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Boyz II Men coming to UNC

R&B group booked for SpringFest

BY MATTHEW PRICE

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The 1990's R&B group Boyz II Men will perform on campus on April 26, free of charge, officials announced at Wednesday night's Student Congress meeting.

The group is coming to headline the SpringFest celebration, a campus-wide event that returned last year as an opportunity for students to mark the end of the school year.

SpringFest coordinators asked for \$20,000 in funds from Congress to help host the event.

"A while back we started creating lists of who we'd like to bring to campus if we could get them," said Hilary Marshall, SpringFest's event coordinator.

"A couple of weeks into that, we got a call from Boyz II Men's manager, who said they would be willing to come. Our decision was pretty much unanimous."

The concert will take place in the Smith Center, which offers enough space for 12,000 students to attend.

Although the concert will be free, Marshall said a donation would be requested for the Food Bank of North Carolina, suggesting either two cans of food or \$1.

"We didn't want to charge, because that brings out more students and brings our total cost down," Marshall said. "And we like the idea of making this a philanthropic project, too."

Congress weighed the potential for a charitable effort when deciding whether or not to appropriate funds. They voted unanimously to approve the \$20,000 request.

"We gave a lot of money for homecoming, and they charge for their concert tickets," Finance Committee Chairman Pedro Carreño said at the meeting.

The finance committee had favorably reported SpringFest's request to the full Congress.

Bringing Boyz II Men to campus will cost \$42,000. About \$30,000 goes to artist costs, while \$12,000 is used for production fees, according to the SpringFest budget.

Last year's SpringFest featured rock group Carbon Leaf, for \$5,000.

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R&B group Boyz II Men will be performing at Spring Fest in April. They reached fame as a quartet in the '90s but now perform as a trio.

Views vary on UNC leader

Some prioritize business skills

BY KATIE HOFFMANN

INVESTIGATIVE EDITOR

As the deadline to replace Chancellor James Moeser draws closer, it's time for the search committee to get down to business.

But the University community is split as to how much.

As fundraising becomes increasingly vital to remain competitive as a public university, many members of the UNC community think the new chancellor should have at least some business background.

The chancellor will take the reins as construction is supposed to start for Carolina North, a research satellite campus that is set to cost hundreds of millions of dollars to build. UNC also has been struggling to keep faculty salaries competitive.

But several faculty members said selecting a candidate solely for business experience could negatively impact academics at UNC.

Bill Funk & Associates, the consulting firm hired by the committee, said that he has not necessarily seen a trend of universities choosing leaders with business backgrounds but that institutions select the person who best meets their needs.

He said he thinks that candidates without an experienced background — and at least some knowledge of academia — will not be frontrunners in the UNC race.

"Folks who have only narrow experience or perspectives are not the ones being sought out."

The committee has not ruled out people outside the academic world, said chairman Nelson Schwab.

"We're looking at candidates from a wide background, from within academia and from without. And then it will be up to us to make that decision."

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LIVIN' WITH ROY'S BOYS

Manager bonds with players

BY GREGG FOUND

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Preston Puckett relaxed in front of a TV, enthralled — like much of the rest of the sports nation — by the Indianapolis Colts-New England Patriots AFC Championship game last year.

The Sunday night was cold and rainy — most people stayed indoors.

Then his phone rang. It was Marcus Ginyard.

"Hey," Ginyard said to Puckett. "Let's go looking for houses."

"And I'm like, 'That sums up the guy I'm about to move in with,'" Puckett said. "He wants to leave during a football game that everyone else can't pull themselves away from."

Such is Puckett's story, that of two fascinating roles — one as head manager for the North Carolina men's basketball team and one as roommate to three of the team's stars: Ginyard, Bobby Frasier and Tyler Hansbrough.

The rooming process, however, was far from easy.

"It was funny; we had so much trouble finding a four-



DTH/JULIET SPERLING

Senior Preston Puckett, the head manager of the UNC men's varsity basketball team, concentrates at practice in the Smith Center on Feb. 5. Last year Puckett moved into a house off East Franklin Street with team members Bobby Frasier, Marcus Ginyard and Tyler Hansbrough.

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Carolina Comedy Festival 2008 preview

BY ALEXANDRIA SHEALY, ARTS EDITOR

From star-studded showcases of stand up comedy to hands-on workshops geared toward newcomers, the Carolina Union Activities Board's Carolina Comedy Festival aims to bring a fair share of laughs to just about anyone.

"This year, one of our goals is to continually increase

the number of people we're able to touch through our programs," said Mallory Cash, CUAB's comedy committee chairwoman.

