

ATHLETIC-ACADEMIC SCANDAL

Two more former athletes sue the University

Rashanda McCants and Devon Ramsay filed a class-action suit Thursday.

By **Bradley Saacks**
University Editor

The McCants family has not been shy about voicing its displeasure with UNC.

Former basketball star Rashad McCants made headlines in June when he said he rarely had to attend class while at UNC. On Thursday, his younger sister, former women's basketball player Rashanda McCants, and former football player Devon Ramsay filed a class-action lawsuit against the University and the NCAA.

The 100-page lawsuit, which says UNC breached the athletes' contracts by not providing them with an adequate education, was

filed by Hausfeld LLP — the same firm that handled former UCLA basketball player Ed O'Bannon's case against the NCAA.

"(Rashanda McCants and Ramsay) are looking to not only represent themselves but all other UNC students who took the fraudulent classes, and they are looking for compensation for the fact they were directed into sham courses," said Michael D. Hausfeld, the lawyer who filed the suit on the athletes' behalf.

In addition to compensation for damages, the plaintiffs are asking the court to establish an independent committee to review academics at NCAA schools and to ensure educational opportunities are provided to all students equally.

According to the UNC's now-public response to questions from its accrediting agency, the University found no evidence that academic fraud extended beyond the former Department

of African and Afro-American Studies.

Neither Ramsay nor Rashanda McCants majored in African and Afro-American studies — the department whose nearly two-decade-long academic fraud was detailed in the Wainstein report.

Rick White, associate vice chancellor of communications and public affairs, said the University had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment on the matter.

Hausfeld said the NCAA, as much as UNC, should be held accountable for the education its member schools provide to athletes.

"The NCAA has the responsibility for the meaningful education of these athletes, and the NCAA, we claim, had a duty to know or should have known what was going on (at UNC) and was negligent in terminating the fraud earlier," said Hausfeld in an interview.

In November, former football player Michael McAdoo filed a class-action lawsuit against UNC for providing him with an inadequate education.

In 2010 — Ramsay's junior season at UNC — the fullback and McAdoo were ruled ineligible by the NCAA for academic misconduct.

Hausfeld said Rashanda McCants' and Ramsay's suit is in "a totally different class" because McAdoo's is limited to football players.

"The (Rashanda) McCants suit and Ramsay's suit includes women, includes anyone from any sport that took any one of those classes," he said. "It also includes the NCAA and it also speaks on behalf of all athletes in all Division I schools across the board for ensuring the integrity of the classes they take going forward."

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Board of Trustees creates vice chancellor post

Judith Cone will oversee economic development and commercialization.

By **Jane Wester and Langston Taylor**
Senior Writers

A week after Gov. Pat McCrory presented on the economic potential of North Carolina universities, Board of Trustees members spent Thursday's meeting talking money.

Chancellor Carol Folt announced a new position to promote commercialization on campus.

"We received approval from the Board of Governors recently for a cabinet-level position to help our University maximize our potential in economic development and commercialization — a vice chancellor position," she said.

Judith Cone, who had been a special assistant to the chancellor, will be the interim vice chancellor of commercialization and economic development.

Student Body President Andrew Powell said his administration plans to ensure elected officials in Raleigh understand the University's economic importance to the state.

"We'd like to see North Carolina continue to make strong state investments in our education. So as the legislature begins its session, we plan to make a number of trips over to Raleigh," he said.

Folt is also looking forward after the shocking announcement of UNC-system President Tom Ross's forced resignation.

"University systems go through transitions. Every one in the country does, and every institution needs to find its place in that transition, to be helpful to move it forward, while keeping the momentum going," she said.

After meeting publicly for nearly three hours, the Board went into closed session for another three hours.

Centers and institutes on display

The Board heard presentations from the Institute of Marine Sciences, the Howard W. Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, the Sonja Haynes Stone Center and the Carolina Women's Center.

The Stone Center and Carolina Women's Center both face funding threats from the UNC-system Board of Governors, who will decide on a new budget in February. Folt said the centers are key to connecting different disciplines on UNC's campus.

"The centers and institutes are very important part of our collaborative culture," she said. "They fit in the middle, and they bring in people from across the University."

Folt said she wanted the centers to show student engagement.

"The Stone Center has always been a gathering site for students," said Stone Center Director Joseph Jordan. "We owe a good deal of our success, and our very existence, to their insistence that we remain an academic resource for them and for the entire campus."

Carolina Women's Center Director Christi Hurt said the center is crucial to preventing gender violence as well as providing resources to victims. She said she often receives calls from concerned parents about both issues.

"I was able to tell them about the work of the Carolina Women's Center and how we would be able to ensure that their children would have what they needed when they were here," she said.

Contextualized grading

Powell also addressed the contextualized transcripts delay, which his administration encouraged in December because of student concerns.

Powell strongly supports interactive technology in classrooms and said the primary benefit of such technology is that it helps students work together.

"I'm afraid that through implementing a contextualized grading policy where implicitly students are competing against each other, it may undercut some of the incentive to have this open, collaborative, peer-to-peer learning experience," he said.

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The Stone Center: 'a gift for students current and future'



DTH/CLAIRE COLLINS

Students from the Black Student Movement and the Board of Governors Democracy Coalition meet in front of the Sonja Haynes Stone Center.

Despite history of obstacles, Stone Center still home to activists

By **Amanda Albright**
Investigations Team Leader

Trey Mangum is following in the footsteps of three dozen Black Student Movement leaders.

Each, in their own way, fought for Sonja Haynes Stone.

In 1979, members walked through campus to make sure the Afro-American studies professor received tenure. Later, the Black Student Movement fought for an academic building at UNC

to be named after Stone, a black woman. The name was significant because many buildings are named for wealthy, white donors.

The advocacy didn't end there — after that, presidents fought to ensure the building was in a visible spot on campus.

"The Stone Center kind of embodies myself as a black student here — it shows that we do have a place at this university," said Mangum, current president of BSM.

"If you look at the history and how it was built, with the Black Student Movement having a major force in that development and also student activists who led the marches ... it shows how far we've come as a University, even though we have a long way to go."

So when the UNC-system Board of Governors announces its decision on whether it will cut funding for the Sonja Haynes Stone Center, it will hardly be the first obstacle that UNC's black

cultural center has faced.

Stone was integral in securing a 900-square foot room in the Student Union for BSM, said Michelle Thomas, president of the group in the 1992-93 academic year.

"After I took my first class

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Law students hold die-in for Michael Brown

Dozens of students participated in the protest Thursday.

By **Liz Bell**
Staff Writer

Protestors laid on the steps of UNC's School of Law on Thursday in solidarity with the national "Black Lives Matter" movement.

For four and a half minutes, protestors remained silent and motionless to represent the four and a half hours that Michael Brown's body laid in the street in Ferguson, Mo. after he was shot by a police officer.

The die-in, hosted by The Black Law Students Association, protested racial bias in the police force and the law community.

Joseph Bishop, the president of the BLSA, read nine demands as protestors held signs that read, "Black and Brown Lives Matter," across their chests.

"I want you to realize and understand that this is not just a Ferguson problem," said Bishop to the crowd.

After the deaths of both Michael Brown and Eric Garner received national attention this summer, Bishop said he wanted the pro-

test to illuminate the ongoing issues of systematic racism in the nation's judicial system and police force.

