JESS THOM
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As SpringFest makes its return to campus this afternoon, students can participate in an obstacle course, go down a water slide and listen to the sounds of acoustic rock band Carbon Leaf all at the same location.

Today's celebration at the Ehringhaus Recreation Field will be the first since the early '90s, when a similar event known as Jubilee was canceled because of problems such as excessive alcohol use and a crowd that was too large to manage.

The event, which costs a total of \$14,000, is co-sponsored by student government, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the Carolina Union Activities Board, Residence Hall Association and mtvU.

Hilary Marshall, who served this



Sophomores Shannon McArthur and Andrew Rooney will be the opening acts today for Carbon Leaf when SpringFest returns to campus with music and games.

year as chairwoman of the executive branch's student life committee, said security has been increased. SpringFest also was moved to an earlier time of 4 p.m. to lessen the chance of similar issues occurring.

"We're hoping that students

don't come and ruin it for the future," Marshall said.

But the big attraction of the event remains the music. Although Carbon Leaf, which was booked for \$5,000, has played in local venues such as Cat's Cradle, today is the first time the band will play at UNC.

"We love doing university shows in any town we can get," lead singer Barry Privett said.

"Between the five of us there's a lot of different influences — we try to mix it up and think as if we were fans going to see a band."

But before Carbon Leaf takes the stage, two UNC students will have a chance to showcase their talents.

Sophomores Shannon McArthur and Andrew Rooney were selected as two separate opening acts for the Richmond, Va.-based band.

Both McArthur and Rooney said they are looking forward to the exposure that SpringFest will offer.

"I don't really get my original music out there as much, but this is another way for people to hear me other than MySpace," said McArthur, who describes his music acoustic pop with a conversational tone.

He said he plans to play covers and original work, a combination he doesn't often get to perform.

"I usually play more around the frat and sorority scene, and there's a lot more cover songs," he said.

McArthur recently put out an album titled *This Little Hill*.

"It's kind of about Chapel Hill and how students get so caught up in what they want to be, but they forget to be thankful for what they have," he said.

ATTEND SPRINGFEST

Time: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today
Location: Ehringhaus Field
Info: slice.unc.edu

As a rap artist, Rooney, who performs under the name Apollo, said he uses some of his lyrics to dispel myths about hip-hop stereotypes.

"There's a lot of value to rap, and why people turn it off is because of stereotypes," he said. "I try to make it so the songs sound nice and people can bob their head, but I want them to listen to the message."

Christie Wise, a member of the student life committee, said the opening acts were selected after the committee listened to about

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Student activists have named April 20 "Orange and Maroon Effect Day" to show support for the students, faculty and staff at Virginia Tech. Participants are encouraged to wear orange and maroon during the day.

UNC to get phone alerts

Text messages can notify police

BY KATY DOLL
STAFF WRITER

UNC officials are implementing a phone system that alerts campus police when students are in danger.

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Beginning this fall, the University will offer the Rave Guardian program, which uses a Global Positioning

System timer to notify police of students' locations when needed.

"You can set a timer on your phone that says: 'If I don't reset this timer, I want you to send a signal to campus police,'" said Larry Hicks, director of the Department of Housing and Residential Education.

When the time expires, the phone alerts the student, and if it's not turned off, Rave contacts campus police, who can locate the phone using GPS technology.

In the wake of the Virginia Tech shooting, campus security is on everyone's mind, but UNC officials were planning to implement Rave Guardian before Monday's shootings.

UNC officials are in negotiations with different providers and do not know the exact costs associated with purchasing the program.

Hicks said the housing department plans to offer a reduced price on GPS phones to all on-campus students next year.

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LORELEIS SINGING PRETTY

AFTER 25 YEARS, PREMIER WOMEN'S A CAPPELLA GROUP STILL SETTING THE CURVE

BY BENNETT CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

When UNC graduate Catalina Vergara was seeking a position as a clerk for a California judge, one particular item on her résumé caught the judge's attention — her role as a member of the Loreleis, UNC's first all-female a cappella group.

The group, a campus staple, won the inaugural National Championship of Collegiate A Cappella in 1996.

