

‘Sanitation 2’ present case in appeals hearing

Waste collectors seek reparations

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The public hearing for one member of the “Sanitation 2” was held Wednesday night, as the pair continued a fight to regain their jobs. Chapel Hill’s Personnel Appeals Committee heard the case of former solid waste collector Clyde Clark at the Chapel Hill Public Library.

The hearing for Kerry Bigelow, another fired waste collector, was held Feb. 3.

Before the committee heard testimonies from Clark, town officials and two anonymous witnesses over the phone, local citizens gathered to sing and protest with signs outside the library.

“I appreciate the supporters. I love them,” Bigelow said. “Many people in town that are staying silent should be out here because this doesn’t just affect me and Clyde.

“This is not just about Chapel Hill but also about the entire racist system in all cities across the state.”

Clark and Bigelow said they were fired because of activity with the N.C. Public Service Workers’ Union and because of two grievances they filed Sept. 17 citing dangerous conditions, unfair practices and racial discrimination in the department.

“We wanted a better system because as long as the guys are out there, they’re in danger, and I’m praying for the guys because it won’t be long before someone gets hurt, and the blood will be on the town,” Clark said during the hearing.

Anonymous witnesses that claimed to be citizens who had complained about the pair called in to testify against Clark.

“I had to go every week to rake up trash in the street,” said one witness, identified as Ms. Jones. “For



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Clyde Clark, a former Chapel Hill sanitation worker, speaks on his unjust termination at a rally. A public hearing was held on Wednesday.

me, race is not the issue.”

Another phone witness, identified as Ms. Johnson, called the men “hostile and inappropriate.”

She later hung up on the phone call when questioned by members of the committee.

Johnson also testified via phone the week before at Bigelow’s hearing, which Bigelow said was an unfair tactic.

“I thought that was biased to let someone call in like that,” Bigelow said. “Who knows who it was?”

Bigelow and Clark were fired after being placed on paid administrative leave Sept. 20. Chapel Hill Public Works Director Lance Norris cited citizens’ complaints regarding inappropriate behavior and poor job performance as the

reason the investigation began.

“In the town, grievances can be filed by any private employee,” Norris said.

“Do we love grievances? No. But the process is that we deal with any grievances in a timely manner.”

Bigelow said that besides being reinstated to his job, he also is searching for an apology, reparation for lost working time, new management and the dismantling of the racist system.

The committee will make a recommendation to Town Manager Roger Stancil within 14 days.

Stancil then has 14 days to rule on the case.

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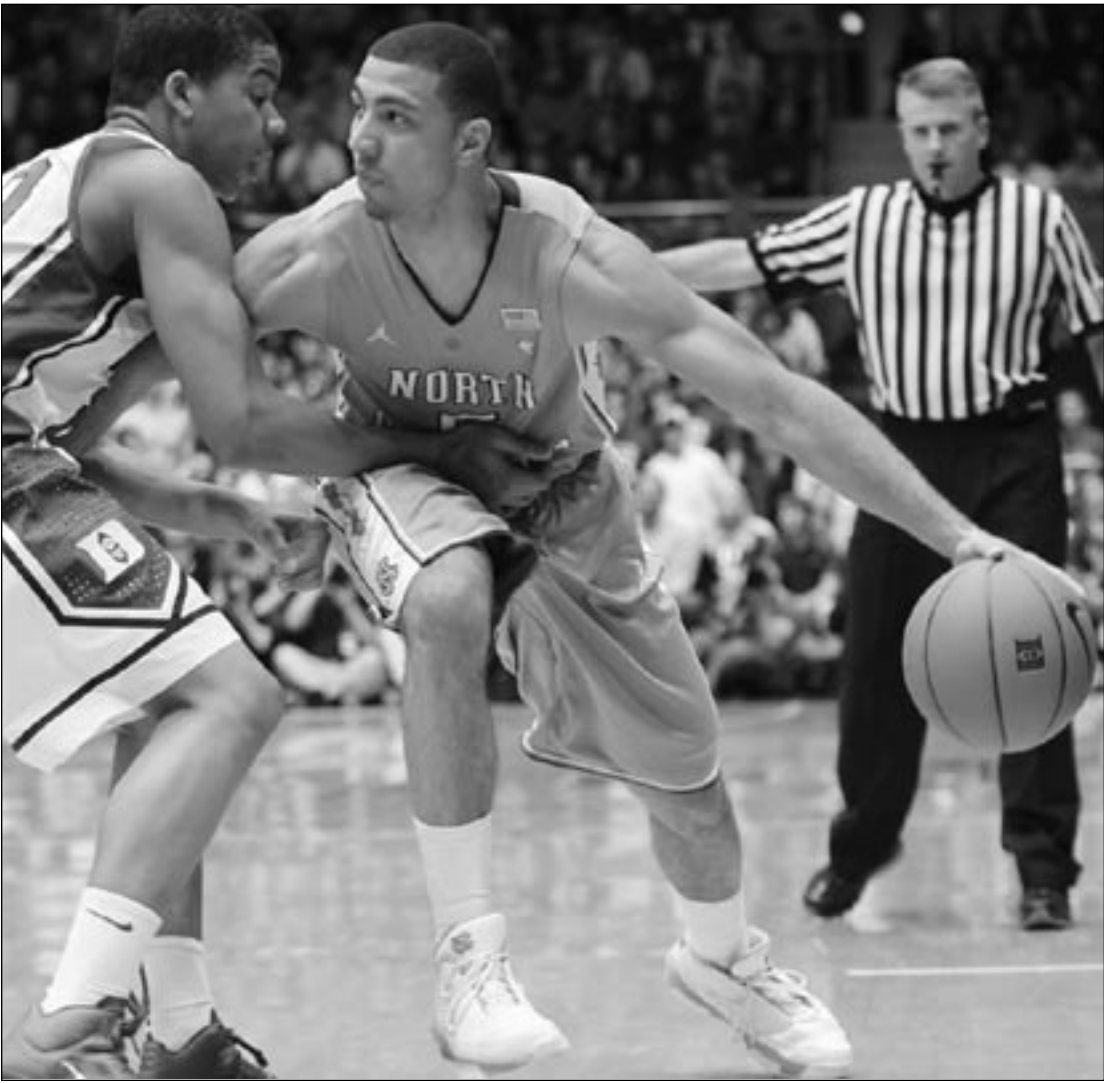
Santoro said she hopes the student body will be patient for the court’s ruling.