The demands included calls for the assignment of a special prosecutor to every case where a police officer uses deadly force, for a more representative police force and for action by Congress to address racial profiling.

Llogan Walters, a third-year law student, said she thought the call for congressional action was especially poignant.

"The legislature can make a huge impact on the way that even local and state communities react to situations like this," she said. "It might take action from a higher level to force the judicial system to reexamine itself."

Allen Buansi, a third-year law student and former president of BLSA, participated in the die-in and said he can relate personally to the cause.

"This particular event I guess is close for me because this was me about four or five years ago," he said.

He said he had an encounter with Chapel Hill police where he felt he was unfairly targeted.

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Joseph Bishop leads fellow law school students in a die-in to protest racial bias.

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All the King’s men...

From staff and wire reports

If you break it, you buy it. Or in this case, you try to glue it back together in the hopes that no one will notice. You know that super famous Egyptian pharaoh, King Tutankhamun? Well, someone broke or removed the gold, braided beard mold from King Tut’s burial mask. And then to add insult to injury, the person who removed the beard mold then tried to glue it back on. This burial mask is more than 3,300 years old and someone tried to fix it with glue?!?! To make everything worse, some glue got on the neck of the mask, and someone tried to remove the glue with a spatula. Well, that didn’t work too well, and there are now scratches on the burial mask. An incredibly old artifact with immense historic significance that was made by human skill has now been ruined by human stupidity.

NOTED. Got Ramen? A truck driver dozed off and ran off the road in Rocky Mount, N.C. The truck was carrying hundreds of packages of Ramen noodles, which wound up scattered all over the interstate. The driver was not hurt. The real tragedy is that the noodles were taken to a landfill and can never be enjoyed.

QUOTED. “Despite growing domestication of men in this matter, urinating while standing up is still widespread.”
— A German judge talking about the very serious debate over whether men should be allowed to stand while urinating. Apparently, some toilets have signs indicating whether standing is allowed.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Free Expression Contest:

Middle and high school students will compete in this free expression contest, which will include performances by groups within the UNC Black Student Movement. The event is hosted by BSM. Donations of nonperishable foods are also encouraged.
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Genome Science Building, Room G100

session to provide resources and information for students who are interested in applying to medical school. UCS employees will explain how to work with the Pre-health Advising Office and how to plan academic schedules to take the prerequisites necessary to apply for medical school.
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: Student Union, Room 3408

SUNDAY

Family and Friends Sunday at Ackland: The Ackland Art Museum is hosting a session of-

fering art games and activities, including Ackland Art Bingo, “Art in a Jar” puzzles and or a Take Two Tour in the galleries with experts as guides. The event is free and open to the public.
Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Ackland Art Museum

To make a calendar submission, email calendar@dailytarheel.com. Please include the date of the event in the subject line, and attach a photo if you wish. Events will be published in the newspaper on either the day or the day before they take place.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Wednesday’s page 5 story “Muslim Student Association, others get Congress funding” mischaracterized where the UNC Dance Team gets its funding. The team is partially funded by the athletic department, but it does not receive money from the department to go to a national dance competition. Student Congress allocated money to the team for expenses related to the competition on Tuesday. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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DTH/JOHANNA FEREBEE

Energy expert Renata McConnell teaches a free class on techniques to manage energy in Oasis at Carr Mill Mall on Thursday. “To see how much energy medicine has worked and changed my life, it’s something I want to pay forward”.

POLICE LOG

- Someone broke and entered an unsecured door on the 100 block of Windsor Circle between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person stole an Apple iPad 2, a Tiffany horseshoe necklace, a Tiffany heart pendant, a pair of Tiffany earrings, a silver necklace with a pendant, a horse hair bracelet with silver beads and a gold ring with a sapphire stone, valued at a total of \$2,050, reports state.
- Someone broke and entered and vandalized property on the 200 block of South Heritage Loop between 11 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person broke two doors, valued at \$200, reports state.
- Someone broke and entered and committed automobile theft on the 100 block of Taylor Street between 2:25 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person stole a Honda CR-V, valued at \$20,000, that was later recovered, reports state.
- Someone committed larceny at the Walgreens at 108 E. Franklin St. at 4:37 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person stole a Diet Mountain Dew, beef jerky, a pack of cheese sticks, cough drops and mucus medication, reports state.
- Someone broke and entered on the 100 block of West Franklin Street at 8:01 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person removed a metal vent in order to gain entry, reports state.

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RIBBONS AND RHYTHM



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The UNC Flying Silk dance group rehearses in the Rams Head multipurpose room on Wednesday. The group was founded at UNC in February of 2013.

Student troupe performs traditional dance with silk and style

By Jamie Stuart
Staff Writer

Brightly colored silk ribbons fly through the air in unison during the twice-weekly practices of UNC’s Flying Silk dance group, whose members are busy performing a traditional Chinese ribbon dance.

Flying Silk, which was founded at UNC in February 2013, is the only dance group at UNC dedicated to this style of dance.

Members of the group work on exploring other types of dance and incorporating them into more traditional choreography in unique ways.

This semester, the group is preparing to perform a new Mongolian dance piece.

“It’s different from other dance groups because we are really expanding ourselves to different styles of dance, especially Asian

cultures,” said Anne Lee, a freshman business major.

“We try to keep it as traditional as possible with the costumes and the types of dance that we do.”

Flying Silk dancers compare their style of dance to ballet — and they wear ballet slippers to perform — but their performances stand out because of the ribbons.

Marissa Liu, the captain of Flying Silk, said no one on the current team has any professional experience, which makes it easy for new or inexperienced dancers to quickly pick up the choreography with the rest of the team.

Flying Silk added seven new students to its team following auditions on Tuesday and a series of workshops for aspiring members on Jan. 13 and Jan. 15. Four of the new members are

men, making this the first time the Flying Silk team has included men.

Liu said holding workshops before tryouts allows people with little or no dance experience to learn and improve their abilities, or simply just have fun.

“We kind of combine a bunch of different dance forms — mostly ballet — and there’s a feel of martial arts in there sometimes,” Liu said.

“We put together different elements and different textiles, and try and make it in our own way, but at the same time, keep it true to our own culture.”

Lee said that although Flying Silk only performed once in the fall semester, the group will be stepping up its game and participating in five performances this spring, one of which will be held on campus for a Chinese Undergraduate Student

Association event celebrating the Chinese New Year on Feb. 20.

The group will also branching out to perform at venues in Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill throughout the next few months.

Flying Silk’s next performance will take place on Jan. 31 in Raleigh for the Triangle Area Chinese American Society of North Carolina’s celebration of the Chinese New Year at the Dorton Arena in Raleigh.

“A lot of our members are seniors and will be leaving this year,” said Seraphina Wong, a freshman biology major who joined Flying Silk in the fall.

“I’m excited to have new members to get to know and help them learn traditional Chinese dancing, help them grow as dancers.”

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Residents challenge growth

High-rise developments are changing the character of the town, residents say.

By Holly West
City Editor

A group of Chapel Hill residents is banding together to voice concerns about the effects of big development on the community.

The group — called the Chapel Hill Alliance for a Livable Town, or CHALT — wants to preserve the town’s small-town character and uphold values important to residents, such as inclusion, environmental consciousness and commitment to public education.

CHALT has planned a series of kick-off events, starting Sunday with a program called “What Makes Chapel Hill a Livable Town?”. The event will be held at the Chapel Hill Public Library from 1 to 3 p.m.

