

# CHAMPIONS

The Tar Heels walked off the field in San Diego with the program's 21st NCAA title.

By David Adler  
Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — It was coach Anson Dorrance's 21st NCAA championship. It was the program's 22nd national title.

But these Tar Heels had to make a giant leap all their own.

Had No. 13 UNC (15-5-3) lost during the NCAA tournament, instead of defeating Penn State 4-1 as it did in the final on Sunday, its six losses would have been UNC's most ever in a single season. Instead, UNC turned

what could have become its worst season in history into the best possible outcome.

"We overachieved," Dorrance said. "I thought our NCAA seeding was too high — we should have been a third seed, so when we were a two, that was a great break.

"A lot of other teams could have been here in our place."

Four different players scored for the Tar Heels against the No. 5 Nittany Lions (21-4-2) — forward Kealia Ohai, defender Hanna Gardner, defender Satara Murray and midfielder Raneer Premji.

Ohai was named the College Cup's Most Outstanding Player on offense, and Murray won the award for defense.

Penn State was the last roadblock for a North Carolina team that took out three of the four top seeds in the tournament — BYU, Stanford and Penn State — back-to-back-to-back.

UNC struck early in each half. Hardly more than a minute after the opening kickoff, Ohai ran down a deep ball from Murray, dribbled

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## NCAA funds academic support

The NCAA subsidy is used to help pay for athlete tutoring.

By Melvin Backman  
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Alyssa Andress, a freshman lacrosse player, said days spent balancing school and sports can make it difficult to seek the kinds of help normally available to UNC students. So she uses athlete-specific tutors.

"We can't always get to the teachers because of practices and workouts during office hours," she said. "Having the tutors here at night helps balance that out."

This year, full-time, athlete-specific academic support staff and tutors cost the University \$1.36 million, which represents 1.8 percent of the total athletic budget.

More than \$400,000 of that spending goes directly to a corps of part-time tutors for athletes.

Money from an NCAA fund earmarked for student athletes' benefit is helping the tutoring program avoid cuts affecting other parts of the department.

The Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund helps UNC pay for its tutoring program as it decreases use of department-generated funds.

This year's athletic budget proposed increases in spending for bigger categories like "salaries and benefits" and "direct sports expenses."

The former saw a \$2.7 million increase that equaled the amount of the department's new revenue. The latter saw \$1.6 million in new spending while other areas, such as facilities and administration, saw cuts.

This year's budget accords "academic support," a category mostly made of tutoring spending, \$120,000 less in department-generated money than last year. That's a nearly 24 percent drop from last year.

An increasingly large chunk of the NCAA money is making up the difference. Two years ago, about \$25,000 of the money was used for academic support, said Amy Herman, the former associate athletic director for compliance in an interview that took place before her resignation Friday. Last year, that amount was \$100,000. This year, it will be \$200,000, or about half of tutoring spending.

Before Herman left her post, she administered the fund's use at UNC.

Numerous academic support officials in the athletic department declined requests to be interviewed for this article. They didn't answer questions about why the tutoring budget was increasing or give reasons for the increased need for academic support services.

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## Ready to fly the 'Coop'



DTH FILE/ERIN HULL

Jonathan Cooper greets fans after a game in UNC's Kenan Stadium. Cooper is a finalist for the Outland Trophy, which will be awarded Thursday.

### In a standout career, Jonathan Cooper learned many lessons.

By Kelly Parsons  
Senior Writer

The game was over, but Jonathan Cooper wasn't quite ready to begin his final stroll off the Kenan Stadium field. So he lingered.

The Bell Tower, now lit in the sky, peaked through the stately pines that surround the stadium he'd learned to call home. Fans celebrating North Carolina's season-ending 45-38

win against Maryland remained, singing the alma mater he'd heard so many times before. But this time, the last time, it was different.

"I was really just trying to soak up the atmosphere," Cooper said.

Ten years earlier, Cooper was unable to play football because he was bigger than all the other kids his age. Now, he's one of three finalists for the Outland Trophy, the award given to the nation's best interior lineman, and is a projected top-15 selection in the NFL draft.

Cooper isn't the same man he was when he first walked onto UNC's campus four and a half years ago. It's likely that soon, after a few life-changing words from the NFL com-

missioner next spring, he'll finally be able to see just how far he's really come.

He appreciates what roadblocks along the way have done for him. Cooper thinks through each step of his journey, regarding them as not just means to an end, but as distinct events that have helped shape the person he is today.

"It hasn't been an easy road," he said, "but it's been a good one and one full of lessons."

#### 'It's nothing personal!'

During UNC's 2011 campaign, the Tar

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## UNC makes changes to help transfer students

### Transfer students are 50 percent more likely to be on probation.

By Katharine McAnarney  
Staff Writer

Transfer students are more likely to face academic problems than freshmen, according to a new University study — and those students think administrators aren't doing enough to help them adjust.

The study, based on data from

spring 2011, is being conducted by the Office of Undergraduate Education. It found that transfers are about 50 percent more likely to end up on academic probation after their first semester than freshmen.

About 9.5 percent of all new transfers end up on probation at the end of their first semester, according to the study.

Cynthia Demetriou, director for retention in the Office of Undergraduate Education, said transfer students can struggle transitioning to a new school more than freshmen students.

"There are a lot of resources to support first-years," she said. "But there are fewer resources to support transfer students during that process."

UNC's undergraduate admissions office made this year's transfer student orientation mandatory and moved the 2013 transfer application deadline from March 1 to Feb. 15 — both efforts to help transfer students succeed academically.

Rebecca Egbert, senior assistant director of admissions, said

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#### PROBATION LIKELIHOOD

9.5

Percent of new transfers on probation after their first semester

23

Percent of students on probation in spring 2011 who were transfers

1.69

Average cumulative GPA of transfers on probation in spring 2011

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## The pope who stole Christmas

From staff and wire reports

**B**ecause people are ridiculous, many actually believed that Pope Benedict cancelled Christmas.

Tabloids have recently turned from Princess Kate and Kim Kardashian to the head of the Catholic church, saying that he has — among other Grinch-ish actions — banned Christmas.

The Catholic social network XT3 blogged about the tabloid coverage, trying to clear things up by bluntly saying, “The pope has not banned Christmas.”

The rumors were started by the pope’s most recent book, which argues that there were no animals where Jesus was born. This provoked outrage from people who believe Jesus was a white guy with a ’70s-era beard.

**NOTED.** Who needs Disney World when there’s a toilet theme park in South Korea?

The park traces the history of toilets through nations and eras, including Roman-era toilets and ancient Korean flushing toilets. The bathrooms in this place are probably fantastic.

**QUOTED.** “There’s nothing on his bell. He knows that this is his job and he does it very well.”

— Carol Takacs, owner of miniature horse Tinker, who has been helping fund-raise for the Salvation Army for four years. Tinker rings the bell, wears a Santa hat and brings in 10 times more donations.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## TODAY

**The Scrolls of the Judean Desert: Who Wrote Them, and Why?:** Rachel Elior of Hebrew University gives this lecture on the Dead Sea Scrolls, addressing the writers’ rarely discussed identities. The lecture is hosted by the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Hyde Hall

**UNC Symphony Orchestra:**

Tonu Kalam directs the UNC Symphony Orchestra in its final performance of the semester, featuring Benjamin Britten’s Symphony for Cello and Orchestra and Tchaikovsky’s “Swan Lake” suite. Tickets are \$10 for students and faculty and \$15 for the general public.

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Memorial Hall

## TUESDAY

**‘It’s A Wonderful Life’:** PlayMakers Repertory Company presents this classic holiday story as a live Christmas Eve radio play, featuring Todd Lawson in his company debut as George.

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays and Dec. 8  
**Location:** Paul Green Theatre

**Yoga in the Galleries:** Before finals start taking over your life, grab an hour of relaxation in the Ackland galleries. Mats are provided and an RSVP by email is requested. The session is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

**Time:** Noon to 1 p.m.  
**Location:** Ackland Art Museum

**Gingerbread House Village:** The Carolina Inn showcases it’s

10th annual Gingerbread House Competition by putting the festive entries on display.

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays  
**Location:** Carolina Inn

**Santa at University Mall:** Old Saint Nick will be at University Mall every day until Christmas Eve to hear Christmas wish lists and take photos.

**Time:** 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays  
**Location:** University Mall

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## ‘TIS THE SEASON



DTH/CHELSEY ALLDER

**A**dam Schiffer plays Dr. Stahlbaum in Carolina Ballet’s rendition of the Nutcracker. The ballet performed Saturday and Sunday in Memorial Hall. In this scene, Dr. Stahlbaum welcomes the children to his Christmas party.