The festival, now in its fifth year, boasts marquee acts such as Lewis Black and Rob Riggle. However, the festival brings its stars off of the mainstage and gives students the opportunity to interact with popular comedy figures in intimate settings.

*All events are free for UNC students except Lewis Black and Friends

Student Stand-Up Competition

> 7:30 p.m. today, Union Cabaret
> Watch students from UNC and other schools compete to open for comedian Lewis Black's performance in Memorial Hall.

Improv Workshop

> 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Union Cabaret
> Chicago's premiere improv troupe, the Sirens, will lead a session for students interested in finding out more about improv comedy.

Class with Black

> 5 p.m. Friday, Union Auditorium

> Have a conversation with Black. A chance for one-on-one questions and comments with the comedian about anything and everything.

Cabaret Comedy Club

> 6 p.m. Friday, Union Cabaret
> Watch the Sirens in action at this comedy show. Free food and drinks will be provided.

Lewis Black's "One Slight Hitch"

> 8:15 p.m. Friday, Elizabeth Price Kenan Theatre, Center for Dramatic Art
> The Department of Dramatic Arts' Professional Actor Training Program will perform "One Slight Hitch," a play written by Black, in a script-in-hand performance. A discussion with Black will be held after the performance.

Tickets to the farce-romantic comedy are available first come, first serve.

Stephan Pastis Comic Strip Seminar — Pearls Before Swine

> 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Union Class of 2000 Lounge
> Pastis, cartoonist of award-winning comic strip, "Pearls Before Swine," will discuss his inspiration, the creative process and more.

The Ins and Outs of Comedy Writing

> 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Union 3102
> Bryan Tucker, comedy writer for "Saturday Night Live" and "Chappelle's Show," will speak about how to break into the business of comedy writing.

A Daily Show Panel

> 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Saturday, Union Class of 2000 Lounge
> Writers and producers from "The Daily Show" will talk about their jobs and their work on a day-to-day basis. Guests include Rob Riggle, John Oliver, Jen Flanz and Rory Albanese.

Lewis Black and Friends: sold out

> 8 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Hall
> Black, Oliver and Riggle will perform stand up in this annual Carolina Comedy Festival staple. Student stand-up competition winners will open the performance. Hosted by Albanese. Win tickets to this event at noon Friday in the Pit during "Pie in the Face for Tickets."

SBP candidates rarely win without a runoff

BY KATY DOLL

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Without setting foot in office, J.J. Raynor already has campus buzzing, as she has managed to do something no one else has since 1997 — take the majority vote in a general election

among three or more candidates.

INSIDE J.J. Raynor prepares for her term as student body president.

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are required to win at least 51 percent of the vote, so in most races with more than two people a runoff is required.

In recent history, the race for the 2006-07 student body presidential position was the only one without a runoff, as James Allred and Bernard Holloway were the only candidates.

But runoffs have become a campus election hallmark, providing students with an additional week to hear from their candidates.

"The runoff is treated just like a normal election," said Mitchell

Caprigione, chairman of the Board of Elections. "All the same rules of the last week of the election are applied."

During the 1997 election, Mo Nathan captured the title of student body president, winning about 70 percent of the vote.

He had 2,206 ballots compared to his opponents Andrew Pearson and Shawn Faley who gained 448 and 443 votes respectively.

Former Board of Elections Chairman Jim Brewer said this might show a correlation between voting campaigns and first-round wins.

"In '97, that was the last time the board did a huge effort to get the vote out," Brewer said, mentioning that the board promised incentives such as free food to voters.

In the event of a runoff, hopefuls get a stipend for the extra campaign costs, starting with \$100 for student body president down to

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LATE BREAKING NEWS

The Department of Public Safety responded to a possible suicide attempt at Dogwood Parking Deck at about 11:30 p.m. A young woman was found breathing but unconscious, and has been transported to N.C. Memorial Hospital. Her status is unknown. Check back at dailytarheel.com for updates.

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ATHLETE MONEY The NCAA debates the effects of covering extra athlete costs.

STATE OF THE UNION Deep Dish brings the Pulitzer-winning play on stage.

HYBRID CARS The governor announced a new research venture at N.C. State.



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(UN)HAPPY VALENTINES

Sick of giving the same heart-shaped, sappy Valentine's Day cards every year? Grab a pair of scissors and cut out some Valentine's Day cards from Dive.

this day in history

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The Chapel Hill Business and Professional Women's Club makes plans to improve UNC female employees' status amid worry about post-war employment.

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