David Schwartz, an organizer of the group and lifelong Chapel Hill resident, said CHALT is especially interested in hearing the opinions of students, who often don’t have much of a voice in town matters.

“One very important group of voices we haven’t yet heard are students,” Schwartz said. “We consider them to be very important stakeholders.”

Schwartz said recently enacted policies haven’t reflected residents’ values.

“There was a sizable segment of the population that had some strong reservations about some of the decisions that have been made about new development, the scale of it, the mix of commercial versus residential,” he said.

Chapel Hill resident Ann Loftin, also a member of the group, said she worries Chapel Hill is heading in the direction of Ann Arbor, Mich., where a boom of high-end residential development has priced many residents and University of Michigan students out of the market.

“It’s rich, which is what we’re going to see on Franklin Street if we’re not careful,” Loftin said.

Schwartz said several recent Chapel Hill developments are following that same pattern by specifically catering to upper-class students.

“They even call it LUX, lest there be any confusion about who they’re appealing to,” Schwartz said.

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Remembering King, panelists discuss modern injustice



DTH/CHRIS GRIFFIN

The “50 Years After the Dream” panel fields questions at the event in Gerrard Hall on Thursday.

Local civil rights experts addressed issues of racism on campus.

By Sarah Kaylan Butler
Staff Writer

A panel discussion held Thursday night focused on rejecting racist norms, especially within UNC’s community.

The Campus Y and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. hosted “50 Years After the Dream,” a panel on race and the justice system, to discuss the racial issues still affecting the country and college campuses today.

Harmonyx, an a capella group of the Black Student Movement, serenaded the audience to begin the event, which was part of the University’s Martin Luther King, Jr. week of celebration.

Alan McSurely, local civil rights attorney, opened up the panel with the story of the South’s discriminatory past and the popular grapes of wrath verses found in the Book of Jeremiah.

“Help the University to face up to its own liberal brand of

racism,” McSurely said. “Study these tricks of the liberals and ask them to repent and be saved. I’m talking about Chancellor Folt on down now.”

McSurely said there is a misguided version of history being taught in Saunders Hall, which was named after a former Grand Dragon of the state Ku Klux Klan, and charged the audience to take action.

Kalil Duncan, Phi Beta Sigma’s vice president of programs, said the panel was specifically chosen to include people who were knowledgeable about race but represented different backgrounds.

Anita Earls, executive director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, said she went to school for social justice because she saw the potential it had to fight racial discrimination. But she said she’s spent most of her time trying to reverse subconscious racial bias in the social justice world itself.

Irving Joyner, a law professor at N.C. Central University, said he respects the work of black movements on college campuses, but he’s upset the attention

is limited to national holidays.

“You have had experiences of racial discrimination. And those of you who haven’t — wait until tomorrow,” Joyner said. “This movement cannot succeed without you. It will not succeed without you.”

Orisanmi Burton, an anthropology doctoral student, said the judicial system circulates its own ideas on the value of different races, and the police system is historically based on white supremacy.

“Police are here to protect and serve, but that begs the question — to protect and serve what?” Burton said. “To be black was either to be either a slave or to be a criminal.”

Burton said white privilege is a concept that some people are never going to be able to comprehend, and he said equal rights advocates should speak to the people who will hear it.

“I would argue today that the black man and black woman and brown man and brown woman are exiles in their land today,” Burton said.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT ON CAMPUS

Community has mixed opinions on sexual assault modules

Students will have 45 days to complete the new training.

By Emily Lowe
Staff Writer

As someone actively involved in preventing sexual harassment on campus, junior Nabil Lachgar was disappointed when he realized the ease with which students could complete UNC’s newly required sexual assault training modules.

Lachgar said he felt the module was lacking depth when he took it.

“I thought it wasn’t as challenging as it should have been. You could answer the questions without going through them,” Lachgar said. “I believe it was too short. It wasn’t as comprehensive as I would have liked it to be.”

Students have a 45-day window to complete the new annual online training module for

Title IX Awareness and Violence Prevention.

After a pilot program that began in the 2014 summer and extended into the fall semester finished up, the mandatory training module was released to students Jan. 15.

One goal of the training is to educate students about the definitions built into the University’s new policy on prohibited discrimination, harassment and related misconduct.

Madelyn Frumkin, co-chairwoman of Project Dinah, an interpersonal violence prevention organization, said she fully supports the training.

“I think it’s a great thing for students to do, faculty as well, just making sure they get information out there that everyone has basic resources and a basic understanding to build on,” she said.

Christi Hurt, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, spearheaded the creation of the new policy. She said she believes the training is important to ensure a safe and secure

environment as well as provide information about resources on campus.

“We are not trying to be unreasonable about this,” Hurt said. “This is an opportunity we want everyone to have.”

Individuals who fail to complete the module within 45 days of its release will have holds put on their course registration until it is completed.

Junior Tara O’Connor said she doesn’t know much about the training but is supportive of UNC making an effort to raise awareness of sexual assault.

“By defining it to students, at least it brings some awareness to what the issue is and how to potentially avoid it,” she said.

Although Hurt has received primarily positive feedback about the training, some students have expressed concern about the demands on students’ time.

“We really want to respect that, but at the same time, I can’t think of anything more



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valuable to student health and safety than making sure that folks have the opportunity to have the training,” she said.

Students still have other reservations about the training. Freshman Irina Trenkova said she fails to see the point of the module and worries people will rush through it without much extra thought.

Hurt said she believes the module is only the beginning.

“It is one part of a larger puzzle,” Hurt said. “I don’t think one mechanism of any sort is going to be the magic bullet when it comes to making sure that we are eliminating sexual violence.”

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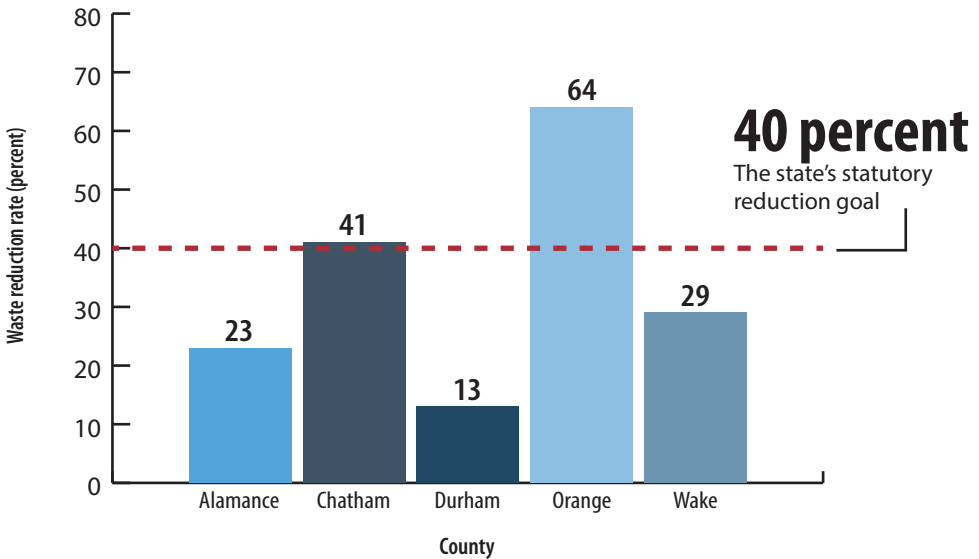
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Focus on waste reduction in Orange County pays off

The 2013-14 fiscal year marks the first year that Orange County surpassed its own 61 percent waste reduction goal, which was set in 1997. Orange County has the highest rate of waste reduction among neighboring counties, far surpassing the state goal.