## POLICE LOG

● Someone stole a memory card from Walgreens at 108 E. Franklin St. at 8:02 p.m. on Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The card was valued at \$14.99, reports state.

● Someone broke and entered a vehicle at 257 S. Elliott Road between 6:25 p.m. and 7:14 p.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person pried open the window and took a bag valued at \$150, according to reports. Damage to the car’s window was estimated at \$250, reports state.

● Someone vandalized a mailbox shelter at Brighton Square Apartments at 121 Westview Dr. between 6 p.m. Wednesday and 8:15 p.m. Thursday, according to Carrboro police records.

The word “run” was painted on the wall of the shelter in

four-inch letters using black paint, reports state.

● Someone reported an animal running at large at Frances Lloyd Shetley Bikeway at 8:16 a.m. Thursday, according to Carrboro police reports.

A woman saw several people walking their dogs without a leash, which violates a Carrboro town ordinance, reports state.

● Someone reported a suspicious person at Lake Hogan Farm Road between noon and 1:04 p.m. on Thursday, according to Carrboro police reports.

A man wearing a green hoodie and black jacket was seen looking at houses on Lake Hogan Farm Road, according to reports.

The man was later observed leaving a vacant house at 8620 Lake Hogan Farm Road, reports state.

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# School district considers redistricting plans

Parents will be able to provide feedback on next year's plans.

By Cammie Bellamy  
Staff Writer

With the 2012-13 school year reaching its halfway point, administrators will hear parent feedback tonight on controversial school redistricting plans for next year.

More than 1,000 students will be assigned a new school for the 2013-14 school year, according to a Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools report from August.

The redistricting will help alleviate overcrowding, as will the construction of the district's 11th elementary school — Northside Elementary, which will open in August.

But parents in the district have expressed concern about how their children will adjust to moving schools.

The first of two public hearings on the

redistricting plans will be held tonight.

Jamezetta Bedford, a member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education, said she expects emotions to run high at the meeting.

"It is always, always, always very emotional and heartfelt for parents," Bedford said of redistricting. "They may never forgive the board, but so be it. We have to do what's best for the children of the district."

Bedford said overcrowding has made redistricting necessary.

Enrollment growth in the CHCCS district spiked in the 2011-12 school year. A report conducted by the district found most elementary schools to be overcrowded.

To deal with this influx of new students, CHCCS schools have been forced to purchase mobile classrooms, relocate Pre-K classes and increase class sizes.

Laura Morgan, a member of the redistricting advisory council and mother of students at Frank Porter Graham Elementary, said Frank Porter Graham and Seawell Elementary will

likely see the most redistricted students.

She said about 450 Frank Porter Graham students and 200 Seawell students would be redistricted — most of them to Northside.

Both schools are within two to three miles of Northside, which will be located at 350 Caldwell St.

Morgan said the advisory council prioritized socio-economic diversity when preparing the four redistricting plans.

Plans that concentrate a large number of at-risk students in Northside are less popular with parents than plans to spread at-risk students across the district.

"One of the things I love about Chapel Hill is that we have a great diversity in our schools," Morgan said. "I think that people need to keep the perspective that we have a fantastic school district and any school you'll go to will be a good one."

She hopes parents come to tonight's meeting with open minds.

"I think there's going to be a lot of emotion there," she said. "I would say to other parents

## REDISTRICTING PLANS

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools has proposed four redistricting plans:

- Plan 1: Moves only 803 students, but has the highest variation of at-risk students
- Plan 2: 12 percent at-risk students — the lowest variation out of all the plans
- Plan 3: 14 percent at-risk students, but the plan moves relatively few students
- Plan 4: Moves the most students, has 24 percent at-risk students

that this is a tough situation, but I would hope that people would keep it civil."

The final redistricting plan will be approved by the Board of Education Jan. 17.

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# TRULY WONDERFUL



DTH FILE/MARY STEVENS

The cast of "It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" closes the Tuesday dress rehearsal performance by singing the ballad "Auld Lang Syne."

## Play brings new life to classic 'It's A Wonderful Life'

By Katelyn Trela  
Senior Writer

In 1947, Jimmy Stewart — crying out to his guardian angel Clarence — begged to live again.

His cries have been answered this year by PlayMakers Repertory Company.

The company's holiday production of "It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play," breathes new life into both the classic story and the art of radio acting.

The production features five actors and one live musician who are putting on a radio production of "It's A Wonderful Life" on a Christmas Eve in the 1940s.

Each actor starts at a microphone, reading multiple characters from pages of script.

As the story progresses, those pages are tossed and the studio transforms into Bedford Falls — the small, fictional New York town in which "It's A Wonderful Life" is set.

Though the actors continue to shift characters by changing voices in radio fashion, it's easy to get wrapped up in the tale of George Bailey.

Todd Lawson, playing George in his PlayMakers debut, gives a freshness to the character. He pays homage to the George built by Jimmy Stewart without creating a distracting imitation.

### THEATER REVIEW

"It's A Wonderful Life"  
PlayMakers Repertory Company  
Saturday



In the second act, when George sees what life would be like had he never been born, Lawson perfectly embodies the frantic and then excited George.

Ray Dooley — playing radio show host Freddie Filmore and antagonist Mr. Potter among other bit parts — stretches impressively through a range of characters, at times even arguing with himself.

Brandon Garegnani moved with ease from lighthearted angel Clarence to charming Navy vet Harry Bailey in between playing a cast of different neighbors.

His earnest Clarence highlighted the spirit of the film's original unwinged guardian angel and stole the show once he came down to save George.

But the show's most notable star was musician and sound-effects extraordinaire Mark Lewis.

Lewis manned a piano and a table of knick-knacks, playing a tone-setting score at one moment and rattling metal at another.

The sound effects perpetuated the

### 'IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE'

Time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 16

Location: Paul Green Theatre

Info: <http://bit.ly/OAxMla>

idea that the audience was listening in on the story rather than watching a pure production, furthering the imaginative journey.

It's the small surprises that make "It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" the exceptional production that it is.

The versatile set holds small surprises in every beat: the backdrop shifts between a glowing New York City and twinkling stars; radio commercials showcase quirky song and dance while shouting out PlayMakers' sponsors.

It's impossible to walk into Paul Green Theatre and not be drawn into the warm holiday spirit.

And as the show closes with a round of "Auld Lang Syne," a ballad about times past, it's impossible to ignore the rich tradition behind the classic story.

After nearly 70 years of a ho-hum rerun life every December, "It's A Wonderful Life" is once again, truly wonderful.

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# Owners protest state smoking ban

Restaurant and bar owners said the ban hurts their business.

By Lucinda Shen  
Staff Writer

State bar owners have been raising opposition to the statewide smoking ban in bars and restaurants, claiming to legislators and courts that the ban is ruining their business.

While restaurants have come to appreciate the ban's unforeseen effect of increasing sales, the president of the N.C. Bar, Pub & Tavern Association recently wrote a letter to the N.C. General Assembly urging legislators to exclude profit-making bars from the ban.

Sales at Gate City Billiards Club, a private club in Greensboro, have decreased 25 percent since the 2010 ban, said Don Liebes, the club's owner and president of the association.

"We're different from restaurants," he said, adding that 75 percent of his customers smoke. "The ban put us at a competitive disadvantage."

Because of the ban, the club has lost \$30,000 since January, Liebes said. On an average Friday night, the club now serves 30 fewer customers — about a 15 percent decrease.

"We're not making any money," he said. "It's only a matter of time before we go under."

Bar and restaurant owners in the state were initially concerned that the ban would be an excessive regulation, said Brad Hurley, co-owner of the 42nd Street Oyster Bar & Seafood Grill in Raleigh and chairman-elect of the N.C. Restaurant and Lodging Association.

But some restaurant owners now say the ban has boosted sales. In a letter sent Oct. 5 by the restaurant association to the legislature, one restaurant owner reportedly observed a 25 to 30 percent growth in sales since 2009.

Hurley's oyster bar has also seen a moderate sales increase since 2010, he said. The restaurant has seen fewer and fewer smoking customers in the past two years because nonsmoking customers are not put off by secondhand smoke and economy has been improving, he said.

"We originally had two ashtrays on every table, but as time moved along, only a small

percentage of customers smoked," he said. "I'm sure that now, the customers appreciate the fact that there's no scent of tobacco."

