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## AFAM fraud leads to policy changes

**The new policies were presented to the Board of Trustees last week.**

By Matthew Cox  
University Editor

UNC officials are changing several academic policies in response to the discovery of fraud in the Department of African and Afro-American Studies. Changes range from new

administrators at the department level to limits on independent study courses within the College of Arts and Sciences.

Karen Gil, dean of the college, presented the new policies at the UNC Board of Trustees meeting last week.

Gil said the changes are necessary to avoid further academic fraud.

"Our goal from the very beginning was to find out what problems had occurred and to make sure they were stopped," she said.

The new policies are in response to an investigation, which began in September, that revealed issues with administrative oversight and improper record keeping in the department.

Since the investigation began, the department chair, associate chair and summer school administrator have all been replaced.

Faculty will now be limited to supervising only two independent study projects per semester, and a contract signed by the student will be required.

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dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Exam and grading policies in the department will also be altered, Gil said. She said problems in the

department went undetected by the dean's office because of a lack of oversight.

"Typically you would depend on the department chair to alert us in the dean's office," Gil said.

Jan Yopp, dean of summer school, said reliance on department chairs for oversight has been reduced by online registration system ConnectCarolina.

In her presentation, Gil said the new policies will prevent courses labeled as lectures or seminars from being taught as

independent study courses.

She said based on the University's investigation, the number of students enrolled in the irregularly taught courses — those in which the instructor provided and graded an assignment, but had limited or no interaction with students — was not unusual.

The University's report found nine possible cases of forged signatures in the department. Gil said there is still no way to verify

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## BOARD PRIORITIZES FACULTY RETENTION

**The Board of Trustees also voiced approval for a private fundraising campaign.**

By Matthew Cox  
University Editor

UNC Board of Trustees Chairman Wade Hargrove said faculty retention needs to be a priority for the board going forward.

At last week's board meeting, Hargrove asked Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Bruce Carney to conduct an annual study on faculty retention rates — which have decreased since a statewide freeze on public employee salaries was instated in 2009.

Former Student Body Vice President Zealan Hoover presented findings from his own study on faculty retention rates to the board.

Hoover worked with other student leaders last year to develop cost-efficient ways to keep faculty at UNC. His recommendations to the board include working to improve interaction between students and faculty.

The board discussed the possibility of tuition breaks for faculty members' family, which UNC does not currently offer.

"It hurts us in recruitment compared to private universities, but politically I think it's very unlikely to change," Chancellor Holden Thorp said.

Thorp said the pay freeze on UNC faculty's salaries has given other universities an opportunity to take advantage of state universities with budget cuts.

"It's not surprising that external offers have gone up," Thorp said.

The report asked faculty whether factors,



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Holden Thorp and Wade Hargrove listen at the Board of Trustees meeting on May 24.

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## Man charged with Scroggs shooting

**Ali Cherfaoui, 49, could face the death penalty if convicted of murder.**

By Chessa DeCain  
City Editor

All eyes in the courtroom Tuesday rested on the man charged with shooting a woman outside Mary Scroggs Elementary School, as he made his first public appearance in court since his arrest.

Ali Cherfaoui, 49, has been charged with first-degree murder for the death of Chahnaz Kebaier, 40.

On Tuesday, Cherfaoui went before District Court Judge Beverly Scarlett for an arraignment hearing. He is being held without bond in the Orange County Jail.

If convicted, Cherfaoui, whose address is listed as N.C. 54 in Carrboro, could face the death penalty or life in prison.

Orange County has not successfully pursued the death penalty in any court case since its reinstatement at the county level in 1977.

The last man from Orange County to be executed was



Ali Cherfaoui is charged with the slaying of Chahnaz Kebaier, 40, as part of an ongoing domestic dispute between the two.

John H. Breeze, who was convicted of murder and executed in 1948.

At the hearing, Scarlett upheld a domestic protective order that prevents Cherfaoui from having any contact with the children he had with Kebaier.

Kebaier, of Copperline Drive in Chapel Hill, worked as a research associate at the UNC Center for Infectious Diseases.

Cherfaoui is not allowed to come into any contact with Kebaier's family.

Cherfaoui qualifies for a public defender and a review date for the probable cause hearing has been set for June 11. He is being represented by James Williams.

On Friday, Chapel Hill police responded to a report of a shooting incident that occurred outside Scroggs Elementary at 2:08 p.m. The school was locked down

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## Tar Heels start NCAA Tournament run at home

**UNC is hosting the regional for the sixth time in seven seasons.**

By Brandon Moree  
Sports Editor

For the fifth time in six seasons, the NCAA selection committee tabbed the North Carolina baseball team as one of its top-eight national seeds.

As a result, the No. 6-seeded Tar Heels (44-14) will host a regional starting June 1. Should they advance, the Tar Heels would also host the super regional the following weekend.

By now, coach Mike Fox knows how to handle the opening week of the NCAA tournament.

"Hang out together," Fox said. "Keep the girlfriends away and try to enjoy this week. Try not to rush it."

Coming to Chapel Hill for the double-elimination regional will be

the Ivy League champion Cornell (31-15-1) and two other teams UNC is much more familiar with.

East Carolina (35-22-1) and Big East champion St. John's (37-21) will also be in the Chapel Hill regional and both of those teams have already suffered losses at Boshamer Stadium this season.

In February, the Red Storm lost to UNC 8-4 with the help of some late RBI from Cody Stubbs.

"We had a close game with them," Fox said. "They got within 5-4 in the eighth and we scored some runs late ... They're very, very well coached and very tough."

The Tar Heels match up with ECU was just more than a month ago and it took 10 innings to decide the outcome. Chaz Frank provided the lone run in walk-off fashion with a single.

"(The Pirates) are used to being here and being in a regional here so they're going to come in here extremely ready," Fox said. "I think it's a tough regional for us; we're going to have to play well."

### CHAPEL HILL REGIONAL

**Time:** 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday

**Location:** Boshamer Stadium

**Info:** [dailytarheel.com/sports](http://dailytarheel.com/sports)

But UNC is more than prepared to play postseason baseball. Not only do the Tar Heels have regional experience, they got a little taste of that frantic postseason atmosphere Saturday night in the ACC Tournament.

UNC beat the Wolfpack 4-0 in a 12-inning game in front of more than 10,000 fans Saturday — breaking the record for the largest crowd at a college baseball game in the state by more than 3,000.

"We were definitely glad to play in an Omaha-like atmosphere against N.C. State," senior catcher Jacob Stallings said. "Playing in front of 10,000 fans, that was real-

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Experience earned at the ACC Championship will serve as a stepping stone for the Tar Heels as they transition to the regional. Shane Taylor, seen here at the ACC Tournament, has logged some key innings for UNC.

## Inside PARENTS SPEAK

At the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School Board meeting Tuesday, the public waited nearly four hours to be heard. **Page 3.**



### CORRECTION:

Due to a reporting error, May 24 front page story "Budget proposals include tax hike," should have stated: Carrboro's 2012-2013 budget does not include a tax rate increase. Property tax revenue for the town is expected to increase 3 percent.

### UNC ANNOUNCES JOINT PROGRAM

UNC announced a joint M.D.-MBA, five-year program between the UNC School of Medicine and Kenan-Flagler Business School. **Page 4.**

### This day in history

MAY 31, 1843

The University's General Alumni Association (GAA) was formed.

### Today's weather



Much better than yesterday.  
H 87, L 65

### Friday's weather



Might not be a pool day.  
H 83, L 60

“I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious.”

ALBERT EINSTEIN