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ON THE CLOCK

HARRISON BARNES

Height: 6'7"
Weight: 228
Bench (reps): 15
Vertical: 38"
3/4 Court Sprint: 3.16 sec.
Where he'll go: Top 5

JOHN HENSON

Height: 6'9"
Weight: 216
Bench (reps): 5
Vertical: 25.5"
3/4 Court Sprint: N/A
Where he'll go: Top 10

- 1 HORNETS
- 2 BOBCATS
- 3 WIZARDS
- 4 CAVALIERS
- 5 KINGS
- 6 NETS
- 7 WARRIORS
- 8 RAPTORS
- 9 PISTONS
- 10 HORNETS
- 11 TRAILBLAZERS
- 12 BUCKS
- 13 SUNS
- 14 ROCKETS

TYLER ZELLER

Height: 6'11.25"
Weight: 247
Bench (reps): 16
Vertical: 30"
3/4 Court Sprint: 3.40 sec.
Where he'll go: Top 14

KENDALL MARSHALL

Height: 6'3.25"
Weight: 198
Bench (reps): N/A
Vertical: 31"
3/4 Court Sprint: 3.23 sec.
Where he'll go: Mid- to late 1st Rd

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4 Tar Heels expected to be picked early in the NBA Draft

By Brandon Moree
Sports Editor

Four former North Carolina men's basketball players will realize a life-long dream Thursday night in the 2012 NBA Draft.

This year's draft is being held in the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J., and three of the four Tar Heels that entered the draft have been invited to be in the green room in the Prudential Center.

Harrison Barnes, John Henson, Tyler Zeller and Kendall Marshall are all projected to be first round selections, if not lottery picks. Marshall was not one of the 14 players invited to attend the draft.

"I'm loving it for them," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said in his annual summer press conference June 14. "I'll be very excited for all of them. It's a pretty neat deal to see four kids that you really think a lot of reach one of their biggest dreams — if not their biggest dream."

Reggie Bullock, who started most of the year with the four Tar Heels in the draft is also excit-

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ed for them, despite still being in Chapel Hill.

"I'm definitely excited for them because I was in that starting role with them," Bullock said. "Seeing those players move on to bigger and better things ... It just means a lot to me and I wish them the best."

Barnes has the highest stock of the Tar Heels in the draft, after having an impressive showing at the NBA combine on June 8. At the combine, Barnes had the best standing vertical jump and was the fastest player to complete the sprint drill.

He has since been working out for other teams, including Toronto, Washington and Cleveland. Charlotte's new head coach Mike Dunlap said

that Barnes shot the ball well and flashed his athleticism in his workout in Charlotte.

Henson has been busy since the combine as well, working out for at least 10 different teams. Henson's standing reach of 9-feet-4-inches was the largest at the combine.

Zeller has been creeping up draft boards since the season ended, as he has also been working out for several teams. His 16 reps of 185 pounds on the bench at the combine was eighth-best that day and has team's talking about his strength as well as his unusual speed for his size.

Though Marshall was not invited to the draft, he is still likely a first round selection and could be scooped up in the back end of the lottery.

"Obviously it's fun to go to the draft, but it's even more fun when you have your teammates with you," Barnes said to members of the media after his June 21 workout with the Bobcats.

"It's going to be a lot of fun that we all get to reach our goals together."

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Town firework festival returns

Chapel Hill fundraising efforts allow the fireworks to return to Kenan.

By Ariel Smith
Staff Writer

Kenan Stadium was empty last year on the Fourth of July, but town officials are preparing to host a revival of the fireworks festivities this year.

Though the annual celebration was cancelled last year due to budget constraints, the town's partnership with 1360 WCHL, a local radio station that owns Chapelboro.com, has allowed for its return.

The event will include live music performed by Chapel Hill native and voice of the Carolina Panthers Mick Mixon and the Franklin Street Band.

There will be face painting, a juggling Uncle Sam stilt walker, glow necklaces for the first 10,000 attendees courtesy of Grace Church and a watermelon-eating contest that will end in a championship match performed for the crowd.

The display of 6,393 fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m.

Ron Stutts of WCHL will host the festivities.