Despite the ban, smoking customers still frequent his restaurant, Hurley said. If they need to smoke, they step outside.

But Liebes said bars attract smokers, and he has taken his case to change the law to court.

Liebes lost in the District Court of Guilford County and the N.C. Court of Appeals. The N.C. Supreme Court declined to hear his case.

Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange and a member of the N.C. Senate Health Care Committee, said people primarily go to bars to congregate, so she doesn't think bars lose business.

"That's a spurious argument," she said, adding that the ban is unlikely to be repealed due to its economic benefits.

Orange County recently banned smoking on sidewalks, government grounds and public transport areas, but Kinnaird said that ban is unlikely to be extended statewide.

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# TEDx planners select finalists

Seven finalists will be considered to speak at the conference.

By Marisa DiNovis  
Staff Writer

The second TEDxUNC conference will have a new theme and a new addition to the panel of speakers — this year, a UNC student will also take the stage.

The speakers at the 2013 conference, a project of Carolina Creates, will speak about generating ideas by connecting existing resources on Feb. 9 in Memorial Hall.

TED — the inspiration for TEDxUNC — is a nonprofit organization that sponsors international conferences where speakers give 18-minute talks on ideas with multiple initiatives.

TEDxUNC set up a competition where students could share 45-second videos about their stories that apply to the "concept of creation through connection" in order to be considered for the one student speaker position.

More than 35 submissions were posted on the TEDxUNC Facebook page before the Nov. 28 application deadline.

The TEDxUNC Organizing Committee selected seven finalists, who were announced Sunday. The final winner will be decided in early January.

Cameron Kneib, a member of the TEDxUNC Organizing Committee, said the committee wanted to improve on last year's model by including a student voice.

In narrowing down the list of applicants, Kneib said, the popularity of the videos on Facebook was a factor, but it was not the deciding qualification for selecting finalists.

"The last thing this should be is a popularity contest," said Chenxi Yu, a student in charge of the competition. "The focus we have is the content of the talk."

Mackenzie Thomas, a co-founder of TEDxUNC, said the seven finalists will have the opportunity to speak publicly about their topics for five minutes, and then a runoff will determine the final winner.

Kneib said the organizing committee is considering planning an additional event that will allow the finalists who are not ultimately selected to share their ideas.

The conference will move from its past venue in the FedEx Global Education Center, where the tickets sold out in 34 seconds, to Memorial Hall because it can accommodate a larger audience.

Finalist Jonathan Hebert, who has been doing improv for four years, hopes to speak on Improvisation: Becoming a Master of the Moment.

"Improv has helped me with failing," he said. "Something I'm going to touch on is letting yourself fail, but don't be angry about it. Love it when you fail — fail so enthusiastically, because you learn either way."

David Freifeld, another finalist, will discuss his 600-mile walk across Spain this summer, which he said was inspired by his terminally ill father. He said he was honored that his story was considered one worth telling.

"Myself and the other six finalists are probably all feeling the same way right now," Freifeld said.

"I'm still trying to find the words."

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## TEDxUNC STUDENT FINALISTS

The organizers of TEDxUNC announced the finalists for student speaker Sunday night for their Feb. 9 conference:

- Jonathan Hebert
- David Freifeld
- Laura Rozo
- Peacemaker Myoung
- Eli Hornstein
- Portia Nleya
- Stirling Little

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## Race is not just for the left

Race is not an inherently political issue.

Recognizing that racial differences still matter in American society isn't a politically biased statement.

I've grown tired of being approached on various occasions and warned that my confrontation and awareness of racial issues in American society could in some way jeopardize my journalistic integrity.

With each piece I've written, I've delivered facts. Yet I've been told that I shouldn't speak on these issues and that my continued work surrounding these issues make me appear to have left-winged political views.

Well, I'm here to say: Race is not a political issue and the plain acknowledgement of issues surrounding race relations, racial inequality and other issues does not align one with any major political party.

Race is a social construct. It's a means of acknowledging cultural difference. It's an acknowledgement of differences in experience and point of view.

The origin of race lays centuries ago in the European justification of colonial imperialism. Race was used as a means to determine superiority and social class.

When I write about black issues, Hispanic issues, Asian issues or multiracial issues, none fit perfectly into the agendas of either major political party.

To conclude otherwise is to ignore the complexities that exist within each racial group and to undervalue the role of other factors that affect political affiliation like gender, socioeconomic class, religion and sexual orientation.

This is not to say that race doesn't affect Americans' political attitudes.

According to a review of the effects of racial prejudice on politics by Stony Brook University, racial resentment fuels opposition to both government assistance to the poor and racial consideration in college admissions processes.

Race plays a factor in the support or disapproval of numerous political issues such as the death penalty, access to health care and housing integration.

Race is a factor that affects the support of certain political issues, but it is not the only one. Race by itself cannot determine one's political affiliation. In the same respect, acknowledgement of race as a factor that affects American society does not determine political affiliation.

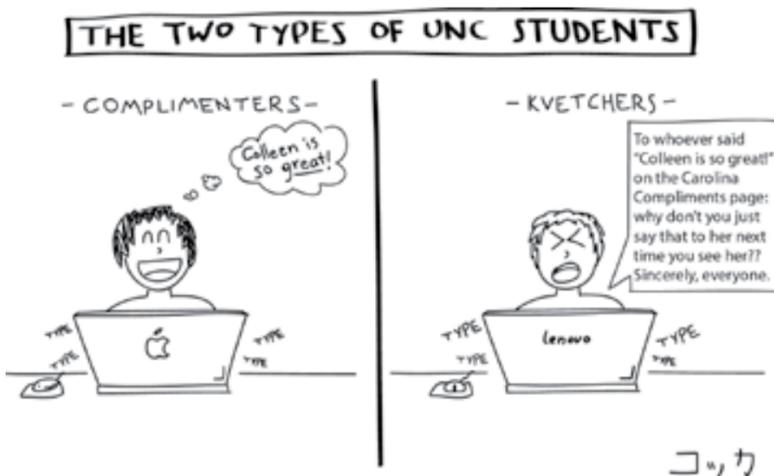
The belief that awareness of racial issues like racial inequalities in the United States can be equated with liberalism and left-winged political bias is an unfair one.

It denies individuals the ability to comment on institutionalized racial separation without being accused of perpetuating a particular political party's agenda.

It cripples the ability of individuals to look objectively at American society and the role race plays in it.

Individuals should be able to explore racial difference, race relations, racial inequality and other related issues without being aligned with either major political party.

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## EDITORIAL

# Hear student concerns

## Endowment forum was good start, but more is needed.

Last Wednesday, UNC administrators opened the dialogue with students by presenting and answering questions at the long-awaited Endowment 101 forum. They should be commended for responding to questions, but this dialogue should continue.

Even though UNC administrators stood firm behind the way the endowment is currently invested, they should work with students to make the investment process more transparent and responsive to concerns from students and donors.

While it's true that UNC Management Company doesn't pick which particular stocks and bonds to invest in for most of the endowment, it does control some bond selection.

The University can maintain a commitment to getting the highest return on its investments while taking steps to reflect a commitment to sustainability.

A good start would be to establish official channels for further student input on endowment transparency.

Duke University's Advisory Committee on Investment Responsibility provides a good model.

The committee investigates concerns from donors, students, faculty and staff about ethical

practices in investing the endowment. If the committee judges the concern important enough, it presents that concern to the school's president for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

UNC administrators and students should create a similar committee as a permanent place for dialogue on endowment issues.

But for this to happen, administrators must continue to meet with students and make information about the endowment more accessible.

Both good financial investing and environmental accountability are important goals for the University. But they are not incompatible.

## EDITORIAL

# Good citizenship

## A new Carrboro Citizen would benefit the town.

The discontinuation of The Carrboro Citizen left a void in local news coverage for the Carrboro community. The newspaper's return would fill this hole and continue to show why local journalism is important.

After five and a half years of publication, the free newspaper called it quits in October 2012. Many town residents were disappointed because much of the news that was included in the Citizen could only be found in that paper.

During its run, the newspaper received several

prestigious journalism awards and accolades through the North Carolina Press Association for its coverage of the Rogers Road community and the Eve Carson candlelight vigil, among other areas.

Friends of the Citizen, the group aspiring to bring the paper back to newsstands, has already been in contact with the newspaper's former publisher to obtain the rights to call the reincarnated paper "The Carrboro Citizen" and relaunch it as a nonprofit.