The case could set a precedent for the thoroughness of investigations affecting students in the

future, she said.

“Patience is a virtue,” Santoro said. “And in this case that virtue is justice.”

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In his Cameron Indoor Stadium debut, UNC’s freshman guard Kendall Marshall tries to penetrate the Duke defense. Compared to just one turnover, Marshall was the source of four first-half assists. He ended with six.

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kept Singler grounded to 3-for-17 shooting and 10 points.

But when Singler and his 3-ball weren’t finding the net, someone else for Duke was hitting. And on the opposite side of the court, UNC couldn’t find its stroke. The Tar Heels went 0-for-6 in the second half from 3-land, including three

misses from Reggie Bullock.

“My shots weren’t falling for me tonight,” Bullock said. “I just got to get back in the gym and work on my shot.”

Duke players filed into their locker room shouting after capturing their third straight victory against their rivals. UNC’s locker room was as somber as a funeral.

Atop the stairs Williams sat, lick-

ing his fingers and flipping through the final stats with a blue pen.

“The aggressive team that plays with the most intensity can usually make up for a lot of deficits,” he said.

The coach couldn’t mark on paper exactly what went wrong. He couldn’t circle a lack of intensity.

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seconds later, a Nolan Smith 3-pointer fell through the net.

Eight point game. “It’s very tough, and that’s just something we need to get better at,” Tyler Zeller said. “I made the mistakes, and I know I have to get better personally.”

Two possessions later, Smith went to the line for two. After nailing the first, he missed the second – and again, Singler

tapped the offensive rebound out to a wide open Seth Curry.

Curry promptly canned a 3-pointer.

Two possessions, eight points and a once-robust 12-point lead had been shaved all the way down to four.

“Unfortunately, we couldn’t counter it,” forward John Henson said. “That’s all we had to do was counter it and we still would have won the game, but it was a tough loss. We have to learn from this and get better.”

From there, Duke’s experience and some hot Seth Curry shooting closed the rest of the gap and kept UNC at bay.

But the spot where the Tar Heels let the game get away was in that two minute span just after the start of the second half.

“They kept knocking down shots (after offensive rebounds) and that was a big part of it for them,” Henson said.

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powerless to release them.

“Someone knows what the results are,” said candidate Mary Cooper. “It would just be great to

BOLOWICH

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candidate.

The news of Bolowich’s departure came as a surprise to Somoano, who said he did not know Bolowich had been thinking about leaving. Bolowich visited Creighton this past weekend and told his team he was leaving Wednesday afternoon.

“It was a total surprise,” said Eddie Ababio, who played for Bolowich from 2006-10. “Three Final Four appearances, we were very close to the top right now, so it was a total shock to hear about it.”

Bolowich takes over a Jays team that won the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season championship and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament before losing to SMU in PKs.

Creighton does not have a football program and boasts a 6,000-seat state-of-the-art soccer facility in Morrison Stadium. The Jays were eighth in the nation in attendance this season with an average of 2,277 spectators per home game, about 600 more than UNC averaged. Though Creighton Associate Director of Sports Information Rob Simms said he did not know how much Bolowich would be paid, his prior salary at UNC was \$91,052.

“I don’t think it was a salary thing at all,” Simms said. “Men’s soccer is our number one sport in the fall and it’s not behind football or even women’s soccer as it might be the case at your place. It’s just something where the community really does rally around.”

Bolowich came to UNC as an assistant to Anson Dorrance in 1986 and became head coach in 1989. Since then, Bolowich has compiled a record of 280-144-40 and guided the Tar Heels to 15 NCAA Tournament berths and the 2001 national championship.

Bolowich goes out after a banner year in which the Tar Heels won the ACC regular-season championship for the first time in school history and made it to the NCAA semifinals before falling to Louisville 2-1 on a last-minute goal. Bolowich was named ACC Coach of the Year, the second time in his career he has won the award.

“He’s definitely a player’s coach and he has a lot of confidence in his players,” said Jalil Anibaba, who played his senior season at UNC after transferring from Santa Clara. “He definitely believes in each and every one of those players. It allows all of his players to play at their utmost potential.”

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