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'WORLD' CLASS



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The Tar Heels rush the field at Boshamer Stadium to celebrate their College World Series berth after a 7-5 win against Stanford in the Chapel Hill NCAA super regional.

Tar Heels to play in ninth College World Series

By Kelly Parsons
Sports Editor

The morning after North Carolina punched its ticket to the 2011 College World Series, Jacob Stallings received a congratulatory text message from friend and Vanderbilt third baseman Jason Esposito.

The Tar Heel catcher's dad, Kevin Stallings, is the head basketball coach at Vanderbilt, and Jacob Stallings has grown up a fan of the Commodores.

But when No. 3-seeded UNC takes on No. 6-seeded Vanderbilt at 2 p.m. on Saturday in Omaha, Neb. for the first game

of the College World Series, Stallings' family ties to the black and gold will be overshadowed by his personal hunt for a national championship.

Stallings led the Tar Heels to a win against Stanford on Saturday with three hits and three RBI. The win made the Tar Heels one of only three teams with a perfect 5-0 record in the NCAA tournament.

But as the Tar Heels pack their bags for their fifth trip to Omaha in six years, coach Mike Fox is putting those successes behind him.

"Everybody (in the College World Series) is good and everybody has won," Fox said. "I think momentum in baseball is from pitch

to pitch, from inning to inning, from dugout to dugout. I think it goes back and forth. You just hope you have it at the end of the game."

UNC hasn't played Vanderbilt since Fox began coaching in 1999, and the veteran coach isn't taking the next competition lightly.

"Vanderbilt is very, very good," Fox said. "Scary good, actually."

In last week's MLB draft, Vanderbilt broke an Southeastern Conference record when 12 Commodores were selected. Pitchers Sonny Gray and Grayson Garvin were both picked in the first round.

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Difficult decisions ahead for UNC

The Board of Governors' lack of support for further tuition hikes will likely magnify the cuts' effect.

By Daniel Wiser
State & National Editor

As the state budget showdown draws to a close in Raleigh, UNC-system administrators are bracing for tough decisions in the months ahead.

The system released numbers detailing the impact of the state legislature's budget proposal at last week's Board of Governors meeting. The proposal would reduce state funding for UNC-system schools by 14.6 percent or \$407 million, including a cut of \$35 million for the system's need-based financial aid program.

But the actual effects of the cut on individual campuses will be implemented by chancellors and provosts. System President Thomas Ross previously asked chancellors to prepare for a cut as high as 15 percent.

Randy Woodson, chancellor of N.C. State University, said the cut will likely be 14 to 15 percent for the campuses with the most resources in the system — N.C. State and UNC. Such a substantial reduction in funding will inevitably affect the academic mission of universities, he said.

"We've done a lot administratively, as they've done in Chapel Hill, to try to be efficient," he said.

Bruce Carney, executive vice chancellor and provost at UNC, said in an email that he has already been planning for a worst-case funding scenario, and will notify schools and departments of the details of the cuts in July.

"My task is how to minimize the impact of the cuts," he said. "When I see the final budget in July, final decisions will be made."

Woodson said course sections at N.C. State will have to be reduced after the elimination of about 140 to 150 faculty positions. And chancellors likely won't be able to rely on the crutch of supplemental tuition increases to offset the cuts in state funding.

The board approved supplemental increases for all system schools last year. Tuition for both N.C. State and UNC students increased by \$750, the maximum amount allowed in last year's state budget.

Ross said system lobbyists worked closely with legislators this summer to retain flexibility for implementing cuts and tuition increases across the system. He advised against further tuition hikes at the meeting in addition to average increases of \$208 for undergraduate residents and \$650 for nonresidents already approved by the board this year.

UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp said he understands Ross' decision to avoid additional tuition increases after detailed meetings with the president.

"If that holds, then we're happy for our students," he said.

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Obama focuses on NC jobs ahead of reelection bid

Economic progress and the youth vote will be crucial for his chances.

By Daniel Wiser
State & National Editor

North Carolina is poised to be a battleground state again in the 2012 election, and President Barack Obama knows it.

Obama carried North Carolina by less than 15,000 votes in 2008, becoming the first Democratic presidential candidate since 1976 to earn all of the electoral votes from the tradi-

tionally red state. In a speech at Cree Inc. in Durham on Monday, Obama admitted some things have changed since his previous visit to the LED lighting plant on the campaign trail in 2008.

"It's true, I have a lot more gray hair now than the last time I visited," he said. "But I have a better plane. So I'd say it's a fair trade."

But other key economic indicators have not changed as much as Obama would have liked. The national unemployment rate remains stubbornly high at 9.1 percent, and only 54,000 jobs were added in May — the lowest tally since January.

Obama met with his Council on Jobs and Competitiveness before his remarks at Cree to discuss measures to improve job creation through partnerships between private companies, community colleges and universities.

One such collaborative effort between private companies and universities would offer incentives and funding for 10,000 engineering students every year to complete their degrees, he said.

U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., said at the event in Durham that it's also important to highlight the role of public investment in university research and its creation of spin-off companies

like Cree, which was founded by a group of N.C. State University engineering students in 1987.

"We didn't get where we are here in the Triangle by being overly dependent on government," he said. "But neither did we get here by demonizing government."

Obama's focus on a direct link between college training programs and skilled jobs in the manufacturing sector also suggests efforts to maintain appeal among youthful voters that he effectively mobilized in 2008.

A recent poll by Public Policy

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President Barack Obama speaks at Cree Inc. in Durham on Monday where he also met with his Council on Jobs and Competitiveness.

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Separate issues surrounding mental health have emerged recently for both the town and the University. **Page 3.**



CLOSE-KNIT

A group of Chapel Hill residents celebrated World Wide Knit In Public Day at Orange County Public Library on Saturday. **Page 3.**

CHANGING VOTE

Three bills in the N.C. House of Representatives and Senate could change state voting procedures. Opponents of the bills say they work to disenfranchise certain segments of society. **Page 4.**

This day in history

JUNE 16, 1919

Harry Woodburn Chase was elected president of the University by the Board of Trustees, following the death of Marvin Hendrix Stacy.

Today's weather



Buckets of tears
H 85, L 66

Friday's weather



Gotta get down
90, L 68

Life is sad / Life is a bust / All you can do is do what you must

BOB DYLAN, "BUCKETS OF RAIN"