When its former publisher Robert Dickson first launched the newspaper in 2007, he wanted to give it a hometown feel. He saw the paper as a way to fill the gaps in local coverage.

A return of the Citizen would once again give Carrboro residents the ability to get their news from their own community.

Local journalism continues to be relevant because at the end of the day, local news often affects people more than national news.

Without local publications like The Carrboro Citizen or The Daily Tar Heel, it would be hard for people to read about issues that are pertinent to their own communities.

The Carrboro Citizen was the first traditional weekly newspaper in Carrboro. A relaunch would bring relevant local coverage back to the town and restore a much needed voice.

## EDITORIAL

# Howlin' for you

## Relax during finals season with man's best friend.

This finals period, students can find some stress relief courtesy of a dedicated team of therapy dogs.

It is a sad reality that it is often more interesting and compelling to write about things that divide a community than the things that bring it together. A newspaper that only covers the simple does a disservice to its readers.

But it can be easy when covering the controversial to become cynical and confrontational.

In that respect, sometimes newspaper writers need a palate cleanser

of sorts — something to remind us all that there is true, indisputable good in the world.

And there is nothing more indisputably good than a puppy.

These dogs are islands of cuteness and calm in a choppy, unforgiving sea of exams and term papers.

Dogs, in their pure ignorance and apathy to all things academic, offer solace to humans who sometimes forget what makes life worth living.

Petting a dog appeals to an innate human need for companionship, buried somewhere deep in man's pre-civilization past. It soothes and bonds both person and pup, drawing them together in an ancient way.

It may seem silly to devote an entire editorial to the benefits of playing with pooches. But for the sake of the community's mental wellbeing, it is only right to promote a program as beneficial as this one.

There's a body of scientific research showing the numerous mental and physical health benefits pet companionship provides. There's also a large body of anecdotal research showing the emotional benefits of cuddling a friendly canine.

So, this finals week, take a deep breath, walk over to the Undergraduate Library, and find your center by way of some of the finest hounds in North Carolina.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If transfer students have a role in the Carolina family, then we're basically the feral children they keep out in the barn."

Jimmy Fulcher, on being a transfer student at UNC

## FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Do we really want our beloved Franklin St. to become some bastard child of a food court and a strip mall?"

Eric Gavaletz, on chains forcing out locally owned businesses

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Students, support UNC women's basketball

TO THE EDITOR:

I spent most of my life in North Carolina and came from a home where TV was limited.

My father worked selflessly and when he could relax, he did so by watching baseball, football and basketball games on TV.

We came to realize that if we wanted to watch TV when my father was relaxing, we would watch sports.

Hence, I became a ball fan.

It made for interesting afternoons and the need for lots of forgiveness.

More specifically, my father loved women's basketball.

He made an interesting comparison between women's and men's basketball in that, "Men's basketball is speed and power; women's basketball exposes talent, control and beautiful strategy."

He was spot on.

I suppose you are wondering what message I am trying to convey.

Through the years, UNC fans have proven to be the most dedicated, active and territorial fans.

Hence, it is difficult to understand how the UNC women's basketball team continues to be under appreciated and neglected by their fans.

The current women's basketball team is proving to be one of the most exciting teams in years.

They are extremely committed to excellence and they leave their hearts and souls on the court each and every time.

The most embarrassing moment for me and, if you are a true fan, for you came recently.

The girls were forced to travel to Iowa to play in the preseason NIT Championship because attendance has been so poor at Carmichael Arena.

Iowa was awarded the championship game location due to better attendance.

The ACC is basketball country. It is inexcusable and we are to blame.

The women's basketball program is a premier program and UNC fans have abandoned our girls.

It is time for better fan participation.

UNC students, especially, should fill the arena.

I know how much your women's basketball team needs to hear you cheering for them.

The UNC women's basketball team won the preseason NIT trophy in Iowa on Nov. 18, 2012.

The women's basketball staff has also recruited the number one 2013 class of basketball players in the nation.

The players just signed this past week.

If you didn't know about our successes, you are not paying attention and supporting the program. Get involved!

The season is just beginning. It would be a shame if you turned away.

Paula Ryan  
Little River, S.C.

### Cartoon missed the mark with misogyny

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm an employee, so I'll admit to lacking context regarding the grading policy that inspired Matt Leming's cartoon published in the Nov. 29 edition.

However, unless the intention was to satirize the C-minus potential of misogynist humor, from a non-student's perspective, it really missed the mark.

Insulting the UNC faculty and their partners is painfully offensive in both its sexual and body image politics.

It was crude by even middle school standards.

Obviously it can be hard to be funny on a schedule and even the best cartoonist fumbles a few.

Still, a little editorial oversight would have gone a long way toward keeping such an embarrassing piece of juvenilia off the back pages.

The DTH is the public face of UNC, and that includes faculty and staff as well as students. Publicly and privately, I think we're better than that cartoon.

John Bowker  
Office of Information Sciences  
UNC School of Medicine

### UNC needs an ethical investment option

TO THE EDITOR:

Those who attended the endowment forum on Wednesday learned that ultimately, the UNC administration feels that the top priority of most endowment stakeholders is maximizing profit, and divestment from coal conflicts with that goal.

As students, we will soon be alumni and hopefully in a position to give back to UNC as donors.

If you care more about the planet than maximizing profits, even for our beloved University, please use your future influence as an alumni donor and only give on the condition that your money be ethically invested.

On Wednesday, we learned that UNC takes the concerns of donors seriously.

Yale University, whose endowment model we follow, gives donors the option to have their contributions only invested in ethical assets.

UNC should similarly work to provide an ethical investment option for its donors.

Zach Ferguson '14  
UNC School of Law

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**COOPER**

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Heels were beating Wake Forest handily late in the game. Still, Bryn Renner encouraged his teammates in the huddle to score once more.

Cooper had another idea. "(Jonathan's) like, 'Guys, I kind of feel bad. We're beating them pretty bad. Let's kind of kneel on the ball,'" Renner recalled.

Cooper blushes when he hears the tale recounted. But his heart is what his teammates love the most about him.

"When Jonathan was young, he was always the biggest and the strongest, and my wife and I had to teach him to be easy with other children," said Cooper's father, Michael Cooper. "That type of thinking is ingrained in him. So he brought it to the football field."

Cooper, who has never once been flagged for a personal foul, concedes that his "soft" image has been a knock on his potential professional career. That's why lately he's been focusing on developing a fiercer attitude on the field.

He longs to help those who can't help themselves. But when he's on the football field, Cooper does his best to suppress that version of himself. After all, he's learned, it's nothing personal.

"I'm not trying to do anything flagrant or anything

unnecessary, I'm just trying to block you to the best of my ability till the whistle blows, try to put you on the ground," he said. "I may help you up, but on the next play, I'm going to try and put you right back down."

**Team first**

Cooper doesn't score touchdowns. He'll never be on the receiving end of a game-winning Hail Mary or make a first-down scamper. So the fact that he's nominated for a slew of college football awards is a pleasant surprise to him.

"I feel like I was treated like a king," Cooper said.

There were times during his career at UNC, though, when he hasn't felt that appreciated.

For more than two years, he was part of a team that was heavily scrutinized by the NCAA for infractions committed by some of its members. It's hard for Cooper, whose peers describe him as the type of guy who does everything right, to put into words just how difficult that experience was.

He'd go home and strangers would ask, "Do people really do your work for you?" Once he was reading an article online and saw a comment about himself posted by a reader. "He probably can't even spell his own name," it read.

"It's tough to be associated with the guys who have done wrong," Cooper said. "It really



DTH FILE/SPENCER HERLONG  
Jonathan Cooper, seen here at UVa. for the Nov. 15 game, is an Outland Trophy finalist.

made you question, 'Was this the right place? Do I stay?' But it was a learning experience."

After interim head coach Everett Withers and his staff was replaced in December 2011, Cooper thought about leaving and entering the NFL draft. In fact, when offensive line coach Chris Kaporovic took over under coach Larry Fedora, he said making sure Cooper stayed was his first order of business. He considered Cooper his "No. 1 recruit."

But if the NCAA investigation and its consequences had

taught him anything, it was that the team should always come before yourself. So Cooper, who also underwent offseason shoulder surgery, returned for his senior season.

As an interior offensive lineman, he tends to blend in with his surroundings. That's just something that comes with the territory, Cooper concedes. There's not a lot of opportunity for individual glory. Instead, he facilitates the glory of others.