County	Waste reduction rate (percent)
Alamance	23
Chatham	41
Durham	13
Orange	64
Wake	29

40 percent
The state's statutory reduction goal

SOURCE: ORANGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

DTH/HEATHER CAUDILL

Orange County sets waste reduction record

By Graves Ganzert
Staff Writer

Orange County has successfully reached its highest percentage of waste reduction to date.

In the 2013-14 fiscal year, the county calculated that each resident produced about a half ton of waste, which was down 64 percent from the 1991-92 base year, when residents produced 1.36 tons of waste.

Gayle Wilson, solid waste management director for Orange County, said the new record was not a shock to him but a nice surprise.

"I think there are several things that have led to our success: environmental action and ethical choices of our citizens," Wilson said.

The waste reduction rate in Orange County has been a focus for several years.

In 1997, Orange County vowed to reduce its waste by 61 percent. At the time, the county's goal was much higher than the state's 40 percent statutory waste rate reduction goal. After 17 years, this year is the first year the county

exceeded that goal.

Wilson said exceeding the goal was a testament to the hard work of the entire community and its ability to adapt to change.

"Our county has a solid waste staff that has worked very hard to achieve this level and to educate people about recycling," he said.

Wilson said some changes need to be made in order to continue the county's success.

"One of the things that hurts us is the closure of the landfill and having to transport waste to other areas," Wilson said.

"We have lost local control that enables us to meticulously monitor waste reduction data."

Orange County Commissioner Penny Rich said the reduced waste rate was a sign of hard work and education.

"I want to say it was a surprise, but the effort of the solid waste workers was phenomenal," Rich said.

"They have gone out of their way to educate the citizens on solid waste management and the citizens have

acted on it."

Rich said the county as a whole has adapted to become more waste conscious.

"Many of the things put in place for waste management are spreading to various areas of the county and are being applied over and over again," she said.

Rich said the county plans to add as many as 6,500 additional roll-out recycle carts in mostly rural areas.

Wendy Simmons, solid waste services manager for Chapel Hill, said in an email the county was moving into a future with more recycling.

"Achieving a 64 percent waste reduction goal is a significant achievement, and it appears that the implementation of roll carts is leading to additional materials being diverted from the landfill," Simmons said.

There is also interest in starting a countywide composting plant.

"I am almost positive that this could be something to further reduce our waste," Rich said.

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Rountree's free throws ice the Wolfpack

In their 100th game against N.C. State, the Tar Heels turned to familiar faces

By Jeremy Vernon
Staff Writer

RALEIGH — Down 35-25 early in the second half to N.C. State and coming out of a timeout, the No. 12 North Carolina women's basketball team faced a situation they had seen before. Locked in a tight battle with their in-state rival, whom they faced for the 100th time Thursday, the team needed a momentum shift.

As the referee handed the ball to State's Len'Nique Brown-Hoskin, the Tar Heels (17-3, 4-2 ACC) came out in a full trap and enticed the redshirt senior into throwing an errant pass to Latifah Coleman.

Coleman promptly laid the ball into the basket and, on the ensuing inbound, sophomore Stephanie Mavunga collected another turnover and cut the lead to six, causing the UNC bench to erupt.

N.C. State (12-7, 3-3 ACC) quickly called a timeout to stifle the UNC run, but the damage had been done, and with momentum firmly on their side, the Tar Heels went on to defeat the Wolfpack 67-63.

"We went back out there and just tried to put a little more pressure on them," said Coach Sylvia Hatchell after the game. "We actually kicked things in gear a little bit more there and that gave us some momentum."

Senior Danielle Butts agreed. "Definitely. It was a big shift," she said. "And I think that just helped us carry and finish the game."

Those types of plays and that level of intensity is something that UNC has become familiar with over the years against the Wolfpack. No matter where they're ranked or which way they're trending, both teams bring something extra when they play one another.

"We're opponents, we're not enemies. I have a great relationship with a lot of people over here," Hatchell said. "But when we get on that court and that ball goes up, you know what, it makes me work that much harder to win ball games."

And when the Tar Heels found themselves in a similar situation, they turned to some familiar faces to lead them to victory.

The first was sophomore guard Allisha Gray, who put up 13 points and 12 rebounds on the Wolfpack just 18 days earlier. Gray struggled from the field most of the night, but when the shots wouldn't fall, she focused her efforts on crashing the boards and again racked up 12 rebounds to lead the team.

The second face was that of Brittany Rountree, who Hatchell has tabbed as the team's senior leader. With 24 seconds left and a need to close out the game, UNC got the ball into her hands, and she delivered, knocking



DTH/EVAN SEMONES
UNC guard Allisha Gray (15) dribbles past N.C. State forward Jennifer Mathurin (11) on Thursday.

down eight straight free throws to ice it. "It just comes with practice and it's something that I'm used to," Rountree said. "I kind of like those situations, especially when I can silence the crowd."

And that's exactly what she did. As the

final horn sounded, the buzz inside Reynolds Coliseum was cut to a mere quiver, and the Tar Heels walked out with their 49th win of the series.

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Mavunga steps up when it matters most

By Pat James
Assistant Sports Editor

RALEIGH — North Carolina sophomore forward Stephanie Mavunga was irritated. She was worn out by the double-teams and triple-teams the N.C. State Wolfpack employed on her Thursday — limiting her to only five points through just over 30 minutes of play.

She was stressed by the Wolfpack's physicality and the ticktack fouls she had been called for.

So with 9:47 remaining in No. 12 UNC's down-to-the-wire 67-63 victory over N.C. State, the 6-foot-3 forward let go of her pinned up frustration in a moment that motivated her to score six points in the game's waning minutes.

After being called for her fourth foul of the game on a reach-in, Mavunga threw her hands

behind her head in disbelief and turned the opposite direction after the referee pointed at her for being responsible for the offense.

"So much frustration. I feel as if she impeded my movement," said Mavunga with annoyance still in her voice after the game. "She was coming at me — yes, I understand she has the ball and she's driving, but at the same time — yes, I slid an arm over. But I don't necessarily feel like I put that much contact on her."

With UNC (17-3, 4-2 ACC) and N.C. State (12-7, 3-3) knotted at 41 apiece, Mavunga turned and darted straight toward the bench following the call — where she remained for the next four minutes and 35 seconds brewing over the call and searching for answers to her offensive woes.

As she sat on the bench, UNC slowly fell behind by four points before Mavunga reentered

the game with just over five minutes remaining.

While letting go of her frustration on the bench, Mavunga carefully watched her team on offense — trying to find the same holes she capitalized on in the team's prior matchup with N.C. State on Jan. 4, in which she scored 23 points.

"I'm yelling at my teammates to do this and that and then I'm thinking, 'Well, how can I yell at someone else to do something I haven't been doing the whole time?'" she said.

Upon subbing back into the game, Mavunga finally cut loose on the offensive end — going on a personal 6-0 run over nearly two minutes to give UNC a four-point lead with 1:34 left.

The six points by Mavunga proved to be crucial, as the lead she furnished for her team was one it would hold for the remainder of the game.

Coach Sylvia Hatchell said she's seen the

same sort of frustration with Mavunga in practice, but she's vital to the team.

