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Carolina First exceeds goals

Fundraising campaign finishes with \$2.38B

BY DAVID GILMORE
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Eight years ago, organizers of the Carolina First Campaign were aiming to raise \$1.8 billion by the end of 2007.

By the time the fundraising project finished in December, though, that goal had been reached — and left in the dust.

The campaign made \$580 million, or 32 percent, more than originally sought, bringing the total amount of money raised to \$2.38 billion.

"The Carolina First Campaign isn't just

good to great; it's great to preeminent," Chancellor James Moeser said at Thursday's Board of Trustees meeting, where the final figures of the campaign were announced.

The campaign is now the largest fundraiser by a higher education institution in the South and the fifth largest in the country.

More than 193,000 private and public donors contributed to the campaign, though most of the money came from private gifts and pledges.

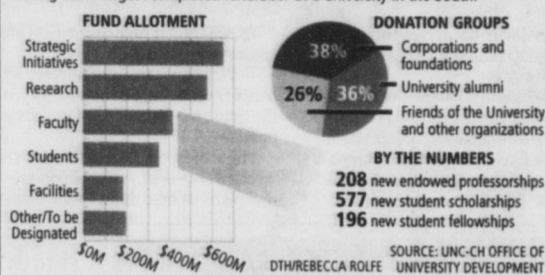
"Those private gifts are really providing a margin of excellence," said Matt Kupec, vice chancellor of University advancement.

He stressed that although UNC is a state school, public funds finance only

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A final tally for Carolina First

Launching on July 1, 1999, the Carolina First Campaign raised \$2.38 billion, making it the largest completed fundraiser at a university in the South.



Search for chancellor continues at meeting

BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS
SENIOR WRITER

Members of the chancellor search committee discussed Thursday possible candidates for UNC's top job.

The committee is interviewing and reviewing candidates, Chairman Nelson Schwab said.

"We have a great committee," Schwab said. "We have different opinions that we have to work through, but we're moving along."

The 21-person committee formed in October and will recommend three finalists to UNC-system President Erskine Bowles.

After Thursday's meeting, Schwab said he thinks the committee is on track for filling the spot before Chancellor James Moeser steps down June 30.

Here's an update on the committee's progress:

► Fewer than 50 candidates remain on the committee's list. More than 100 applied.

► Committee members still are cutting and adding to the list as interviews progress.

"We're trying to figure out, 'OK is this person right? Should we keep this person on the list?'" Schwab said.

► No specific timeline has been set.

"We're still in the front end of it," Schwab said. "We haven't really set a specific benchmarks other than we need to be done in June."

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THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Time: 1 p.m. Feb. 14
Location: Morehead Building Faculty Lounge
Info: www.unc.edu/chan/search

STUDENTS STORM S.C.

UNC groups go south to push for each Dem.

With North Carolina's primary still more than three months away, UNC students are heading south to get a piece of the presidential campaign action.

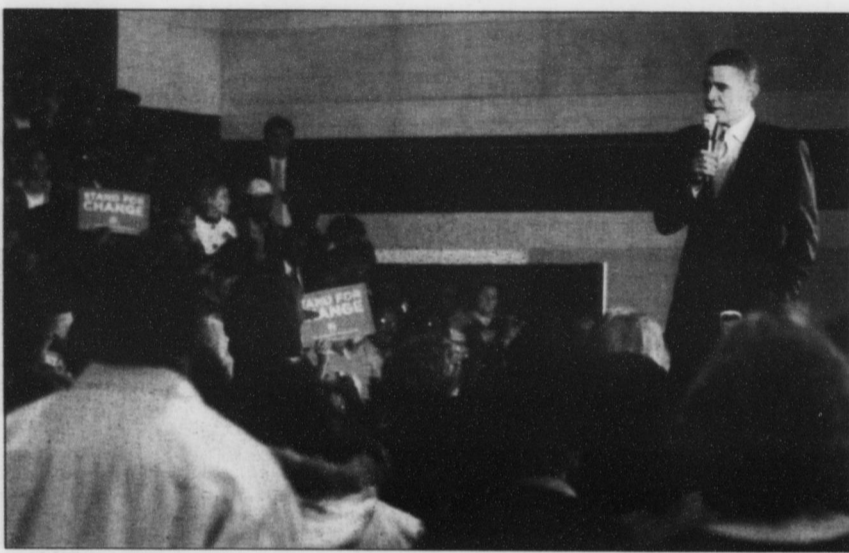
Supporters of all three Democratic front-runners will be in South Carolina this weekend to give their campaigns a last-minute boost before Saturday's primary.

Heels for Hillary

Heels for Hillary, which held a Nevada caucus phonebanking event last Saturday, will head to South Carolina this weekend.

UNC junior Amanda Vaughn, director of the Clinton group, said seven volunteers will be in Rock Hill, S.C. Saturday to canvass and phonebank. "Hillary in South Carolina is a tough one," Vaughn said. "I think it's going to take a lot of effort, but I think we can do it."

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Carolina Students for John Edwards

Carolina Students for John Edwards has opted out of traveling to South Carolina, choosing to spend Saturday making calls from headquarters in Chapel Hill.

"They need as much help calling as they need help in South Carolina right now," said freshman group member Laura Stroud.

Edwards is third in S.C. polls. "I've always been keeping up hope for him," Stroud said.

