

COMEDY

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people who know how to do these things the best."

This year marked the fifth time the festival has been held, and organizers estimated its cost to be \$25,000.

Beginning Thursday and wrapping up Saturday with "Lewis Black and Friends," a performance that sold out Memorial Hall to students before general public tickets were made available, the festival has differed significantly in programming and attendance even since 2007.

"There were 20 students doing stand-up last night," Black said Friday, about the Student Stand-Up Competition. "It just goes to show the depth of the illness is growing in Chapel Hill."

And while many of the festival's attendees were audience members at Black's main-stage show, others came seeking more than comic relief.

"This is really serious for me," said Tom Thriveni, a sophomore who attended Saturday's program, The Ins and Outs of Comedy Writing. "Anyone can meet famous people; I could go over and give

Rob Riggle a high-five right now. But it's a great experience to be able to hear from people like him about how to handle internships and getting a job."

Thriveni, who said he attended the event to learn more about obtaining his dream job, said hearing from "The Daily Show" writers and correspondents like Riggle made him more aware of what potential employers are looking for.

At the event, UNC alumnus Bryan Tucker explained how he worked the stand-up circuit in New York City for years before becoming a writer for "Saturday Night Live."

Riggle echoed Tucker's sentiments and explained to students how working up toward his own dream job created inspiration for comedic sketches.

"Initially, I wanted it all and I wanted it fast," Riggle said. "But if you get it too fast, you won't be prepared. You have to have that crappy job to know what it's like to have an awful boss. You get that life experience to draw from to get the content you need to be funny."

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experience that the board got too involved politically."

This year's board found just a few campaign violations and generally allowed candidates to campaign as they pleased. "While we may have not have been as harsh and tried to flex our muscles as much as in the past, I feel like we were strict enough," Caprigione said.

The elections board confronted several instances that could have limited campaign methods but erred on the side of freedom.

After consulting the Student Code, which governs elections proceedings, Caprigione allowed student body president candidate Kristin Hill to use fliers depicting famous personalities, despite the possibility of violating trademark laws. The board also allowed Hill to solicit votes from Robertson Scholars, who study at both UNC and Duke University.

"There are always going to be times where the Code doesn't exactly enumerate what you're supposed to do in a certain situation," said Walker Rutherford, the 2004-05 elections board chairman. "It comes down to the discretion of the board."

Past elections boards were stricter about candidates' campaigning practices. The 2006-07 elections board prohibited student body president candidate Jon Kite from using a satirical video, saying it misrepresented election issues. "It was definitely limiting to me

because that was sort of the entire keystone of my campaign process," Kite said.

And in 2004, violations by student body president candidate Lily West caused the board to invalidate the close runoff election results. After a week of open hearings, the elections board decided to hold a new runoff election.

"Occasionally the Board of Elections has extraordinary authority when it comes to determining the outcome of elections," said Matt Calabria, the former president who beat West in 2004 runoff.

Some elections boards have gone above and beyond their mission of ensuring fairness, focusing on voter turnout.

The 2006-07 board sent mass e-mails, posted signs and set up a polling place at a basketball game, former Chairman Jim Brewer said.

The result was the highest turnout in UNC history with 7,241 votes. This year 6,625 students voted — still above average, Caprigione said.

"Unfortunately, I didn't have the drive to force myself to push myself that far, with school and it being my first election," he said. "We didn't get to go too in-depth this year because it was a rather young and inexperienced board."

Still, he said he was pleased with the board's performance. "I think we did a great job and had relatively few setbacks and slip-ups."

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to provide the proper support for students with mental disorders, something she said could go a long way toward preventing tragedy.

"There's no good mechanism to ensure that treatment is delivered to individuals that need it, and there's no follow-up to make sure that it was effective," she said.

But Haden said it's unfair to blame schools for shortcomings in the mental health care system.

Mental health reform was a chief recommendation made by the N.C. attorney general's campus safety task force, which released a

report in January.

The proposed changes will facilitate communication about mental health conditions between state authorities to better identify threats, said Brad Wilson, CEO of BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina and chairman of the task force.

Wilson cautioned that the recommendations are not surefire ways to prevent violent incidents.

"All of our recommendations could be adopted and implemented, and it's not going to eliminate the possibility of something happening," he said.

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than a new building. Renovating that site also would mean the school could not expand again and parking would be eliminated.

"That wasn't going to address the long-term future of Carolina Law," Marvin said.

Because Carolina North will be brand new and the law school probably will be the second building built there, there's the potential to expand again in a few decades, if needed.

Carolina North, though, was envisioned as a research campus. And what officials said they hope to show with the law school becoming the first academic tenant is that the proposed campus's mission is more than corporate partnerships.

"It's going to be more than a research campus. It's going to be our expansion campus," Boger said. "We want to signal that it's not just about research — it's about teaching as well."

Moving about two miles north of main campus has been suggested as further disconnecting the law school from the University. The problem is, many faculty perform research with other departments.

But many said they aren't concerned as the move won't change the identity of Carolina Law.

"You tend to have foundations and develop roots with the people that are near you," said Luis Luberias-Oliver, Student Bar Association president.

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