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Gage: athletic culture needs change

The Board of Governors will discuss academic fraud at UNC today.

By **Vinayak Balasubramanian**
State & National Editor

UNC's top leaders are frustrated with continuing reports of academic fraud involving athletes at UNC-Chapel Hill, said Hannah Gage, chairwoman of the UNC-system Board of Governors. Gage said academic fraud will likely

dominate parts of today's board meeting amidst ongoing investigations in the Department of African and Afro-American Studies at UNC-CH.

Last week, Chancellor Holden Thorp said the University will take back \$12,000 from former department chair Julius Nyang'oro for a summer class he agreed to conduct in lecture format last summer. Officials have since discovered that Nyang'oro taught the class, which was comprised of nearly all football players, as an independent study course where he didn't meet with students regularly and asked them to hand in a 15 page paper at

the end of the summer session.

The 2011 summer school class was conducted after UNC officials pledged reform following the discovery that members of the football team had received improper help from a tutor.

Gage said there is a culture throughout competitive sports programs, including at UNC-CH, that promotes winning at all costs and may obstruct reform efforts.

"This doesn't mean that Chapel Hill is unable to get to the bottom of it, but they can't snap fingers, make a few changes and hope that it will change," she said.

"There must be a methodical, persis-

tent effort to put greater oversight, policies and accountable people in place," Gage said.

She said she has full confidence in UNC-CH Chancellor Holden Thorp and the Board of Trustees, and said the UNC system currently sees no need to get involved with investigations. Thorp and UNC-system President Thomas Ross will speak at the meeting.

Joni Worthington, spokeswoman for the UNC system, said portions of the meeting on academic fraud may be held in closed session.

At the meeting, the board will elect a

new chair and vice chair as Gage's four-year term ends in June. Administrative efficiency and the approval of new degree programs will also be discussed.

Charles Perusse, the system's vice president for finance, said the board's budget and finance committee will discuss administrative efficiency and need-based financial aid.

Perusse said the board will discuss updates to the state's biennial budget, which is currently being debated in the N.C. General Assembly.

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Goodbye, Gumby's Pizza

After spending 23 years in Chapel Hill, Gumby's Pizza has closed its doors — and probably for good.

By **Chessa DeCain**
City Editor

Man cannot survive on Pokey Stix alone, and neither could Gumby's.

The pizza restaurant has closed after spending 18 years at its last Franklin Street location.

Most widely known for its Pokey Stix — a pull-apart pizza with dipping sauce — the restaurant was a staple for many UNC students and alumni.

"I have fond memories of Pokey Stix. I know the students will miss those," said Sabrina Jones, director of East Coast Operations for Zapolski Real Estate and property manager for 306 W. Franklin St., where Gumby's was located.

Signs posted on the building say the space has been taken over by the landlord, Jeff Boak. Contact info for vendors with machinery still inside is listed on the door.

Jones said there had been many problems with the current owners.

The owners of Chapel Hill's Gumby's didn't answer calls to the number they left on the restaurant's door.

Jones said Michael Bannerman was one of the owners. She said the owners were evicted because they were several months behind on their rent.

"I can't disclose the exact number, but it was a substantial amount," she said.

Chance Hippler, founder of Gumby's Pizza and

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ART OF COMPASSION



DTH/MELISSA KEY

Monks from a Tibetan refugee monastery in India create a mandala sand painting at the Unity Center of Peace in Chapel Hill on Tuesday. The monks will be in town through Saturday as part of the Sacred Arts Tour to share Buddhist culture, raise awareness about the situation in Tibet and fundraise for the cause. See page 5.

AFAM majors see progress

Students say the department has been unfairly targeted by the media and UNC officials.

By **Elizabeth Johnson**
Staff Writer

Students in the African and Afro-American studies department say the department's reputation and future should not be based on former chair Julius Nyang'oro.

Senior Sam Pride, a major in the department, said he thinks the focus of the media and administrators has unfairly been placed on what's gone wrong within the department, rather than what's going right. He said since Eunice Sahle took over as department chair in November, there have been a lot of visible improvements.