Lauren Stafford, WCHL's marketing coordinator, said they began discussing reviving the celebration with town officials in 2011.

The discussion began after residents complained about the event's cancellation during radio segments on WCHL, she said.

"A lot of people went up to talk about how they were upset that the local family tradition didn't happen," Stafford said.

Stafford said though WCHL played a role in past fireworks celebrations, they will have a much larger

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Professor dies at age 43

John Vernon was one of few experts in pharmaceutical economics.

By Sam Schaefer
Staff Writer

John Vernon, an assistant professor with the department of health policy and management in the Gillings School of Global Public Health, died June 19 in his home in West Lafayette, Ind.

Vernon, 43 is survived by his wife Jucineia Gomes, two sons and a stepdaughter.

Vernon, a native of Durham, held undergraduate, master's and doctorate degrees in economics from Duke University, N.C. State University and the University of London, respectively. He also earned a doctorate degree in management science from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Vernon's research focused on economic aspects of the pharmaceutical industry.

Before he came to UNC in 2008, he worked as a senior economic policy advisor at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. He also served as a faculty research fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

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Budget receives mixed reviews

A budget shortfall of \$500 million in two key areas has been filled.

By Amanda Albright
Staff Writer

The state budget modifications passed by the N.C. General Assembly last week have left some groups satisfied, and others wanting more.

Legislators have lauded the proposed bill for its fiscal responsibility, because they filled a \$500 million budget shortfall in education and health and human services.

But some believe the budget is not doing an adequate job funding education.

The budget provides for a tax break for businesses and does not raise taxes. It also gives public school teachers and state employees a pay raise.

The bill revises the biennial budget approved last June for fiscal years 2011-13.

Rep. Mike Hager, R-Cleveland, praised the budget for its ability to fill a hole while funding for education. But given the economic difficulties faced by the state, he said it was best that could

be done.

"It forces the whole state government to live within its means until we can find a better time," he said.

Jay Schalin, director of state policy for the John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, said the proposed budget did not come as a surprise.

"This was a continuation of last year's budget with less than one percent added," he said. "It won't affect UNC's operation's hardly at all."

UNC-system President Thomas Ross said in a statement that he supports the budget.

"We understand that resources are scarce in every part of state government and believe the legislature worked hard to address our most significant needs and assist us in protecting the quality of education we deliver to our students," he said.

But some progressive advocacy groups are angry about the budget's potential affect on public and higher education in the state.

Alexandra Sirota, a budget analyst for the N.C. Justice Center, said the budget is a \$2 billion decline in pre-recession level spending.

"It will compromise our state's future because it does not invest in public institutions," she said.

Sirota said the UNC system is operating with 11 percent less money than before the recession, but demand for higher education is higher than ever.

Despite raising the salary of teachers, Sirota said the budget would eliminate an estimated 3,000 teaching positions at public schools.

"There is a lack of reinvestment in a critical time in our state's economic recovery," she said.

Hager said many of the problems with education are structural in nature and cannot be fixed by spending more money.

The N.C. Justice Center is among groups like the N.C. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Clean Water for North Carolina and Democracy N.C. in its opposition to the budget.

"Our budget is a reflection of our values and how we want our state to look in five or ten years," Sirota said.

"We're not investing in things that bring broadly shared prosperity, like infrastructure, schools and small businesses. Policy makers are making decisions for a few at the expense of the whole."

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Inside SEA LEVEL BILL

Protesters presented a petition against a bill that would ignore data from a science panel on sea level rise to legislators. **Page 3.**



TWO TAR HEELS MAKE TEAM USA

Two former UNC track athletes, Alice Schmidt and Shalane Flanagan, will compete in the Summer Olympics in London this August. **Page 5.**

CORRECTION:

Due to a reporting error, the June 21 front page story "New review of UNC to begin," should have stated that the board's panel has not set a date for its first meeting yet.

This day in history

JUNE 28, 1919

The Treaty of Versailles was signed, establishing the League of Nations and ending World War I exactly five years after it began.

Today's weather



Really, really hot.
H 96, L 71

Friday's weather



Ridiculously hot.
H 102, L 76