No one understands that more than Giovanni Bernard. With the help of Cooper, who was awarded the 2012 ACC's Jacobs Blocking Trophy, the tailback rushed for more than 1,200 yards for his second straight season.

And Bernard knows just who's responsible.

"He honestly deserves each and every single yard that each and every running back puts up," Bernard said. "I'm lucky to be able to run behind those guys."

**The possible dream**

Too big to play Pop Warner football as a child, Cooper was forced to live out his athletic prowess in the backyard with his brothers.

He couldn't play on a real squad, but that didn't keep him away from the game. Instead of putting on a helmet and taking the field, Cooper stood on the sidelines at his brother's games,



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handing out water and towels to members of the team he longed to be a part of.

Every time his brother caught a pass, Jonathan would drop the supplies and run the down the sidelines cheering him on. Supporting his brother helped Cooper accept the fact that he couldn't play himself.

During the summer between his seventh and eighth grade years, Cooper's time had finally come. He grew four inches, and his frame filled out.

"His football coach said, 'It's a miracle!'" Michael Cooper said. "And the age of Jonathan Cooper dawned."

When he arrived at Wilmington's Hoggard High School two years later, head football coach Scott Braswell saw through the sophomore's inexperience and put him on the varsity squad.

"He was such a physical specimen," Braswell said. "At the same time, he was very raw. He was still trying to find his way on the football field. When you put the raw talent alongside a great work ethic and humility, you kind of felt like, 'This kid is going to be great.'"

And he was. When he graduated from high school, Cooper was ranked the eighth best player in the state by Rivals,

and he helped lead the Vikings to a 4A state championship during his senior year. With Cooper's help, three Hoggard running backs rushed for more than 600 yards that season.

Still, when Cooper received his first Division I scholarship offer his junior year, the unassuming athlete couldn't believe the words of the letter he held in his hand. So he made his father read it to him to prove it was really happening.

"People come in and they talk to your team and they're just like, 'Only one of this whole group will probably make it to play college, and point so-and-so will make it to play professional,'" Cooper said. "I really did think it was just a dream."

Just six months away from accomplishing both, Cooper will soon be the exception to the words of wisdom given to every aspiring athlete.

After ending his career with a UNC-record 47 starts, Cooper was selected to the All-ACC team and was named an All-American by the American Football Coaches Association.

Those were accolades the fictional players earned on the video games Cooper played growing up. Now that they're part of his reality? "I might cry," he gushed.

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**NCAA**

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In May, UNC revealed academic fraud had taken place in some African and Afro-American Studies classes, some of which contained a disproportionately large percentage of athletes. The relationship between academic support officials and these classes has been the subject of much speculation.

The NCAA's Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund is distributed through conferences with the stipulation that it be spent only on a narrow set of circumstances.

The fund is one of 26 programs that received \$124 million out of the NCAA's \$845 million-plus in annual revenue. The amount a given school receives is calculated based on the number of sports it sponsors and how many of its athletes are eligible for Pell Grants.

UNC spends the money on things like insurance for student athletes without coverage and travel in the case of

family emergencies. "(The fund's purpose is) to help student athletes where they need assistance outside of athletic participation," Herman said.

She said in four years UNC's payout has increased from \$343,000 to the \$500,000 she expected the University to get this year.

Shamaree Brown, the Atlantic Coast Conference's director of student athlete programs and compliance, monitors schools' usage of the money to ensure they follow NCAA rules. He said UNC's payout is higher than the \$350,000 average among ACC schools because it sponsors more sports and thus has a larger pool of Pell-eligible athletes.

Although UNC considered cutting some Olympic sports in lieu of a \$45 academic fee increase it didn't receive, the department has not cut them.

Because the NCAA derives the majority of its revenue from television distribution rights for the men's basketball tournament, money avail-

able for the fund will likely increase as the tournament becomes more valuable.

The fund's guidelines dictate that money can't be used for full-time salaries or capital improvement projects, but tutors are part-time employees, so the funds can go toward their paychecks.

In fact, UNC has doubled its tutor spending to \$404,000 in the last two years. Spending on academic support-related office supplies and equipment is nearly flat over the same period.

"We didn't take anything away," said Martina Ballen, a senior associate athletic director who acts as the department's Chief Financial Officer.

"We're just using a different funding source. "Because there was a growing need to spend more on academic support, we knew we had these funds available and decided to use the funds for this purpose," she said.

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**TRANSFER**

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moving the application deadline forward will help transfers register for classes and acclimate to UNC more quickly.

Egbert also said the admissions office created the undergraduate admission transfer subcommittee this year to better meet the needs of transfer students.

"It is a committee made up of 15 to 20 folks from departments around campus looking at the needs of transfer students and addressing those so they can make a smoother transition to campus," she said.

But Jordan Dietrich, vice president of the Tar Heel Transfer Student Organization, said she thinks transfer students' needs are not being met.

"I think the administration likes to pretend they support us or that they are providing enough resources for us, but it's not enough," she said. "I think transfers are overshadowed by first-year students."

Dietrich said the University does not provide enough advising resources or clear communication with administrators.

Lee May, associate dean and director of academic advising, said UNC's rigorous classes are not the only reason transfer students have more trouble adjusting than freshmen.

"Everything is new, and their peer group has already figured it out," she said.

Jimmy Fulcher, publicity chair of the Tar Heel Transfer Student Organization, said he didn't know who to talk to when he needed help.

"Other than telling me I was admitted and letting me know when bills were due, the University was a complete nonentity during my transfer process," he said.

"If transfer students have a role in the Carolina family, then we're basically the feral children they keep out in the barn."

Lindsey Yales, a junior transfer student, said it's hard to adapt to UNC, but it can be done.

"The thing about us transfers is that we've done college, we know about getting involved, office hours, how classes work," she said.

"But we haven't done Carolina."

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**CHAMPIONS**

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across the top of the box, and banged a shot home off the crossbar.

Ohai, who was kept off the board in the tournament's earlier rounds, ended up scoring two of the biggest goals of UNC's season. She also had the winner against Stanford.

"I don't think anything really changed," Ohai said. "In the end, I just got a couple of opportunities (this weekend) and I'm really thankful that I was able to finish."

Penn State struck back in the 19th minute when forward Taylor Schram chipped a shot over keeper Adelaide Gay. The teams went into halftime tied at one.

But Gardner put UNC ahead for good, heading in a Katie Bowen corner only 48 seconds into the second half. Murray made it 3-1 in the 64th minute, also off a corner.

Gardner said the defense's aggressiveness in the second half helped push UNC over the top.

"In the first half, our back line was dropping more than they should," Gardner said. "Our outside backs should have been stepping more. That moment of hesitation really hurt us. So in the second half, we pushed forward a lot and attacked."

But Penn State coach Erica Walsh said regardless of which Tar Heels played where, the early-half goals were what cost the Nittany Lions the match.

"When the game is starting, when the half is starting, you have all these things in front of you and all of a sudden you have a ball in the back of the net that you're picking out," Walsh said.

"You're constantly searching for answers at that point, and that's what Carolina did to us — they had us searching for the next answer."

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# Nurse has troops' nasal solution

By Hunter Toro  
Staff Writer

Nasal congestion doesn't usually lead to a \$2 million donation.

But for soldiers stationed in Afghanistan, a UNC Hospitals doctor, nurse and head of NeilMed Pharmaceuticals Inc. believe it does.

"It's difficult for them to obtain these products out there on duty ... It's not like there are Walgreens," said NeilMed co-president and co-owner Nina Mehta.

Katie Sams, a UNC Hospitals ear, nose and throat nurse, began a project to provide sinus irrigation supplies to soldiers overseas when her husband was deployed to Afghanistan in June.

Sams said her husband, who rarely complains, had told her that he was very congested as a result of the dry and sandy climate.

When he said others had similar symptoms, Sams contacted Brent Senior, a otolaryngology doctor at UNC Hospitals, to ask if he knew anyone they could partner with.

"Maybe a week later NeilMed said they wanted to donate 100,000 units to the troops — it's pretty crazy," she said.

The nasal spray and gel kits were repackaged with the military in mind — they're camouflaged and decorated



COURTESY OF NEILMED PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

Employees of NeilMed Pharmaceuticals Inc. repackaged nasal spray and gel kits customized to send to troops overseas.

with pictures of soldiers. Mehta said NeilMed was impressed with Sams' mission. "It's remarkable that she took this small idea of hers to help her husband and his troops and it has now developed into a much larger benefit," Mehta said.

Senior, however, wasn't surprised by it.

