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Streaking toward the title

North Carolina baseball team heads to the ACC Tournament on a 13-game winning streak.

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GREENSBORO — Jacob Stallings was in no mood to talk.

But, polite as always, he stood outside the Boshamer Stadium locker room and answered every question following North Carolina's 8-4 loss to UNC-G.

The senior catcher talked about the 16 hits UNC pitchers gave up and the offense's struggle to mount any sort of comeback. He talked about how his team seemed unusually flat — all while trying to restrain the frustration that simmered in his eyes.

That was April 24.

The Tar Heels haven't lost a game since.

On Tuesday, Stallings was his usual affable self, standing on the field at NewBridge Bank Park. The No. 2 seeded Tar Heels had just finished practice for the 2012 ACC Championship.

"Everyone's excited," Stallings said. "We feel like we're playing good baseball ... We're ready to play, and we're gonna try to come down and win three or four games down here — however many it takes."

Ranked eighth nationally, the Tar Heels (42-

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ACC TOURNAMENT

Time: 3 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Saturday. Championship game Sunday at noon.

Location: NewBridge Bank Park, Greensboro.

Info: Check out www.dailytarheel.com for game stories and blog posts all week long.



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Senior catcher Jacob Stallings looks to continue the Tar Heels' hot streak this week at the ACC Tournament in Greensboro.

Pitching depth vital as UNC looks to make a postseason run

Before the season started, coach Mike Fox said the strength of his North Carolina baseball team was going to be the depth of the pitching staff.

I was skeptical.

Yes, the Tar Heels have 18 pitchers on the roster, which is the third most in the conference, but almost half of them are freshmen and 13 of them are sophomores or younger.

Though talented, experience was not a strength coming into the season.

And that became clear as Fox and pitching coach Scott Forbes shifted



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around the weekend rotation early in the season.

But, skeptical as I was of those young arms, they have proven me wrong as the season makes its turn to the post-

season. They have become the most efficient pitching staff in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

That's no easy task, as the ACC is arguably one of the top two conferences in the country.

But the starting rotation doesn't look much like it did back in February.

In the season-opening series, the Tar Heels started sophomore Kent Emanuel, freshman Chris O'Brien and freshman Benton Moss.

UNC dropped the middle game of that series with Xavier and gave up a season-high 22 runs on the weekend.

Emanuel, who is the staff ace, has remained the Friday starter all season long. The other two spots have switched around. O'Brien was bumped to the Sunday spot after that opening weekend, and junior Chris Munnely became the Saturday starter.

UNC used that rotation for three weekends before Moss worked his way back into the last weekend starter spot.

Moss battled some consistency issues even after coming back to the weekend role. He struggled against Boston College

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Board to talk AFAM fraud

Trustees convene today to discuss a report on faculty retention.

By Matthew Cox
University Editor

The full Board of Trustees will convene today for the first time since a report on academic fraud in the African and Afro-American studies department was released by the University.

University spokesman Mike McFarland said the board will discuss planned policy and procedural improvements for the department today.

The report — which found irregularities in oversight and course instruction within the department — has prompted the State Bureau of Investigation to look into potential criminal activity that might have taken place.

The board will also hear a report on faculty retention rates authored by former Student Body Vice President Zealan Hoover with the help of other student leaders on campus.

Hoover — who will present his findings at the board meeting today — said the student task force on faculty retention began work in May 2011 in hopes of finding low-cost or cost-neutral ways to improve faculty retention rates at UNC.

Decreased retention rates have been linked by University officials to a statewide salary freeze that has been imposed on all public employees, including UNC faculty and staff, since June 2009.

Hoover's report makes several recommendations including increased funding for professors

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Governor's School pushes for funding

The 50-year-old program may be forced to shut down next year if state does not act.

By Vinayak Balasubramanian
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Members of the N.C. Governor's School Foundation are hopeful that legislators will consider their program when allocating state funds.

While state representatives are receptive to supporting the school — which lost all state funding last year — its future remains uncertain.

Sen. Neal Hunt, R-Wake, said getting support from the House — which is currently planning its budget proposal — would be an uphill battle.

"I'm very sympathetic to the cause," Hunt said. He said it's a matter of limited resources rather than ideology.

Nearly 20 alumni, parents and teachers from the school spent the majority of the day Tuesday speaking to legislators about the value of the school.

"It's not just a summer camp," said Scott Gayle, who attended the school in 1968. "It is the jewel of the North Carolina crown."

Governor's School is a summer residential program for gifted high school students.

