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TEN STRAIGHT VS. STATE

Barnes' second half puts away NCSU

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RALEIGH — Up 54-52 with 7:54 left in the second half, No. 19 North Carolina knew it would need to make a run to win Wednesday's game against N.C. State. Little did it know that run would start immediately.

UNC rode the momentum of a 6-0 sprint coming out of that television timeout to win 75-63 in the RBC Center.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
UNC 75 N.C. State 63

N.C. State went forwards C.J. Leslie and Tracy Smith three times, but they came up with two missed shots and a block. UNC scored each time on the other end.

"We're always going to make a run, and it's whether we can hold a team on the other end, and that's what we did," UNC sophomore forward John Henson said.

That run was part of a larger 10-4 run that extended into the next television timeout.

Harrison Barnes threw down two consecutive powerful dunks to punctuate the end of the game in what is becoming UNC's own version of the Red Auerbach victory cigar.

The UNC defense brought the game home, allowing N.C. State to score just 11 points the last 7:54.

"We can make it difficult for you around the basket," UNC coach Roy Williams said.

The Wolfpack consistently got the ball into the low post, but the length of Henson bothered both Leslie and Smith into shooting a combined 11-for-27 from the field.

"It's something I pride myself on," Henson said of low-post defense. "We got a lot of scores, and I made a huge impact on the defensive end. That's what I got to keep doing."

Henson grabbed 15 rebounds and blocked six shots.

After the game's first four minutes, it seemed far from a sure thing that the Tar Heels would even have a chance to win at the end.

UNC's Henson and Tyler Zeller were thrown off by the Wolfpack's defense, which collapsed on them each time they took a dribble.

Down 19-9 after nine minutes, the Tar Heels did not let the swarming Wolfpack defense or the raucous RBC Center crowd take them out of their comfort zone.

"It was a game of runs, it felt like they were going to run us out of the building," Williams said.

Instead of wilting, UNC kept plugging away, eventually taking a 31-29 lead into halftime.

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UNC sophomore forward John Henson goes hard to the basket in Wednesday night's 75-63 win at N.C. State. Henson influenced the game with 15 rebounds and six blocks, both more than any other player.

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JOHN HENSON, UNC SOPHOMORE FORWARD

Bigelow loses second appeal

Sanitation worker will not regain job

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Kerry Bigelow, a fired Chapel Hill sanitation worker, lost a second appeal to get his job back.

After a 3-2 vote, the personnel appeals committee recommended to Town Manager Roger Stancil Wednesday that Chapel Hill not change its stance on Bigelow, who claims he was fired because he organized with a union for workers' rights.

In its decision, the committee said that they were convinced by evidence the town provided for the reason it fired Bigelow, regarding three violations: insubordination, threats and intimidating behavior against members of the public and co-workers.

The committee did not address Bigelow's fourth violation of unsatisfactory job performance, stating that neither side presented significant testimony.

Jim Curis, a member of the personnel appeals committee, said the group cannot comment on the process but members had a lengthy deliberation on the decision.

"We worked very hard on our decision and spent many hours on it," he said.

Bigelow and his ex-coworker Clyde Clark were fired from their positions in the Chapel Hill solid waste department at the end of October after being placed on paid administrative leave for five weeks in September.

Al McSurely, a lawyer for both men from the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said he was disappointed with the hearing.

He said the panel did not answer the question of whether workers have the right to organize a union and challenge unsafe and racist situations.

"Neither the majority or minority

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Kerry Bigelow began working for the town in 2007 and was fired last year.



Clyde Clark is scheduled to hear the result of his appeal on Feb. 27.

Barnes blows by other ACC rookies

BY JONATHAN JONES

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RALEIGH—The three front-runners for ACC rookie of the year took the floor Wednesday at the RBC Center, sharing the court in one of their last opportunities before the votes are sent.

Harrison Barnes used the final minutes of the game to state his case.

With back-to-back follow-up slams and a 3-pointer that all but put the game away, Barnes gave voters a few more reasons why they should choose him rather than teammate Kendall Marshall or N.C. State's C.J. Leslie.

In fact, Barnes, who finished with 16 points and eight rebounds, has hit the go-ahead or game-winning shot on four previous occasions. His recent play made Marshall give his vote to Barnes as rookie of the year.