"This is totally within Katie's character to be thinking about ways to help other people," Senior said.

Securing the deal with NeilMed might have been easy, but shipping the kits has been a different story.

Sams said the military's chief medical officer had to clear their request before shipments could be made to ensure the safety of soldiers. "It was frustrating at the time — we had a company willing to donate \$2 million

worth of medical supplies, and it was difficult getting through to the right people, but it was completely worth it," she said.

As of now NeilMed has shipped about 2,000 units. Organizers are hoping within six to eight months to ship the entire 100,000 units.

Sams said the feedback from the soldiers has been overwhelmingly positive.

She added she is grateful for the support, as the kits have improved the quality of the soldiers' lives.

For now, the group remains focused on the present.

"Step one is getting all of the kits distributed," Senior said.

"From here, we will see where it goes."

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# Faculty group works to find DWI solution

The process for conviction takes too long, officials say.

By Kristen Skill  
Staff Writer

Members of the Faculty Honor System Advisory Committee favor shortening the lengthy conviction process for driving while intoxicated, but they don't consider alternatives fair to students.

The policy states a police charge is acceptable as the only basis for an Honor Court charge decision against a student, regardless of the presence of a blood alcohol content (BAC) report or information about driving quality.

A suggestion discussed at the committee meeting Friday proposed it is unfair to rely solely on police charges for driving while intoxicated.

Police often do not release all evidence when students are charged with a crime in the community, or if a student refuses a breathalyzer test, a blood test must be done. These take up to 12 months, causing delays in many Honor Court cases.

Student Attorney General Amanda Claire Grayson said this is the biggest issue with DWI cases.

Judicial Programs Coordinator Robert Barker said a solid indication other than just a charge is necessary

"... You've got to have something more than the police just saying we charge these people."

Robert Barker,  
judicial programs coordinator

to prove a student drove while impaired.

"It is inherently unreliable because you've got to have something more than the police just saying we charge these people," Barker said.

Other committee members agreed.

"If we are absolutely positive there is no BAC for a student, then it's not strong enough to proceed with a charge," said Deputy Student Attorney General Henry Ross.

Graduate and Professional Attorney General Elizabeth Ireland said the process is unfair without the BAC.

"We can still charge them for operating in a reckless manner, but not for a DWI," she said.

Grayson outlined one possible change: the Honor Court considering dropping cases that rely solely on police charges, or lessening the charges.

Grayson said cases are often postponed deliberately or because of criminal court proceedings.

"The question we run into is how long do we wait to get the info before we decide to

## DWI POLICY

- A police charge of a DWI is enough to justify an Honor Court charge, regardless of the presence of a BAC report or information about driving quality.

- But to be fair to charged students, members of the committee favored having a BAC report for proof of conviction.

- Committee members brought up the possibility of dropping cases that rely only on police charges.

- After Friday's meeting, the policy remains unchanged.

drop the charge or reduce the charge," Barker said.

But members are opposed to dropping cases just because they drag on too long, claiming students would "play the game" in hopes of getting their case dropped.

"I feel very passionately that I will not do that," Ireland said.

The committee concluded it favored not definitively deciding a case where neither a BAC report nor a blood test was performed if there is not additional information. But the policy will remain unchanged.

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### White House, GOP at standoff on fiscal cliff

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — House Speaker John Boehner said Sunday that he was "flabbergasted" by the Obama administration's latest proposal to avoid tax increases and spending cuts at year-end, while Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner said Republicans were in a "difficult place" and had to make more concessions.

Boehner, an Ohio Republican, said on "Fox News Sunday" that when Geithner outlined the administration's proposal for him on Thursday, he looked at Geithner and said: "You can't be serious."

Geithner said on ABC's "This Week" that although the two sides were "still some distance apart," tax rates would

have to go up for the wealthiest 2 percent of taxpayers. "That's an essential part of any deal," he said.

Under the administration's proposal, tax deductions and exclusions for wealthy people also would be limited.

The White House proposal calls for about \$1.6 trillion in additional revenue over the next 10 years, \$600 billion in spending reductions and \$200 billion in additional spending for unemployment insurance, mortgage relief and public works projects to stimulate the economy.

The administration also wants Congress to virtually relinquish authority over future increases in the debt limit. But Boehner said it was "silly" to think that Congress would give up that power.

If Congress does not act,

next year would begin with a series of tax increases and spending cuts, the combination of which economists believe would jeopardize the economy.

Boehner said he had made concessions by announcing after the election that Republicans were willing to take a look at additional revenues. But he said increasing taxes on top earners would hurt small businesses and slow economic growth.

When asked for an assessment of where things stood, Boehner said: "We're nowhere. Period."

### Egyptian court puts off decision on constitution

CAIRO (MCT) — Egypt's highest court Sunday postponed ruling on a case against the constitutional assembly after Islamist supporters of President Mohamed Morsi blocked judges from entering their chambers in an escalating struggle over the nation's political charter.

Protesters rallied in front of the Supreme Constitutional Court, which was expected to rule on the legitimacy of the constitutional assembly in defiance of Morsi's decree that the assembly was not subject to judicial oversight. The case has heightened the political divisions and created a backlash against judges connected to the deposed regime of Hosni Mubarak.

The judges announced the "suspension of court sessions until the time when they can continue their message and rulings without any psychological and material pressures," according to a statement released by the court.

The protest against the court was the latest skirmish in a separation-of-powers battle over the constitution. The assembly approved a draft constitution on Friday to preempt a court decision that was expected to be against the assembly. Morsi ordered a national referendum on the constitution on



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Robert Plant, left, and Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin attend the Kennedy Center Honors reception at the White House on Sunday.

### Taliban insurgents attack US-Afghan base

KABUL, Afghanistan (MCT) — Taliban insurgents, including several suicide bombers, attacked a

joint U.S.-Afghan military airfield in the eastern city of Jalalabad early Sunday morning, triggering an hours-long battle that left most of the attackers dead in a failed attempt to breach the base's fortifications.

The attackers detonated two of their vehicles at the gate of the base, followed by three more suicide bombers on foot who detonated explosive vests, according to an updated account of the attack provided by the Nangahar Province governor's office.

Four other suicide bombers attempted to detonate explosives vests but were shot and killed by security forces inside the base, the latest account said. The governor's office said the attack resulted in the deaths of nine attackers and three members of the Afghan security forces.

Eleven Afghan security force members were wounded. Two civilians were killed and three wounded, the governor's office said.

### US drone strike kills three in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (MCT) — A U.S. unmanned aircraft fired two missiles at a vehicle in Pakistan's restive South Waziristan tribal district on Saturday, killing at least three people, a government official said.

It was the second drone attack in less than 72 hours targeting suspected militants in the Sheen Warsak area, located close to the district's main town of Wana, said senior administration official Shahid Ali.

Another official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said al-Qaida operative Abdul Rehman al-Zaman Yemeni was among the dead.

A similar drone attack on a house Thursday had killed two people, including al-Qaida-linked militant Sheikh Abdul Bari.

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# System schools question ASG fee

By Amy Tsai  
Staff Writer

Once again, members of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments are considering a move to stop funding the association. Leaders at both East Carolina University and N.C. State University have expressed a desire to stop paying the association's annual \$1 student fee.

But the fee removal would have to be approved by the system Board of Governors. Frank Byrne, ASG chief of staff, said he doubted the board would approve the schools' proposals to remove the fee. The board unanimously approved the system-wide fee in 2002.

UNC-CH held a vote in February to determine whether to stay in the association. The University held a student referendum to decide whether to remain in ASG, and students voted to stay by a 57.4 to 40.8 percent vote.

In August, ASG approved structural reforms under new President Cameron Carswell. She has promised to make the association more efficient.

ASG is composed of delegates from all system schools who meet monthly to advo-

cate for students.

The association has faced criticism who claim the organization's student advocacy and use of funds were ineffective.

Despite this year's reforms, ECU administrators recently initiated a push for ECU to stop paying the \$1 fee, said Justin Davis, the university's student body president.

"I'm not saying we will withdraw participation in ASG," Davis said. "We just think the (fees) from our university could go to better use for our students."

Davis said Andy Walsh, NCSU student body president, shared his sentiment.

Walsh could not be reached for comment Sunday.

NCSU and ECU respectively enrolled 34,767 students and 27,386 students in fall 2011 — the first and third largest schools in the system, according to system data.

Last year, NCSU considered leaving ASG. But the university's Student Senate passed a resolution last spring urging its student leaders to attend ASG meetings.