The N.C. General Assembly eliminated state funding for the 50-year-old school last June. The Governor's School Foundation — which was created in 1990 — raised \$700,000 by February.

Roice Fulton, vice president of the foundation, said that is enough to support 550 students for five weeks if each student is charged \$500.

Gayle said many of these donations were one-time only, making it difficult to count on them in the future.

He said barring funding from the legislature, it would be very difficult for the school to raise enough money to cover its operating costs.

The school used to support 800 students for six weeks without charging tuition. The school was free for students until 2010 when funding was cut from more than \$1 million to \$850,000, forcing the school to charge tuition and reduce admission rates.

Lawmakers said this is not a partisan issue. But some senators said the House is less likely to restore the school's funding.

"I think the Governor's School has made its case, and there will be some effort on the Senate side on this issue," Sen. Peter Brunstetter, R-Forsyth, said.

Fulton said the program is an efficient use of state funds based on the success rates of

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Budget proposals include tax hike

Local governments have proposed budgets that have higher property tax rates.

By Kaitlyn Knepp
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With the 2012-13 fiscal year approaching, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, Orange County and Carrboro's officials are making the final adjustments to their budget proposals.

The property tax rates for all but Orange County are expected to increase for the first time since 2009.

Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill has a proposed budget of \$89.9 million, up 4 percent from the 2011-12 fiscal year.

The proposal includes a pay increase of 3 percent for town employee salaries — the first since 2009.

The pay increase would help prevent salary levels from dipping below the market level.

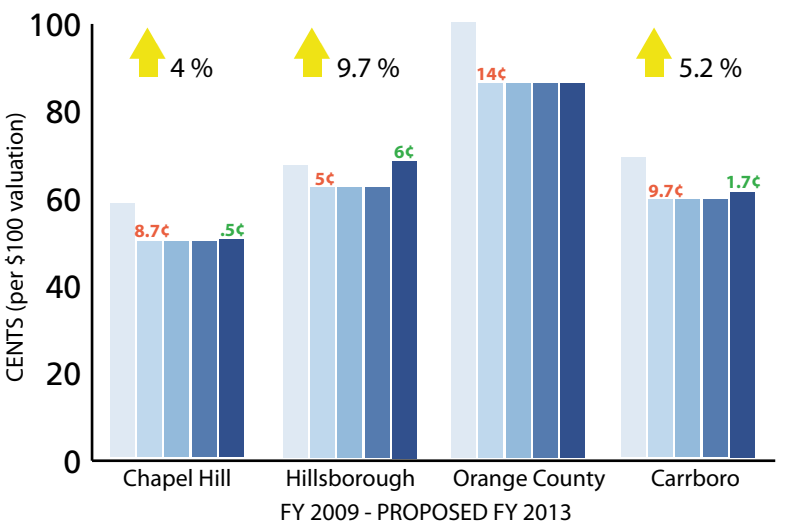
Chapel Hill resident and UNC professor Mike Roberts said he is concerned about the proposed pay increase, as both UNC and UNC Hospitals have not seen a pay increase in several years.

"It's an incredibly insensitive budget," he said.

A property tax increase of a half-

Property taxes since 2009

Hillsborough's proposed property tax increase is only six cents, but nearly a 9.7 percent change.



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cent per \$100 valuation, or about 1 percent, is also included. The increase will help with rising transit costs.

Chapel Hill's budget provides for the restoration of its Fourth of July event funds, a total of \$43,000.

Catherine Lazorko, spokeswoman for the town's funds could come from attendee donations.

Chapel Hill Town Council will vote

on the budget at its June 11 meeting.

Hillsborough

Hillsborough's budget proposal includes an increased property tax rate of 6 cents per \$100 valuation — for a nearly 9.7 percent increase.

The increase is in response to street

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Inside HOG HEAVEN

Thousands visited Hillsborough's Hog Day this past weekend, eating nearly 3,500 pounds of pork. **Page 7.**



MUSICIAN OR OUTLAW?

Read about UNC graduate Jesse James DeConto's writing experiences, his band's upcoming album and sharing a name with a famous outlaw. **Page 6.**

LADY GOLFERS ON THE LINKS

UNC's women's golf team is playing in the NCAA Championships in Franklin, Tenn., led by regional champion Catherine O'Donnell. **Page 7.**

This day in history

MAY 24, 1884

UNC sociology professor Howard Washington Odum was born near Bethlehem, Ga.

Today's weather

Slight chance of thunderstorms.
H 84, L 65

Friday's weather

Less rain — more heat.
H 87, L 66

“Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.”
JOHN LENNON