"When she makes a mistake and we get on her, she gets real upset about it," Hatchell said. "But she can really come through in the clutch."

Mavunga finished the game with 11 points after going 4-for-9 from the field.

But despite N.C. State's effort on the defensive end and ability to get Mavunga in foul trouble, it just wasn't enough for the UNC forward's frustration to overcome her and her team.

"She got two fouls early, and I think we took advantage of it," said N.C. State forward Jennifer Mathurin about the advantage her team held with Mavunga struggling. "We just had to hold on, and we didn't."

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TRACK AND FIELD: JOE HUTCHINSON FIFTH PLACE IN HEPTATHLON, NICK FUTIA, SIXTH

Slow start for UNC in men's heptathlon Thursday

By Ben Coley
Staff Writer

On the first day of the Tobacco Road Multis Thursday, injuries plagued the North Carolina's men's track and field heptathlon participants.

Redshirt senior Ryan Ramsey? A hip injury flared up again. Redshirt sophomore Paul Haley? Hamstring and quadriceps issues. Both were limited in competition.

That left senior Joe Hutchinson — whose best event is the decathlon — and Nick Futia, who is just a freshman, to represent UNC.

The Tobacco Road Multis is a two-day event, and Thursday presented the first four events of the men's heptathlon: the 60-meter dash, long jump, shot put and high jump.

So out came the senior Hutchinson and freshman Futia — the former having years of experience and the latter competing in his first official meet as a UNC athlete.

At the end of the first four events, Hutchinson stood in fifth place with 2,655 points and in sixth place was Futia with 2,393.

"Going into this meet, I didn't have high expectations for myself," Hutchinson said. "We have a process here and ACCs is when I'm trying to peak. I'm just trying to take as many positives as I can away from the meet."

In the long jump, not much improved for the Tar Heels. Hutchinson jumped 6.25 meters, and Futia jumped 5.82 meters. Both found themselves in the bottom two spots of the event and the overall competition at that point.

Hutchinson experienced the most success in the third event, the shot put. The senior notched a distance of 13.58 meters, which was good for second place in the event. Futia, still figuring his way through the newness of the heptathlon, finished with a distance of 12.04 meters.

Both athletes fell flat in the high jump, managing just 1.71 meters and tying for last.

Futia, who was competing in his first-ever multi-event, was doing his best to grasp and understand how to succeed at each event.

"I just wanted to do the best I could do and finish through the meet," Futia said. "Doing a heptathlon is a lot different from doing just one or two events and we have a big day tomorrow, so hopefully I can finish it out."

The athletes will finish off the heptathlon

Friday with the 60-meter hurdles, pole vault and the 1,000-meter run.

Assistant Coach Josh Langley evaluated the senior and freshman based on their experience, but noted that both had room for improvement for today's events.

"I think Joe is going to be disappointed in himself, just because the level he's been at in the past, but he stayed composed," Langley said. "For Nick, it's his first-ever multi-event, so there were a lot of nerves, but I think it was important for him to get out here today and experience what a heptathlon is about."

"It's a special camaraderie and brotherhood that goes with it."

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DTH PICKS OF THE WEEK

The DTH sports staff and one celebrity guest compete to pick the winners of the biggest ACC and national college basketball games each week.

Dear Diary,
I always knew this day would come.
Every day last semester, I would walk into the office and hide my face in shame. And for what, a few bad weeks of football picks?? The humiliation, the jeering and the pointed fingers . . . I thought it was too much.
They laughed at me. Carlos only spoke baseball and Pat barely spoke at all — what gave them the right? But they were nothing compared to Grace.
Fair-haired and sweet on the surface, Grace "You're Fired" Raynor was a whole different animal after she won picks. The gloating around the office was one thing, but the

constant berating was unbearable. She had to be stopped, and I would be the one to slay Goliath.
So I studied. I researched and I watched and even took Memento-esque notes all over my body. Long nights became whole days, and before I knew it, the time had come: Thursday afternoon, the first picks of the year.
I poured my soul into those decisions, with full knowledge that a bad start could doom me a la Daniel Wilco in 2014. But I trusted myself and my knowledge, picking upsets boldly. Then, I waited.
Monday, the results came in. No sketchy 2000 Florida ballots, no recounts — it was for



Michael Lananna is this week's guest picker. He is a former sports editor at The Daily Tar Heel and now works at Baseball America.

	Grace Raynor	Aaron Dodson	Daniel Wilco	Carlos Collazo	Pat James	Brendan Marks	Michael Lananna
Record to date	6-3	7-2	2-7	7-2	7-2	8-1	4-5
Florida State at UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
Wake Forest at Clemson	Clemson	Wake Forest	Clemson	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest
Miami at Syracuse	Syracuse	Miami	Miami	Miami	Syracuse	Miami	Syracuse
Notre Dame at N.C. State	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	N.C. State
Kansas at Texas	Kansas	Texas	Kansas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Oklahoma at Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Baylor
Wisconsin at Michigan	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
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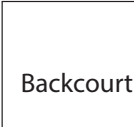
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10-9, 2-4 ACC

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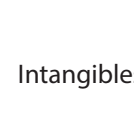
Joel Berry II, Nate Britt and Stilman White are fighting injuries, but Marcus Paige leads the team in time on the court and is still seeing 31 minutes per game. **EDGE: UNC**



The Seminoles have three different players at least 7-feet-tall, but none average more than four rebounds per game. Kennedy Meeks averages 8.4 by himself. **EDGE: UNC**



Theo Pinson has a bruised foot and Nate Britt lacerated his lip, but Isaiah Hicks has been playing well and FSU gets most of its production from its starters. **EDGE: Push**



The Tar Heels are in the middle of a four-game winning streak, while Florida State has dropped three of its last four. UNC thrives at home in the Smith Center. **EDGE: UNC**



The Bottom Line — North Carolina 75, FSU 62

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Abortion bill suddenly pulled in House

Lawmakers instead voted to ban federal funding for abortion.

By Michael Liguori
Staff Writer

A bill in the U.S. House of Representatives that would have restricted all abortions to fewer than 20 weeks after fertilization was stopped Wednesday night by an unusual source — the Republican lawmakers who put it forth. Though different limits exist from state to state, the current federal limit for an abortion under Roe v. Wade is at fetal viability, or around

24 weeks after fertilization — though states have the freedom to enact their own restrictions on the practice. North Carolina's current law restricts abortions to at or before 20 weeks except in cases of life endangerment. The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act was going to be voted on Thursday, but the plan was scrapped after a group of representatives, including North Carolina's 2nd District Rep. Renee Ellmers, pushed back against the bill, according to National Journal. The lawmakers expressed concern that the bill only allowed post-20-week abortions in cases of rape if the

event had been reported to law enforcement. Ellmers, who holds anti-abortion views, wrote in a Facebook post late Wednesday that she planned to support the bill on Thursday despite reports to the contrary. Ellmers couldn't be reached for comment Thursday. Michael Bitzer, provost and a political science professor at Catawba College, said the debate is a sign of deeper divisions in the Republican Party. "Generally the power of the majority party in the U.S. House of Representatives is ultimate," Bitzer said. "And to have this kind of a bill erupt at the last minute shows that

there are some pretty big divisions and differences within the GOP conference." Though Republicans control the House and Senate, Bitzer said they likely didn't expect the bill to survive President Barack Obama's veto. "Sometimes these types of bills are put forward to merely appease a particular faction in the party," he said. "But it could have ramifications in 2016 and how Republicans are viewed by voters." A similar bill passed the House on Thursday that prevents government funding and government-sponsored health care from funding abortions. Barbara Holt, president of N.C. Right to Life, said she

"This bill is about advancing an unpopular political agenda."