"I'd probably have to go with

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UNC freshman Harrison Barnes throws down a two-handed slam. Barnes has built a strong resume to be ACC freshman of the year.

UNC to leave Blackboard for Sakai by December 2012

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Less than a year after the transition from Student Central to ConnectCarolina, the University will be facing another technological shift by December of 2012, when it replaces Blackboard.

In an effort to meet student and faculty needs in a more efficient and cost-effective way, the University said late Tuesday that it would switch to Sakai from Blackboard, the site that allows professors to post grades and course documents.

Charlie Green, assistant vice chancellor for teaching and learning, said Sakai will have broader applications than Blackboard, as it will be relevant for research and not focused solely on the teaching process.

"That was a source of heartburn for us because the tool was designed for so much more," he said.

Sakai's functions will include project sites, blogs and portfolios to help students manage their content. The system also allows students to create wikis — web pages created by

the user that can be viewed publicly.

"That type of ability was somewhat limited in Blackboard," Green said.

He said an example of the site's extended applications is the ability of medical students to use virtual microscopes through the site.

Larry Conrad, vice chancellor for information technology, said Sakai will take over the services Blackboard provides. The system is open-source, meaning it can be modified by site administrators. Because it carries no licensing costs, Sakai will cost UNC \$332,000 annually, as opposed to \$620,000 for Blackboard.

Conrad said the University delayed its adoption of Sakai so that its introduction would not coincide with the initiation of ConnectCarolina.

"We just thought that would be too much," he said.

Sakai will be more widely used than Blackboard, which only 35 percent of faculty uses, Conrad said.

"Quite frankly, those numbers were a bit lackluster," Conrad said.

Sakai has been in a pilot phase at UNC since January 2008, with some professors using the system to judge its effectiveness.

"The techies going off in the corner and deciding product 'X' is the better product isn't what we're about," Conrad said.

Some professors said they have found the system to be effective for teaching classes. Journalism professor Ryan Thornburg, who used the system in the fall of 2009 and continues to use it this semester, said he likes that Sakai is open-source, allowing it to provide a community of users.

"It feels like a website instead of an application that's on the Web," he said.

David Eckerman, psychology professor emeritus who used Sakai in fall 2008, said he would typically use his own website but enjoyed Sakai's ability to send information and respond to prior inefficiencies.

"I liked the rebellious spirit of Sakai at the time," he said.

More than 350 institutions currently use the system, according to Sakai's website. John Moore, senior director for strategy

and planning for learning technologies at Virginia Tech, said students and faculty have responded positively to Sakai. The university stopped using Blackboard last fall.

He said students have found the portfolio option helpful and faculty have liked the project site application, which allows committees to work on out-of-class projects.

Moore said it took the faculty some time to adapt, but they are now able to use the system efficiently.

The University is now in the midst of that teaching process.

Green said faculty will have the option to participate in tutorial sessions and online instructional tools, dependent on how much support the faculty member needs.

While some faculty have not begun to adapt to the system, Conrad said others have already enthusiastically adopted Sakai.

"We've already fired the starting pistol, so they're ready to go," he said.

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Sakai Features

- ▶ Project sites, which will allow committees to work on projects that are not for formal classes
- ▶ Portfolios that will allow students to manage the academic content throughout their time at UNC
- ▶ Academic podcasts
- ▶ Blogs
- ▶ Web sites known as wikis that allow for editing
- ▶ Forums that allow for email archiving
- ▶ Larry Conrad, vice chancellor for information technology, said he wants the gradebook to reach work in real-time with ConnectCarolina
- ▶ Drop box to allow instructors and students to share documents

this day in black history

FEB. 24, 1864 ...

Rebecca Lee Crumpler becomes the first black female physician in the United States after earning an M.D. degree from a women's school.



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BIRTHDAY BULL

Durham's Bull City Records, popular for promoting the Triangle music scene, will celebrate its five-year anniversary Saturday.



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BONNE VOYAGE

The owners of award-winning restaurant Bonne Soiree will close their Franklin Street eatery and relocate to New York.

Today's weather



Wrathful display of biblical proportions
H 62, L 54

Friday's weather



Raging splendor
H 70, L 34