Kevin Kimball, ASG chief information officer, said in an email that Walsh has yet to attend a meeting this year, and Davis only attended the first meeting, which was held

## CONTENTIOUS HISTORY

The Association of Student Governments has had a contentious history regarding its funding:

● **March 2002:** The Board of Governors approves an annual systemwide \$1 student fee to fund ASG.

● **February 2012:** UNC-CH votes to remain in ASG after a year of heavy criticism of it.

● **April 2012:** ASG elects Cameron Carswell as president. She succeeds two-term president Atul Bhula.

at ECU.

"I'm not sure how they can judge our effectiveness if they don't show up," Kimball said.

Will Leimenstoll, UNC-CH student body president, said Carswell, a nonvoting member of the Board of Governors, is respected by board members.

"I've been going (to meetings) since last February, and I'd say the difference between this year's leadership and last year's leadership is like night and day," Leimenstoll said.

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# UN grants Palestine nonmember status

## Student groups view the bid as a sign of needed negotiations.

By Eric Garcia  
Staff Writer

Many aspects of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are disputed, but student groups on both sides agree Palestine's recent statehood bid to the United Nations is further proof of a need for peace. On Thursday, the U.N. General Assembly voted to recognize Palestine as a nonmember observer state with 138 countries voting for recognition and nine nations — including the United States and Israel — voting against recognition.

"We view it as a symbolic win," said Samer Hjouj, president and co-founder of UNC's Students for Justice in Palestine. "However, it doesn't change anything on the ground."

Lauren Donoghue, co-president of J Street UNC, said what matters most is what happens after Thursday's vote. J Street is a national group that advocates for American mediation to create a two-state solution between Israel and Palestine.

"A solution can't just be imposed on Israelis and Palestinians if they don't want it," said Donoghue, adding the statehood bid offers a chance to resume negotiations between the two parties.

Shai Tamari, associate director of the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, said those negotiations will not be effective unless President Barack Obama becomes actively involved.

"This is not going to change things on the ground

unless Obama puts pressure on both sides," he said.

On Friday — the day after the U.N. vote — the Israeli government announced plans to build new settlements in part of the disputed West Bank territory near Jerusalem.

Tamari said that if tensions do not lessen between Israel and Palestine, the statehood bid could politically weaken Mahmoud Abbas, president of the Palestinian Authority that governs the West Bank.

"If things become worse, it might backfire," he said.

Liat Srur, an Israel fellow with North Carolina Hillel, a statewide Jewish student organization, said the U.N. announcement shows the need for both Israel and Palestine to come back to the

negotiating table.

"Until they get back to negotiations, each side just keeps on about their lives," she said.

But Srur also said negotiations probably will not happen until after Israel's elections in January.

"We will have to wait and see until elections," she said. "I really hope we get back to the table so there can be Palestinian self-determination alongside Israel."

But Hjouj was not as optimistic about the future of negotiations — or the objectivity of U.S. involvement in the process going forward.

"In current conditions, I don't think it will result in anything," he said.

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# Student groups hold 1,001 Nights showcase

By Lillian Evans  
Staff Writer

Students for Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan and the Arab nations gathered this weekend — not to dwell on their differences, but to celebrate them.

Saturday marked the inaugural 1,001 Nights, a Middle Eastern cultural showcase in the Great Hall of the Student Union, which aimed to unify students and allow them to appreciate the differences that exist between their cultures.

The Persian Cultural Society, Arab Student Organization, Turkish Student Association and Afghan Student Association hosted the event.

The groups collaborated on the event after senior Fara Soubouti, president of the Persian Cultural Society, proposed the idea.

"Fara wanted to create an event that basically encompasses all of the Middle East because we feel that people definitely think it's very ambiguous," said Sofie Yazbeck, president of the Arab Cultural Society.

Soubouti said similar cultural events held by Asian and Hispanic cultural groups on campus inspired the idea for the event.

"We wanted it to be a cultural thing so we can not only get to know each other, get to know each other's cultures, but so we can show UNC," Soubouti said.

President Amir Vig and secretary Walid Nasim of the Afghan Student Association agreed that this event was an important opportunity to promote understanding about Middle Eastern countries beyond the political portrayals of the media.

"We have a lot of cultural organizations, but then again the Afghan community isn't really represented in Chapel Hill," Nasim said.

"You see through the media, the only thing we see about Afghanistan is the pessimistic, biased view, so we figured why not alleviate that."

Because the groups' memberships are relatively small, ranging from six to 35 members, the groups promoted the event in many ways.

Sophomore Brittney Scurry heard about the event when it was announced in her class. She said she was looking forward to the learning opportunity the event presented.

"I've never seen Middle Eastern dance before, so it should be a learning opportunity," Scurry said. "I'm not exactly sure what it is, but I just want to learn."

Groups organized performances through dance and song and provided food and items symbolic to their nations'



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Negin Shojaenia performs Saturday with the Persian Cultural Society at 1,001 Nights, a Middle Eastern cultural showcase.

respective culture to the event.

Soubouti said the performances were important to understanding the uniqueness and depth of the countries.

"People shouldn't just care about the politics — there are

people too," Soubouti said.

"It's humanizing what we usually see as dehumanized in the media."

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# Tar Heels handle travel, adversity well

By Andrew Romaine  
Staff Writer

North Carolina swimmers and divers aren't used to racing at this time of year.

The Tar Heels are in the midst of heavy training and haven't yet tapered their regimens to prepare for meets.

But for coach Rich DeSelm, this weekend's Ohio State Invitational in Columbus, Ohio, was one more chance to gain valuable experience before the season's home stretch after the new year.

"It's proven to be a really positive experience," DeSelm said. "The travel, the schedule and the limited amount of rest between prelims and finals have all been challenging. But facing a little bit of adversity is good for us."

DeSelm said the challenge provided an opportunity for newcomers to step up and for "stalwarts" to emerge.

One of those consistent performers, junior Stephanie Peacock, set an NCAA record in the 1650-yard freestyle

on Sunday with a time of 15:37.06.

Peacock, the reigning NCAA champion in the event, beat her own mark that she set in last year's championship race.

"I had to keep looking back at the scoreboard to see if the time was actually real," Peacock said.

It wasn't the only record Peacock broke this weekend. She also eclipsed the ACC record in the 500-yard freestyle in a much more tightly contested race.

Peacock barely out-touched Florida's Elizabeth Beisel, who medaled twice in last summer's London Olympics.

"I wasn't expecting Beisel to go out that fast, so all I was trying to do was stay with her," Peacock said. "I think the way she raced really helped push me to get a personal best."

Another reliable swimmer, senior Tom Luchsinger, led the way for the Tar Heel men. He faced a considerable challenge on Saturday, swimming both the 400-yard individual

medley and the 200-yard freestyle.

As a senior captain, Luchsinger said he was impressed with how the younger swimmers handled the big-time meet despite fatigue from the early-season practices.

"I think a lot of our freshman learned that, despite being exhausted from really hard training, you can swim really fast," Luchsinger said. "And we all learned that we can beat people we're not supposed to beat and break some records even without being rested."

DeSelm was also pleased to see some of the freshmen make a statement. But he noted he would like to see more intensity across the board, which will be a key factor when meets resume.

"We need to have a little bit more emotion and show a little bit more passion for the sport and the opportunity to compete," DeSelm said.

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Raby George splits a pair of Indiana defenders during North Carolina's 1-0 loss to the Hoosiers.

## INDIANA

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a goal back, but it just didn't go our way in the second half," said UNC senior captain Jordan Gafa.

But Somoano said not all of the Tar Heels' offensive struggles could be blamed on the forwards.

"We didn't have a guy who could come out of the midfield and be a threat on goal," Somoano said.

For Indiana, the win against UNC is especially gratifying. The Tar Heels eliminated Indiana in the 2009 and 2011 NCAA Tournaments.

"Last year we left here a little bit devastated because we thought we played really well enough to win that game," Soffner said. "We knew that we had the team this year that we could take them down."

Though his team failed to advance to the College Cup for the first time since 2007, Somoano said he was proud of his team's effort.

"I'm disappointed because of the result tonight," he said, "but I'm going to look back on this group very fondly."

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## UNC- IU QUICK HITS

UNC's national title-defense stopped short of the College Cup on Friday.

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● UNC eliminated Indiana in the 2009 and 2011 tournaments.