Suzanne Buckley,
executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina

believes at 20 weeks of gestational age, a fetus is able to feel pain, making the bill necessary. "We know that a majority of Americans believe that pain-capable babies should be protected in law," Holt said. "We know that children at 20 weeks and beyond can live outside the womb." But Suzanne Buckley, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina, said in an email that she's not fooled by the legislation.

"This bill is about advancing an unpopular political agenda," she said. Buckley said the group supports legislation that promotes greater access to contraceptives as well as granting parental leave to aid working families. "Americans trust women to make the most important decisions about when, where and how to have families — without political interference."

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 6 – Peace and quiet suit you fine. Nurture your body and mind. Rest, exercise and get lost in thought. Passions could awaken. Finish a study project. Use what you've gained through experience. Be careful with resources. Build a structure.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 7 – Friends can help with a difficult job. Put all your energy into one activity that positively impacts your career. Don't force it, or something could break. Ask someone with experience to show you the way. Repay a kindness.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is an 8 – New career opportunities arise. More research is required, so dig in. A new money-making venture tempts. Pack up and get going! Discipline is required. You feel lucky indeed. Take advantage of this chance to advance. Travel may be involved.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Today is an 8 – The trip could get more expensive than planned if you don't watch out. It's easy to spend now. Friends have useful suggestions and recommendations. Use what you've kept hidden. Avoid expensive airport food and pack a lunch.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is an 8 – Take care not to splurge. Present practical decisions to your family. Enlist their support with frank conversation. Finish an old project. Work out your plan in seclusion. A rush job demands attention. Assume authority, and take responsibility.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 – Let another person take over. Work together and no one gets worn out. Share responsibilities. Your partner is the key element for success. Rely on their experience, and order what they recommend. Spend quickly, but not recklessly.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 7 – It's not a good time to shop. Handle a work deadline first. Take advantage of an opportunity and get into it. Your team is hot. Provide leadership. Pursue a career goal. Ask your friends for advice, and then move quickly.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is an 8 – An interesting development changes the situation. Use your connections to advance. Exert will power. Consult with family, friends and partners. Choose the option that has the most heart. Put your time into developing skills that are most fun.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 7 – A home project holds your thoughts. Schedule tasks and participants. Friends are there for you. Toss the ball to a teammate. Family can help. Pay bills, and budget more than what was promised. Take the unexpected into account.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8 – Promotions and advertising go farther now. You wonder why... just do what worked before. It's time to take action. Continue building your equity, with your partner's help. Children and elders want to contribute. A tender moment surprises.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is an 8 – There's a profitable job available, so get in action. Listen carefully to one who doesn't say much. Find what you need far away. Be passionate when you make your pitch. Act boldly. Begin or end a trip.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 9 – Defend your position. Think over your priorities. Your partner is in agreement. Revise your budget. Increase efficiency by planning your next moves. Take a load to the dump. What will work for you? Take it one step at a time.

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“It’s just — what happened to Michael Brown and Eric Garner — is just a reminder of how that situation could have turned out for me at that time.”

Walters said it made sense for law students to come together around this issue.

“As the future legal community, it means a lot that we show we care about justice, which is what many of us plan to do with our lives: to fight for justice,” she said.

As a future civil rights lawyer, Buansi said he thinks it’s important to continue to put pressure on elected officials to see change.

“To keep the discourse going, I would encourage people who care about this issue to write periodically to their city councilman as well as to their representatives in Congress,” Buansi said.

Walters said, as the national spotlight begins to ignore these issues, it is on every individual to stand up.

“It’s on us to remind ourselves every day that this is a real issue. It is affecting real people,” Walters said. “That people are dying and that we’re the only ones who are out there and able to step up.”

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STONE CENTER

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with Dr. Stone, I fell in love with her as a person and a teacher,” she said. “She really rallied students around the important issues of the day.”

Stone, the adviser to the group, died suddenly in 1991. Her death was unexpected, and her students immediately mobilized to honor her with a freestanding black cultural center in her name.

“She was integral in getting (the room). Upon her death, those of us who loved her, we wanted to name the center after her,” Thomas said.

The building would replace the Student Union as the site of the black cultural center, where students could discuss current events.

“To me, it was a lifeline,” Thomas said. “It was a place where I didn’t have to feel different and a place where I could truly let my hair down.”

Then-chancellor Paul Hardin was at times non-committal to the students’ cause.

“I favor a center that is, by geography and program, inviting and inclusive — a forum, not a fortress,” he said to protesters on the South Building lawn, according to a 1992 story in The Daily Tar Heel.

The issue was divisive, but groups like the Campus

Y and student government eventually joined BSM in its advocacy.

The creation of a black cultural center was approved in 1992, but questions of where to locate the center remained.

In April 1993, activists had a choice — sit in Hardin’s office indefinitely or go to class. Sixteen students and a middle school teacher who chose the former option would be arrested after camping out in the chancellor’s office.

“These were all new experiences with me but it was a way to claim my identity as an African-American student,” said Chimi Boyd-Keyes, who was BSM president during the 1994-95 school year. “Some students really just camped out there and ate, slept and did everything right there in South Building. It was very empowering.”

A spiritual leader came to anoint the grounds next to Wilson Library where the student advocates wanted the Center to be built, Boyd-Keyes said. After much back-and-forth, the center was ultimately built by the Bell

Tower, across the street from the library.

Even after some logistics of the center were agreed upon, Boyd-Keyes said there was a lot of miscommunication.

“People were saying there’d be a beauty shop and a barber shop, just a hang out spot for black students,” she said. “None of those things were true, so I was also spending time as BSM president to educate about the purposes of the center.”

The Stone Center was originally proposed as a student-centered building, Boyd-Keyes said, but activists compromised and the center became more academic-oriented.

More than ten years went by before the Stone Center opened its doors. Administrators raised \$9 million to build the center, but, at times, it didn’t seem like a huge priority, said David Eckerman, a retired UNC psychology professor.

“It took a lot of politics and negotiating to keep it on the agenda,” Eckerman said. “It’s a very complicated history, and it’s a history a lot of people in North Carolina would

rather forget.”

After years of budget cuts for UNC’s centers, UNC’s Board of Governors is reviewing a short list of system centers and institutes, including the Stone Center. That review could end in the board pulling financial support.

At a Stone Center screening of “Don’t Believe The Hype,” a documentary chronicling the advocacy for the center, Ebony Watkins heard arguments for and against the center’s creation that were similar to debates about the center today.

“It literally felt like I was looking in the mirror,” said Watkins, who is also a member of the UNC BOG Democracy Coalition. “I really just felt like the same voices that were in favor of the center and the center being built and founded were the same exact (voices of today).”

Years-removed from the controversy, Hardin said he hopes the Stone Center is protected.

“The world, our great country, and especially the Board of Governors, all need to take a deep breath and stop playing

fast and loose with doling out rights and privileges,” he said by email.

For Thomas, Stone’s mentee in the early 1990s, the Stone Center is exactly what she hoped it would be for the next generation of UNC students.