Sahle replaced Nyang'oro, who was listed as the instructor for many of the more than 50 courses the University found to be aberrant or irregularly taught — meaning courses were not supervised appropriately by professors or that signatures on students' work and grade rolls were forged.

"Sahle is already doing a good job," Pride said. "She has made an effort to meet with students and to improve communication between the department and students."

Pride said this was not the case when Nyang'oro led the department.

"In a lot of my discussions with other students, we feel AFAM is being used as a scapegoat," Pride said.

He said a lot of the issues brought to light by the University's investigation might be going on

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MLB draft lays claim to future and present Tar Heels

Four UNC recruits and five current players were chosen by MLB teams last week.

By **Brandon Moree**
Sports Editor

The North Carolina baseball team's top recruit, a 6-foot-7-inch, left-handed pitcher from Ohio, won't be a Tar Heel next year.

Matt Smoral, from Solon High School which is southeast of Cleveland, was selected 50th overall by Toronto in the Major League Baseball Draft, which took place June 4 through June 6. All signs point to Smoral signing with the Blue Jays.

In the 40 rounds of the draft, three other Tar Heel recruits along with five current players were selected, but Smoral was the first off the board.

Smoral's stock was high, not only because of his size and his left-handedness but he's already throwing with mid-90s velocity.

"He is just electric on the mound,"

Solon head coach Damien Kopkas said. "Over the last few years he's really developed into a pitcher and less of a thrower. He's intelligent on the mound and he throws three different pitches for strikes that are above average pitches."

Though the Tar Heels would have loved to have Smoral as a part of an already impressive pitching staff, he'd be turning down a large amount of money to do so — somewhere in the \$2 million range.

"We're missing out on a terrific talent and great kid but we knew it was a long shot as talented as he was," North Carolina coach Mike Fox said. "He set his number up there pretty high and went through the process right. We're disappointed but we understand."

UNC will be losing at least one more pitcher to the major leagues as Cody Penny, who was selected in the 16th round by the Cleveland Indians, has decided to forgo his senior season and sign.

Second baseman turned short stop and then back to second baseman Tommy Coyle was also selected in the

16th round and Fox indicated that he too planned to sign.

All-American closer Michael Morin was selected by the Angels in the 13th round but has yet to reach a decision.

Though Morin had an excellent season, it came with an unexpected, disastrous ending. He gave up a walk-off three-run home run in the first match-up with St. John's and dropped a routine fly ball in the second game as the end of the season became inevitable.

But Fox doesn't want the regional to have any impact on his decision.

"I hope Michael makes the best decision that he thinks is for him, first and foremost," Fox said. "From our standpoint, that would be the entirely wrong way to look at what his future should be. We wouldn't have been in the regional if it wasn't for Michael. I don't want that to even factor in to his decision."

Key reliever R.C. Orlan was picked by the Nationals in the 30th round, but the way his season ended is causing some trepidation on Washington's

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DTH/MELISSA KEY

Closer Michael Morin was selected by the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim in the 13th round of the last week's Major League Baseball draft. He has not yet signed a contract.

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MAYOR VISITS DC

Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt will visit the White House on Friday as part of Pride Month.

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FRACKING BILL

A bill legalizing fracking in the state was passed by the N.C. Senate last week. Some expect the bill to pass in the N.C. House of Representatives as early as this week. **Page 5.**

NEW FILM SERIES IN CARRBORO

N.C. filmmakers will now be able to show their short films at the Carrboro ArtsCenter as part of the Triangle Narrative Film Series. **Page 7.**

This day in history

JUNE 14, 1938

Gerald Ford, who later became the 38th president of the United States, attended the first day of summer classes at UNC.

Today's weather



Local pools will likely be packed.
H 80, L 62

Friday's weather



Only a small chance of rain.
H 80, L 58

“Better than a thousand hollow words, is one word that brings peace.”

BUDDHA