● North Carolina finished the 2012 campaign with a record of 16-4-3.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL: NORTH CAROLINA 102, ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM 84

## North Carolina blazes to a win

**Dexter Strickland played as point guard in the 102-84 win.**

By Brandon Moree  
Sports Editor

Dexter Strickland played his 100th game for the North Carolina men's basketball team in Saturday's 102-84 win against the University of Alabama-Birmingham (4-4). But it was his first as the starting point guard.

Strickland wasn't even at the afternoon shootaround when coach Roy Williams found out that Marcus Paige would sit out the game with a left shoulder injury and realized he needed his only senior to run the offense. Strickland was in Durham performing a class production for children.

"Yeah, a little acting," Strickland said. "I was trying to get my Denzel Washington on."

But when the Tar Heels took the floor, Strickland looked more like he was trying to get his Kendall Marshall on.

Strickland doled out a career-high nine assists and came out spreading the floor right from the start. He assisted the first Tar Heel bucket of the game as he hit a slashing Reggie Bullock for a transition layup. On the very next possession, he drained a long 2-point attempt, the first of 11 points.

But Williams was more impressed with Strickland as the game went along.

"It wasn't very smooth, particularly early; it got a lot smoother in the second half as we got into the game," Williams said about Strickland's performance. "And I thought he did a nice job defensively. No one did a very good job, particularly picking up better ball pressure."

"But nine assists for Dexter, and again when we move the ball, and all of a sudden we have a little spacing, Dexter has the ability to take the ball to the basket. I think that was something that helped us tonight, too."

Without Paige in the lineup and Strickland playing the point, Williams gave

### UNC-UAB QUICK FACTS

Here are some highlights from Saturday:

- James Michael McAdoo had his fourth double-double of the season, with 15 points and 12 rebounds.
- UNC scored 67 points in the second half, thanks to 7-for-11 3-point shooting.
- Joel James and Leslie McDonald both made their first career starts.

redshirt junior Leslie McDonald his first career start. McDonald made Strickland's job much easier as he knocked down a career-high seven field goals on the night.

The UNC guards saw success from the outside, especially in the second half, as Strickland penetrated into the collapsing defense before finding a shooter outside.

UNC (6-2) made 10 of 23 attempts from deep — five from McDonald.

Not only did McDonald set a new career-high in points with 24, he added five assists, which is also a career mark.

"We just got it inside first and then were able to kick it outside," McDonald said. "That's how our game works. We were getting a lot of shots ... (Strickland) was just attacking the lane and they were sucking in and then kick out. Once we saw that was working we tried to do it every time."

Considering that Strickland had little time to mentally prepare for the change in role, Williams praised his effort.

"It's a hard thing to all of a sudden find out that you're going to play, instead of six or eight minutes at the point, that you're going to play 25 or whatever it was."

With Strickland moving the ball around on the way to 67 second-half points, the Tar Heels proved they didn't need their starting freshman point guard to handle UAB.

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Dexter Strickland stepped in for the injured freshman point guard Marcus Paige and set a new career-high with nine assists. He also added 11 points in the Tar Heel win Saturday.

MEN'S SOCCER: INDIANA 1, NORTH CAROLINA 0

## UNC misses College Cup

**The Tar Heels failed to score a goal against Indiana Friday night.**

By Matthew Cox  
Senior Writer

North Carolina men's soccer Coach Carlos Somoano searched all season for a reliable striker.

But when the Tar Heels needed a goal the most, they couldn't find one in their 1-0 NCAA Tournament quarterfinal loss to Indiana Friday night.

The Tar Heels created plenty of chances — outshooting Indiana 13-6 in the game and 4-0 in the first half — but couldn't find a finishing touch.

While UNC failed to find an established finisher, Indiana's Eriq Zavaleta scored his 18th goal of the season in the 60th minute. UNC's senior goalkeeper Scott Goodwin made

a reflex save on Zavaleta's first headed effort, but the Indiana striker stayed calm to head in the rebound.

"We did most of the things we wanted to do, but in the end, the only plays that matter are the ones in the box," Somoano said. "We know that it hasn't been easy for us to score goals, and it caught us tonight."

Despite fielding the nation's best defense, which allowed only seven goals all season, the Tar Heels were unable to complement their defensive efforts with production in the attacking third. UNC failed to score a goal in regulation in three NCAA tournament games.

UNC defeated UMBC on penalty kicks after a scoreless draw in its first game and scored in overtime to defeat Fairleigh Dickinson 1-0.

With less than 15 minutes remaining in the quarterfinal match against the Hoosiers,



DTH/ERIN HULL

Rob Lovejoy fights for a header in Friday night's 1-0 season-ending loss to Indiana. Lovejoy had five goals and two assists in 2012 for UNC.

Somoano brought on junior forward Josh Rice to replace Andy Craven.

After Rice's entrance, UNC's sense of urgency increased and the Tar Heels recorded eight shots in the final 13 minutes.

Only one shot found its target, though, and it was saved by Indiana goalkeeper Luis Soffner.

"We were still driving to get

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## Tar Heels' consistency tested at Penn State

**The Tar Heels competed this weekend in the Nittany Lion Open.**

By Robbie Harms  
Assistant Sports Editor

As of 9 p.m. Sunday, the North Carolina wrestling team was gliding along the highway in a bus, hours still remaining on its trip back to Chapel Hill from the Nittany Lion Open in State College, Pa.

The drab drive would have been a little easier to absorb for one UNC wrestler if he was carrying first-place hardware with him.

Sophomore Evan Henderson, the Tar Heels' top wrestler in the 141-pound division and ranked No. 17 in the class nationally, powered his way through strong competition at the open before falling 16-8 in the final to Virginia Tech's Devin Carter.

"Henderson had a great tournament," head coach C.D. Mock said. "Hendo is capable of winning these tournaments ... He just has to be more consistent." Henderson pinned his first opponent in 71 seconds, and then the next two in less than three minutes each. It wasn't until the semifinal that he was significantly challenged, and he came out with a 4-3 win against Undrakhbayar Khishgnyam of the Citadel.

Still, he wanted the win. "I'm not happy — nobody won it," a tired Henderson said over the phone on the ride back. "But as a team, we competed pretty damn hard."

Other strong performances included the Tar Heels' two 125-pound wrestlers, freshman Nathan Kraisser and redshirt junior Brian Bokoski.

They finished third and fourth in the class, respectively. "Brian Bokoski had the tournament of his life," Mock said of his wrestler's run to the semifinals. "It was probably the best I've ever seen him wrestle."

Excluding his two-minute, two-second pin of Buffalo's Max Soria in the second round, Bokoski topped his opponents by a combined score of 36 to 11, including a 19-to-4 decision against the

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VOLLEYBALL: IOWA STATE 3, UNC 2

## Volleyball bows out in second round

**A fifth set error cost UNC the match and ended its season.**

By Marilyn Payne  
Staff Writer

Home-court advantage is real — especially in the fifth set of an NCAA Tournament match.

North Carolina's volleyball team felt the pressure as it fought to keep its season alive.

Trailing 14-13, in the fifth set and serving, UNC had a chance to do just that.

But a UNC ball handling error, a two-hit, amidst a crowd of 2,702 caused the Tar Heels to fall 15-13 to host Iowa State, which gave the Cyclones a 3-2 victory and a sweet sixteen berth.

"We kept it close and got it back, but it was a bit of an anticlimactic ending," coach Joe Sagula said. "At 14-13 we felt like we were going to tie it up. It was that close of a match."

"That's the nice thing about them being at home — in a one- or two-point situation for match point, you can feel it."

The Tar Heels felt the pressure of their own goals when they stepped on the court Friday night, knowing that they would need to shut down a fast and aggressive team of outside hitters in Andie Malloy and Victoria Hurr in order to win and move on in the tournament.

The Cyclone pair combined for 11 kills in

### END OF THE ROAD

North Carolina's volleyball season ended in the second round against Iowa State Friday.

- The Tar Heels have only advanced to the sweet sixteen once in program history.
- Freshman Paige Neuenfeldt rounded out the season with a 17-kill, nine-block performance
- UNC ended the season with a record of 26-6 and 16-4 in the ACC.
- Iowa State will play Stanford in the tournament's third round.

the first set to lead ISU to a 22-25 win.

But North Carolina made defensive adjustments to make it a match. UNC changed the ISU offensive pace by holding Malloy and Hurr to only three kills in the second set, to take it 25-18.

UNC continued to play good defense in the third set and held Malloy and Hurr to four total kills. The Tar Heels won 25-23.

"We had a focus on stopping outside

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Freshman Leigh Andrew and her teammates saw the season end against Iowa State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.