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Women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell, left, stands with new assistant coach Trisha Stafford-Odom, right. Stafford-Odom came to UNC from Duke.

FLY LIKE AN EAGLE

Sylvia Hatchell is known for developing new coaching talent.

By Michael Lananna
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As Charlotte Smith transitions into her new role as head women's basketball coach at Elon University, she knows her old head coach and No. 1 mentor is only a short drive away.

In fact, North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell has already received a few phone calls from her former assistant.

"One night she called me and left me a message, and she says, 'I'm driving back from Elon, and I just wanted to tell you that I had no idea that there was so much to being a head coach,'" said Hatchell, who has gotten similar responses from other assistants who have stepped up

to the next level.

"There's a lot of difference in moving down that bench about 10 or 12 inches," Hatchell said.

The assistant who preceded Smith, Sylvia Crawley, is now entering her third season at the helm for Boston College. Hatchell estimated that about 10 of her former players, including Smith and Crawley, are coaching in some capacity at the collegiate level.

That network of coaches is likely the direct result of the philosophy Hatchell has tried to instill in the Tar Heel basketball program.

The head coach looks to not only prepare her players to excel on the court, but also to equip them with the knowledge necessary to impact the game long after their playing careers are over.

As Hatchell phrases it, she wants the program to be "where eagles are trained and then released to soar."

For aspiring head coach Trisha Stafford-Odom, that sort of phi-

losophy and the educational environment Hatchell promotes were enough to draw her away from her assistant coaching position at Duke and into the role vacated by Smith.

"With her connections and her knowledge and her support and knowing what my intentions are, she has definitely signed on to develop me into all that I need to be," Stafford-Odom said.

"I feel like under her tutelage, I'll grow leaps and bounds."

Spending the last two seasons with the Blue Devils, Stafford-Odom has only been able to view the Tar Heels from afar. But in the short time since she joined the UNC staff Aug. 24, the inner workings of the program have already made an impression on her.

"I'm here like a kid in a candy store ... and I'm absorbing it like a recruit," Stafford-Odom said.

"And it's fun for me because I have total admiration and respect for this place."

Before her two-year tenure at



Charlotte Smith spent nine years as assistant women's basketball coach at UNC and is the new head coach at Elon University.

Duke, Stafford-Odom served as an assistant coach at UCLA for three years where she quickly proved herself adept at recruiting. In her best year at UCLA, Stafford-Odom drew a No. 3 class, and she went on to recruit consecutive top-five classes during her time at Duke — including the No. 1 class for the 2009-10 season.

For a UNC team that has lost senior leaders Jessica Breland, Italee Lucas and Cetera DeGraffenreid, Stafford-Odom's recruiting talents could expedite the rebuilding process.

"That's a win-win for us,"

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Centers on front lines of budget cuts

UNC's smaller centers were preserved but feel the effects of cuts.

By Amelia Nitz
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"It's like trying to put together two nickels to make a quarter."

Joseph Jordan,
Director of the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History

The institutions on the front lines of the University's budget struggles are feeling the persistent pain associated with drastic cuts.

For these specialized centers, budget cuts are nothing new. Many have sustained double-digit cuts for years.

But the latest round has rendered some incapable of meeting past standards of outreach and activity.

"It's like trying to put together two nickels to make a quarter," said Joseph Jordan, director of the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History, one of several centers slashed by more than 20 percent this year.

For the Institute of African American Research, the cuts nearly proved fatal.

Fatimah Jackson, former director of the institute, said in an email that the provost's office threatened to shut down the institute in early summer but reversed its decision in mid-June.

The institute was dealt nearly a 40 percent budget cut this year after surviving a 52 percent cut in 2010 that Jackson said permanently denied it the ability to hire full-time staff.

"I anticipate that this year's budget cuts will continue to have an adverse effect on the quality and quantity of programs that the (institute) is able to initiate," Jackson wrote in the email.

Carol Tresolini, associate provost for academic initiatives, said the initial decision to eliminate the institute came because administrators didn't

know if all of the centers would be able to be preserved.

The state legislature laid out the criteria to be followed when allocating budget cuts, Tresolini said.

"Reducing funding for centers and institutes was at the top of the list," she said, adding that the legislature dictated the need for disproportionate cuts to these areas.

Tresolini said administrators took into account the ability of centers to solicit funding from other sources on and off campus. The Stone Center was forced to do just that.

The center's leaders assumed the cuts would be ongoing and have been planning for them during the past three years, Jordan said.

The cuts have reduced the center's staff and increased its need to work with other departments on campus.

"It's not easy because other departments don't have a lot of money either," Jordan said.