"He told me, 'You know, I like to hire people who have had success in their lives,'" she said.

"You'd never think that being in the Loreleis would get you a federal clerkship, but it stays with you."

The Loreleis are set to celebrate their 25th anniversary with a concert at 8 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Hall, and similar stories of the group's influence on its members abound.

Loreleis President Amanda Bolch said the positive experience she has had with the group made her look forward to its anniversary.

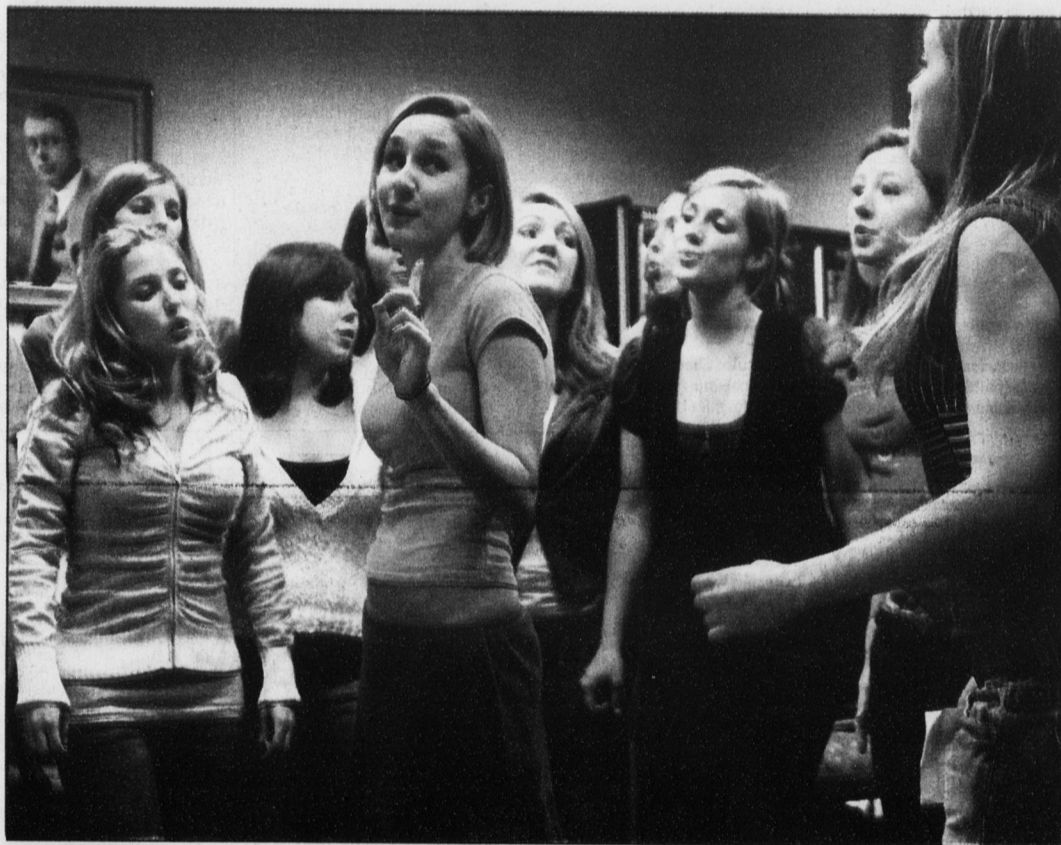
"I've been waiting for our 25th anniversary since my freshman year ... when I figured out that this year would be our 25th year," she said.

"It's such an awesome way to end being in the Loreleis."

There is evidence that former Loreleis share that sentiment.

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ATTEND THE CONCERT
Time: 8 p.m. Saturday
Location: Memorial Hall
Info: www.loreleis.com



Senior Cassie Criswell sings the lead with the student-run Loreleis on Thursday night during practice in Alumni Hall. The award-winning, all-female a cappella group will take center stage Saturday night at Memorial Hall for its 25th anniversary concert.

Dix closing could strain community

BY LIZ GILLIAM
STAFF WRITER

RALEIGH — Pressure is mounting on community mental health services in Wake County with the nearing closure of its largest facility — a "safety net" it has banked on for more than 200 years.