“For me, it is a gift to current and future students and to the entire campus community and to the region,” she said. “It is a place where rigorous academic inquiry and study and sharing happens — where new ideas and dreams and visions are born.”

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Flying Silk

A dance group specializing in traditional Chinese ribbon dance has added new members. See pg. 3 for story.

Board of Trustees

At its meeting, the Board of Trustees created a new position for economic development. See pg. 1.

Athletes suing UNC

Two more former athletes filed a lawsuit against the University on Thursday. See pg. 1 for story.

Waste reduction

Orange County saw a record waste reduction in the 2013-14 fiscal year. See pg. 4 for story.

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ACROSS

1 "Mad Men" productions

4 Bark elicitor

9 Lax

13 Force (open)

14 Close-fitting dress

15 Powerful dept.?

16 Striking painting of paddles, net and ball?

19 Uber

20 Facebook button

21 Truncation abbr.

22 Austin of "Knot's Landing"

23 Extraordinary northern bird?

26 Statistician's challenge

28 Plot component

29 "___ thoughts?"

30 Reasonable

32 Purim heroine

34 Mythological figure who touched 16-, 23-, 46- and 55-Across?

36 Available

39 Anthony Hopkins' "Thor" role

40 Channel for old films

43 Noodle

44 "I'm not kidding!"

46 Alaskan insects?

51 Chief Justice Warren

52 Subjects of some conspiracy theories

53 Specks on cartes

54 Enthralled

55 Overdevelop a high plain?

60 It may be cautionary

61 "I shall be late!" speaker of fiction

62 Letter director

63 Narrow opening

64 Indo-___ languages

65 Nixon has two

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1 Angry Birds, e.g.

2 "Happy Days" setting

3 Cooperative action

4 "Dexter" airer, for short

5 Write

6 Scout rank

7 Top story

8 Uniform material

9 Sprinkling on French fries?

10 Free sample limitation

11 Top story

12 Cab driver?

14 One of a pair of Mad adversaries

17 Off the ___

18 Arthur of "The Golden Girls"

22 Sched. uncertainty

23 Witness ___

24 Sharp feeling

25 Rowing beneficiaries, for short

27 Z-zebra link

31 Dashboard

32 Changes, in a way

33 Without

34 Rosebud's owner

35 "Cool, man!"

36 Things

37 ___ color

38 Fictional pilot with the

40 Circus staple

41 Sun block

42 "The Producers" screenwriter Brooks

45 Milk dispenser

47 Help

48 Uber

49 "The View" alum Joy

50 Milk carton words

54 Snitch

56 18th Amendment opposer

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Take actual math classes

My philosophy professor asked people to name a few “fundamental laws of nature.” He was looking for examples of mathematical truths to lead into another discussion about philosophical truths.

“F=ma,” someone suggested. You know, force is mass times acceleration. Sir Isaac Newton’s second law of motion.

“Uh ... yeah,” my professor chuckled. Someone else suggested $E=mc^2$.

“I don’t understand any of this stuff,” he said with a smile.

It was a small moment. The class proceeded to talk about the hidden meaning of the phrase “self-evident” from the Declaration of Independence for half an hour.

There was a recent New York Times article about Megan Smith, the Chief Technology Officer of the United States; apparently, she would cringe at such small moments (like when a long-time academic chuckles at how bad he is at science).

“We would never say that about reading,” Smith said.

My thinking was always built more for math and science, but when people struggle with math, I sympathize. I minored in Russian.

For the first three years of my college career, my most time-consuming classes were the Russian courses. I spent more time on daily language worksheets with cutesy little cartoons than I did on any computer science course. While my classmates were like sponges absorbing a constant stream of vocabulary, I was some stupid Styrofoam cup that someone had pulverized with a BB gun.

The point is that I’m not that good at languages. Even so, three years of struggling with Russian has added an extra dimension to my undergraduate career, exposing me to people and places that the computer science department could not have. I’m never going to get around the fact that the only lengthy texts I could stand to read in one or two sittings were Harry Potter books, but computer science and math alone don’t really make a diverse education, and the same could be said of philosophy and political science.

Do you know why UNC has the quantitative reasoning general education requirement? Because we have global warming deniers sitting on the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology in the House of Representatives.

Even in fields where it’s not directly applicable, an understanding of science and technology is necessary in some form, and people who decide to tack on an extra elective instead of struggling in a lower-level math course really aren’t doing themselves a big favor in the long run.

There’s something about the American education system that causes people to shy away from things they’re not naturally good at. Everyone wants to be “the smart one,” not “the guy who’s busting his ass to get a B.” No matter how many articles come up on Facebook feeds telling parents to compliment their children on how hard they work instead of how smart they are, this attitude continues at UNC.

So, to fulfill your QR credit, challenge yourself with actual calculus instead of “Intuitive Calculus.”

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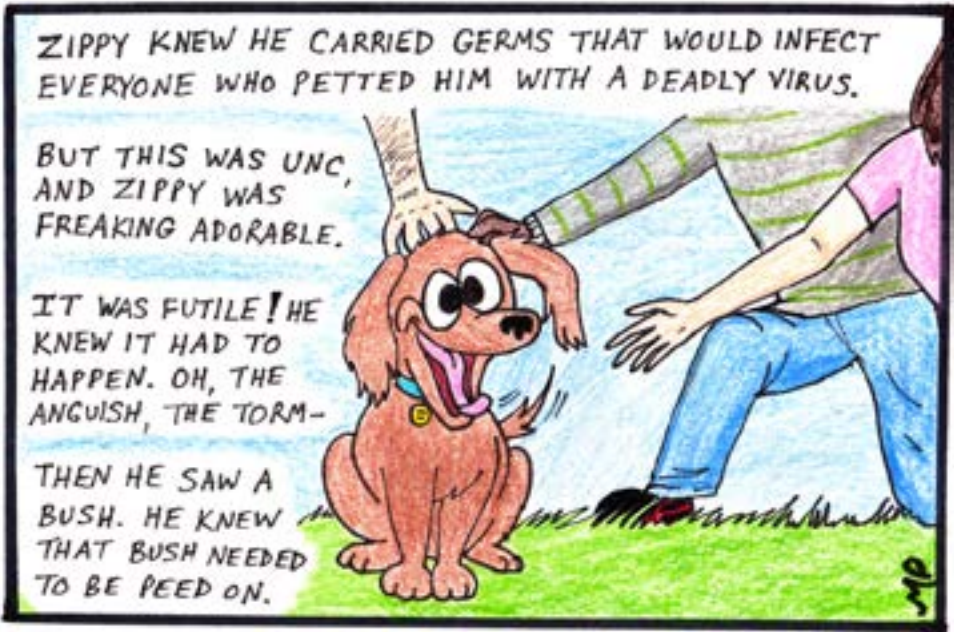
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EDITORIAL

We are not sheep

We must all unite in protest of the BOG’s actions.

It’s been exactly one week, and the UNC-system Board of Governors has remained confusingly mum on its move to oust system President Tom Ross.

The board has ignored calls from system leaders, student body presidents and community members to provide transparency on its decision. Apparently, its members feel they are above telling constituents the reasoning behind one of the biggest decisions this particular board has made to date.

We cannot let the nation’s premier public university system be bought by politicians with little interest in developing a smart electorate. After all, if this instance is any evidence, the politicians of this state are counting on its students and faculty to be sheep while they quietly take the ideals of this university to slaughter.