"It's not a solution but simply an approach to the problem that allows us to continue offering some programs that otherwise might fade out," he said.

Some of these events include the center's first exhibition, beginning Sept. 8, on black U.S. soldiers, which will be possible only with the support of at least six other programs and departments.

Other centers have lost the ability to support old projects, even with support from other

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Legislature could constitutionally define marriage

Carborro symbolically stands against DOMA

By Alison Lee
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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen passed a resolution this week against the N.C. Defense of Marriage Act, a measure proposed in the N.C. General Assembly.

In a symbolic move, the board unanimously voted to oppose the bill, which would allow voters to make the state's ban on recognizing gay marriage an amendment to North Carolina's constitution.

The legislation wouldn't change anything in practice, but would make it harder to repeal the ban.

Alderman Dan Coleman said the proposed bill would constitutionally deny the rights of an entire class of people.

"It's in the face of our 200-year history of expanding our understanding of rights," he said. "This is a big step backwards."

The Chapel Hill Town Council has expressed similar opposition to the bill, said Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt.

"We are planning on reaffirming our opposition in September,"

THE ACT AT A GLANCE

- **What it says:** The act would put an amendment banning state recognition of same-sex marriage on the Nov. 6 ballot.
 - **What it would change:** State law already bans same-sex marriage, but this will write it into the constitution — making it more difficult for judges to overturn.
 - **The ballot:**
 - [] FOR
 - [] AGAINST"Constitutional amendment to provide that marriage is the union of one man and one woman at one time, and no other relationship shall be recognized as a valid marriage by the State."
- he said. "The General Assembly is practicing bad policy making and poor leadership."
- Kleinschmidt said he doesn't think the bill will pass through the legislature, which is expected

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NC legislators considering outright gay marriage ban

By Estes Gould
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Thomas Landreth hadn't really imagined his wedding in a Swedish ice hotel.

His friends and family weren't on the guest list; in fact, most of the guests were people he had met only a week before. He hadn't decided the date or location — he won the wedding in a Scandinavian Airlines contest. But the ceremony was beautiful, the commitment to his spouse genuine, and that's all that mattered to him.

Except his marriage wasn't real, at least not in the eyes of North Carolina. Landreth was marrying his college sweetheart, Brett Kessler, and gay marriage is not recognized in the state.

North Carolina does not recognize same-sex marriages under the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage as between a man and a woman. A proposed amendment seeks to add that definition to the state's constitution, which could make it more difficult for judges and future legislators to overturn.

The amendment could be put up for referendum in the 2012

elections, but it must first be passed in the legislative session starting Sept. 12.

Six states issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, including New York, which recently overturned its ban. The District of Columbia also recognizes same-sex marriage.

As it has with other states, the American Civil Liberties Union has opposed North Carolina's proposal, saying it would write discrimination into the constitution.

"It denies gay couples the opportunity to stand up in front of their friends, their family and their community and show their commitment to each other like straight couples can," said Sarah Preston, policy director for ACLU-North Carolina.

Republican legislators who support the amendment say it would prevent activist judges from overturning the marriage law already in place.

"We've seen across the country one judge overturning the will of the legislature and, in some cases, the will of the people," said N.C. Rep. Dale Folwell, R-Forsyth.

"This decision is bigger than one judge or 170 legislators."



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The marriage of Thomas Landreth, left, and Brett Kessler, right, is not recognized in North Carolina as a result of the Defense of Marriage Act.

This is not the state's first time to consider such a bill — the issue also came before the General Assembly in 2007 and 2009. Most other Southern states have passed similar amendments.

Landreth knew his marriage in December wouldn't be legal here. "It was more symbolic than anything," he said.

The couple will not have many of the benefits of marriage, including health benefits afforded

to straight married couples. A straight couple has visitation rights and the right to make medical decisions on behalf of his or her spouse; Landreth does not. And Kessler's care for him when he was sick is what brought them together in the first place, more than three years ago.

"We had been dating on and off, but our commitment to each

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Dive explores four college radio stations that have helped develop the Triangle's nightlife. **Page 5.**



SEE THE LIGHT

LIGHT studio in Greenbridge displays the work of now-deceased UNC art professor Kimowan Metchewais. **Page 11.**



Announcement

The Daily Tar Heel will hold an informational meeting today at 5:30 p.m. at Student Union Room 3209 for all students interested in working for the paper.

This day in history

SEPT. 1, 2010
UNC head football coach Butch Davis suspended defensive tackle Marvin Austin indefinitely for violating team rules.

Today's weather



Ask for class outside
H 87, L 64

Friday's weather



Prepare for rejection
H 90, L 70

“I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member.”

GROUCHO MARX