Dorothea Dix Hospital, the oldest mental health institution in the state, will close its doors forever this fall, cutting off the county's only inpatient mental health care for those without insurance, namely the homeless.

"Homeless people and the mentally ill are just going to hit the streets," said Alice McGee, director of Church in the Woods, a nonprofit group that reintegrates the homeless into society.

"It is very hard for us to even think about Dorothea Dix closing because they've been a resource we've used so many times to get someone stabilized and get someone care."

Community to feel the pressure

Of the state's four psychiatric hospitals, Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh is one of two shutting its doors sometime this fall or early next year, pending the completion of the new

Central Region Hospital in Granville County.

Central Region will have 432 operational beds, compared to roughly 300 beds at Dix.

However, counting both closing hospitals, the area will lose more than 150 beds, contributing to an existing lack of services for the uninsured and homeless.

Thirty percent of adult county residents admitted to Dix classified themselves as homeless, according to the Wake County Community Assessment released in February.

Carson Dean, director of the South Wilmington Street Center, a Raleigh men's shelter, said that in September last year almost 50 percent of Dix's homeless population was discharged to the shelter.

Dean said that the center has one mental health social worker to provide minimal care but that it does not have the means to deal with such a large number of people with mental illness.

"Our concern is, if we can't take these people into our facilities and Dix is no longer there, where are these people going to go?"

The center, along with other community programs, can expect to feel the pressure even more once Dix is gone.

The Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen offers

free weekday lunches in downtown Raleigh. Tamara Gregory, the executive director, said that once Dix closes, disruptions could increase among clients with mental illness who do not have access to support services or medication.

Gregory said too many disruptions on the sidewalk outside the kitchen could cause her service to be shut down by police who receive public complaints from businesses and residents.

"I fear that the people in the area are not very compassionate to mentally ill people," she said. "They fear them."

The county already has taken some steps to alleviate the strain on community organizations. It signed a contract with Holly Hill, a private psychiatric hospital in Raleigh, to provide inpatient care for people without health insurance.

The hospital agreed to pay \$10 million to \$11 million for the construction of 44 new beds for Wake County residents lacking Medicaid or other insurance, replacing most of the services at Dix.

But the project is not expected to open until January 2009 — a full year after Dix closes.

"What we've found is a partial solution, but it's not immediate," said Crystal Farrow, direc-

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UNC pitcher aiming to beat win record

BY DAVID ELY
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When North Carolina senior Robert Woodard takes the mound today at Dick Hower Stadium in Tallahassee, Fla., he won't only be trying to win

game one of a mammoth series against Florida State. Woodard will be throwing to cement his name atop the Tar Heel record books — as the winningest pitcher in UNC history.

By shutting out Duke 7-0 on April 13, Woodard notched his 30th career victory in Carolina blue — tying him with Michael Hoog for the most

wins ever by a Tar Heel pitcher. The victory upped Woodard's career record to an unheard-of 30-3, a 91 percent winning percentage.

And with a packed crowd including plenty of family cheering him on, the Charlotte native's record-tying outing couldn't have come in a better atmosphere.

"It was a special night," Woodard said after practice Wednesday. "I think I had about 23 family members here, so it was big."

"I was happy that they could be here. ... It was just a great game, and it's always great to beat Duke."

Despite the fact that the two have never met or spoken — Hoog said he plans to e-mail Woodard soon — Hoog is happy that Woodard is about to take over the role as king among North Carolina pitchers.

"It's fantastic," said Hoog, who is

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CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, the outline accompanying Thursday's front-page story "Campus copes as details come in" incorrectly states the day the photo was taken. It was taken Monday. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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A SECOND OPINION Some activists want Duke lacrosse case reopened

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COMEBACK KIDS?

The No. 6 men's tennis team looks to reclaim its place at the top during the ACC tournament this weekend. Last year the team lost in the first round.

this day in history

April 20, 1967 ...

UNC's Women's Residence Council announces a referendum to gauge opinion on if female students should sign out for overnight dorm absences.

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