UNC Students for Barack Obama

UNC Students for Barack Obama, which has organized a total of six trips to South Carolina, will return this weekend.

Junior Vivek Chilukuri, director of the group, said he had 48 confirmed volunteers as of Thursday afternoon. One group leaves today for Orangeburg, S.C., with another leaving Saturday morning for Dillon County.

Although Obama is ahead in the polls, Chilukuri said the campaign can't take anything for granted. "I felt this way right before New Hampshire, so I'm really nervous."

See pg. 9 for a story about UNC Students for Barack Obama canvassing in South Carolina last weekend.



Daisy Crawford, a former teacher, leads the crowd in Obama's signature chant of "Fired up, ready to go!" before his speech at a rally in Dillon County, S.C. The chant has followed Obama across the country.

Funding for grad students tops agenda

Trustees discuss stipends, how to divide tuition dollars

BY WHITNEY KISLING
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Picking up where they left off in November, UNC trustees took a deeper look at graduate student support Thursday, suggesting that money should be set aside specifically for that population.

After hearing a presentation by Provost Bernadette Gray-Little, the Board of Trustees requested that the University evaluate the competitiveness of teaching and research assistant stipends, as well as determine if about \$4.5 million in tuition revenue could be saved for graduate students.

Data from the presentation shows UNC at a comparable salary level with peer institutions: about \$17,000 for nine-month research assistant stipends and about \$14,500 for nine-month TA stipends. But trustees questioned whether the peer comparisons were appropriate.

"I worry that we're trying to figure out the wind speed with a thermometer," Board Chairman Roger Perry said.

The College of Arts and Sciences allows each of its 45 academic departments to determine how money is spent for TAs — whether it increases the number of positions or increases individual pay. So because average pay varies from department to department and even from school to school, an overall average of about \$17,000 is somewhat misleading, trustees suggested.

"We're using a benchmark peer group that really may not be the best way to look at it," said trustee Rusty Carter, who has been an advocate of graduate student support both this year and in years past.

When trustees voted in November to increase graduate student tuition by \$400 for residents and



Trustee Rusty Carter has been a key advocate for graduate funding.

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Murderous musical opens today

BY ALEXANDRIA SHEALY
ARTS EDITOR

With less than 10 hours until curtain at 8 p.m. today, the cast and crew of Company Carolina's production of "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" should finally receive the barber's razors they ordered more than a week ago.

But during a three-week rehearsal period for a large-scale musical, time is relative.

In that period five different chairs, including a 400-pound dentist's chair, were used as the barber's chair on stage and scrapped, the show's entire set was built and a cast of more than a dozen people joined an orchestra to study and memorize lines of complex operetta.

"Sweeney Todd," written by Stephen Sondheim, will open today and runs until Feb. 3 at the ArtsCenter in Carrboro.

While members of the cast and technical crew of the gruesome musical admit how much of a challenge the production has been, some say its demanding schedule has made the experience all the more rewarding.

Recently popularized in a film version directed by Tim Burton, "Sweeney Todd" is the story of one man's murderous vengeance against the society that has wronged him.

"When I signed on to 'Sweeney,' I knew it was going to be a daunting task," said the show's director, Lori Mannette. "But by doing the show in

ATTEND THE SHOW

Time: Various times, today to Feb. 3
Location: The ArtsCenter in Carrboro
Info: www.artscenterlive.org

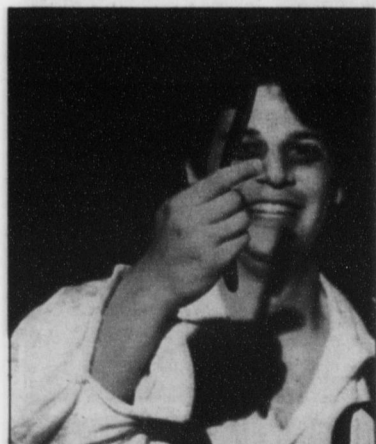
the short amount of time, I was able to get the best talent on campus."

Mannette has directed multiple productions on campus, but the senior said she was drawn to "Sweeney Todd" because the musical is driven by vocal numbers rather than dance.

"The show is music-heavy, of course, and Sondheim is one of the scariest musical challenges you can get," Mannette said.

Sondheim won a Grammy for

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Andrew DiMartino plans a close shave as Sweeney Todd, Fleet Street's demon barber.

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MORE SPORTS The low down on wrestling, fencing and track.

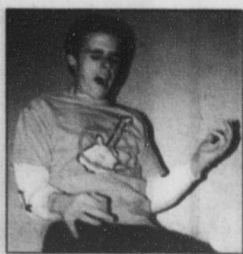
A COMPLEX PROJECT The Science Complex is about halfway to completion.

WATER WORRIES Residents air concerns and get tips at an OWASA meeting.

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N.C. AIDS INITIATIVE

The state has launched a program meant to fight disproportionate numbers of Hispanics contracting HIV, drawing praise from Hispanic advocacy groups.



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UNC'S NEXT HIS AIRNESS

Contestants in this weekend's air guitar competition will be judged on several factors, including the airiness of their performances.

this day in history

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Results of an awareness survey show that 25 percent of UNC students and staff believe AIDS can be contracted like a cold. Officials plan an education campaign.

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