Even if Ross’ quiet firing was the only thing we were mad about, that would be enough. But it’s not.

This editorial board has repeatedly called for more from the system’s governing body, which, of

late, has adopted a modus operandi of secrecy and underhandedness.

In August, we admonished the Board of Governors for its hasty (and little-debated) decision to freeze-and-cap the amount of need-based aid its universities can provide.

We questioned why the board would want to make such a monumental decision during the summer when students are gone.

In November, we asked the board to listen to the newly created student group UNC BOG Democracy Coalition after years of watching students’ grievances fall by the wayside at the Board of Governors’ hands.

Finally, in December, we criticized the board for its sinful decision to target for budget cuts those research centers and institutes that help marginalized groups.

So to the Board of Governors, we expect more from the people entrusted with protecting this university. Your opaqueness reflects your failed commitment to public service.

To Chancellor Carol Folt, we ask that you push back against Ross’ seemingly arbitrary dismissal. Remember President Ross’ support of his flagship university during the release of the Wainstein report

when you challenge the powers that be in the Board of Governors. You will face opposition from powerful politicians, but know that the student body will support your efforts to protect the integrity of our university system.

To student government, we appreciate your willingness to speak out against the board. But now you must act on your demands. Student Body President Andrew Powell said the board must “articulate clear, identifiable reasons they are asking President Ross to step down.” Now you must continue this university’s tradition of defiance in the face of wrongdoing — a tradition you repeatedly invoked during your campaign. You must lead your student body. You must call for protests.

To students, it’s clear we can no longer afford to be apathetic about voting — not that we ever really could. The politicians we put in place are the same ones deciding the makeup of the Board of Governors.

During the next year and beyond, this newspaper and its editorial board will put forth every effort to uncover the truth behind Ross’ removal.

In the meantime, we need you to demand better from your elected officials.

We are not sheep.

EDITORIAL

Postcards from UNC

UNC’s international profile could be more competitive.

It is clear from its mission statement that the University of North Carolina operates in order to better both its students and the state from which it takes its name.

But globalization and statewide shifts in demographics should result in a conversation among students and administrators about ways to increase cultural diversity and diversity of thought on campus.

That’s not to say that everyone on campus thinks the same way or has the same opinion on divisive issues. Just like everywhere else in the U.S., liberals and conservatives at UNC tend to butt heads. But the way these arguments are framed tends to leave out international perspectives.

Sure, students are aware of major international crises that make American headlines, such as the attacks in Paris on Charlie Hebdo. And that’s great

— we need to be aware of those kinds of events.

But how many students were aware that the Swiss Central Bank recently unpegged the franc against the euro, which could affect our own economy? Or just the fact that Switzerland uses a franc instead of a euro? Most importantly, do we care to know?

Global economic shake-ups suggest that we should. Both the Research Triangle Park and Charlotte, two likely destinations for UNC grads, have embraced their roles as players on an international stage. As a result, the ability of UNC students to interact and work with people from completely different cultural backgrounds is more important than ever.

UNC does boast some programs that allow students to experience cultures outside of their own, such as the University’s numerous study abroad programs. But what does that say about us that this is an ancillary initiative? Top universities in Europe and elsewhere require a year

of study abroad as part of their degree programs.

But in order for every student to gain experience in interacting with people from a different background, and acknowledging the sometimes prohibitive cost of travel, we must discuss how to promote a greater awareness of other cultures on campus.

One option would be to simply accept more international students. International students made up less than 4 percent of fall 2013 enrollments, a number that compares unfavorably with the university’s peer institutions.

Of course, UNC should also ensure such an initiative does not displace underrepresented students from the U.S. — that one form of diversity is not sacrificed for another.

As students, our job should be to engage with international communities already on campus with the goal of making UNC a place known internationally for its welcoming attitude.

QUOTE OF THE DAY
“I think there are several things that have led to our success: environmental action and ethical choices of our citizens.”

Gayle Wilson, on the county’s record year in waste reduction

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT
“The only reason what he says is ‘news’ is because he is associating his title — and employer — with his personal views.”

TwoShades, on wrestling coach C.D. Mock’s controversial blog

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hail to the powerful Board of Governors

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank goodness we finally have a University of North Carolina Board of Governors with the courage to do the right thing.

Their inquisition of UNC-system centers focuses on a problem that has plagued the UNC system for years — support for outdated ideas like civil “rights” and education about the cultures of women, workers and people of color.

With leadership from the BOG the university system can rid itself of these disruptive influences that undermine the rightful place of rich, white men as the true leaders of society.

And speaking of rich, white men, the BOG can address another serious problem — the low self-esteem of wealthy businessmen. There are far too many buildings and schools in the UNC system that have not yet been named for wealthy individuals and companies.

Fancy plaques, lavish banquets, named professorships, obsequious press releases and other glorification of the fantastic wealth of corporate philanthropists can help address a serious mental-health issue. Furthermore, funding UNC through wealthy donors helps protect the University from the influence of elected officials who control tax dollars.

The BOG can also position UNC to better promote corporate profits. They can rid the system of programs that do not properly train students to work for corporations and follow orders. This can be promoted by ensuring that donors who represent corporate interests get to influence the membership of advisory boards and other positions within the University.

The greatest insight of the new BOG is the need to counter the most serious threat posed by the UNC system: the idea that young people should learn to think for themselves and speak their minds. This is why the idea of recruiting a new president from the ranks of the military or business is so brilliant. These are cultures where people who don’t follow orders from above are easily disciplined or fired.

As for firing, the BOG has shown its mettle with the forced termination of the president of the university system. If they can fire a politically powerful leader for no cause, imagine the success they will have with lower-level faculty who lack political clout! And they need only fire a few of these: The rest will quickly fall into line behind the BOG’s agenda.

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Well, now that Art Pope is about to be UNC president, could somebody please remind me what percentage of college-aged adults voted back in November?

Shout out to the soothing harp music in Lenoir during breakfast for reminding me why I still have a meal plan.

I’m in denial about school being back, and so is my CCI laptop — I put it on hibernate mode after exams, and it still hasn’t woken up from its long winter’s nap.

Lifeguards of the world: Synchronize the pace clocks, and I will reveal my secrets.

I still don’t know what I’m doing with my life after I graduate, but I reached level 20 on Trivia Crack so I’ve got that going for me, which is nice.

I’m paying my Carpe Diem fees on a payment plan so I have enough money to spend at bars.

As a graduating senior English major taking an intro programming class, I can confidently say that I have never been more out of place in my entire college career. Why am I doing this to myself?

Dear student: Either you are scratching a private spot or texting. Regardless of which it is, you shouldn’t do it in class. From: Your Spanish professor.

Is anyone going to say anything about the Mediterranean food cartel’s gradual takeover of Franklin Street? No?

This morning I’ve walked past a shattered bottle of vodka and two crumbled dining hall cookies just lying on the bricks. Someone must’ve had a rough night.

Couldn’t we just go with a squeaky clean defensive coordinator?

Has anyone actually ever met jmpender? Seems like he might be an interesting person.

Hey, UNC, accept my transfer credits so I don’t lose a year of academic standing.

I hate that rush week ended. Another crop of honey bunnies are off the market.

To the jerk who almost hit us in her Jeep on Rosemary, go wreck yourself (but not really — drive safer).

To the second jerk texting in her car who almost hit us on Rosemary, I hope your snapchat got screenshotted.

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