News

AFAM students never met Nyang'oro

By Sam Schaefer Staff Writer

In the summer of 2009, Nate Harrison took AFAM 428 - Bioethics in Afro-American Studies, a class taught by former professor and Department of African and Afro-American Studies Chair Julius Nyang'oro.

Harrison, a member of The Daily Tar Heel editorial board, heard from a friend that it was an easy class and GPA booster. He asked an academic adviser about taking the 400-level class during the summer after his freshman year.

"They said, 'Yeah, you know, that might be a good idea," he Harrison did not think

anything was suspect about the class because it had been described to him as independent study.

But the class never met. and at the end of the summer session, Harrison emailed Nvang'oro his 20-page paper. "I never once saw

Nyang'oro," Harrison said. Professors supervising independent study courses must meet regularly with students, according to a report by the College of Arts & Sciences

Independent Study Task Force. Harrison, who is not an athlete, has been a member of The Daily Tar Heel staff for the last two summers. His experience illustrates how students could have been led to classes now being investigated. AFAM 428 is the same class a former UNC football player, widely thought to be Marvin Austin, took in the summer of 2007. In a letter to the Board of Trustees June 7, Chancellor Holden Thorp said 58 percent

of the student enrollments in the 54 aberrant or irregularly taught classes identified in a University review of Department of African and Afro-American Studies were student athletes

AFAM 428 was listed as one of those classes nine times between summer 2007 through fall 2010. Of the aberrant or irregularly taught

classes, AFAM 428 had one of the highest enrollment numbers, often more than 30. UNC graduate Jeff Smith said he had a similar experience in two independent study courses, Contemporary

Africa and Southern Africa,

that he took with Nyang'oro in fall 2006. "The extent of my interaction with Nyang'oro was I sent him an email with my topics," Smith said.

Smith said he wrote a

40-page paper for one of the independent study courses and two 20-page papers for the other course. He said he does not believe the independent study classes were

irregularly taught. "There's this idea that classes have to meet, but if you're doing your own research I've learned just as much or more than from the lecture classes I took at UNC," he said. "I think this whole thing

has been blown out of proportion." After The (Raleigh) News & Observer revealed Austin's partial transcript and it was found that former football player Michael McAdoo had plagiarized parts of a paper he submitted for one of Nyang'oro's classes, UNC

launched an internal investigation of the department. Athletic Director Bubba

Cunningham said student athletes make up a larger proportion of students in summer classes than they do in the regular academic year.

"I think some of that is we're trying to get all of the students that have those other commitments to graduate in four years," he said.

A report released July 26 by the University's Faculty Executive Committee implicates athletic department advisors in helping studentathletes sign up for fraudulent courses in the department.

Student athletes receive help from the Academic Support Program for Student Athletes, part of the Center for Student Success and

Academic Counseling. Harold Woodard, the director of the center, said athletes' support program staff help student athletes

schedule classes, though that is not part of their official responsibilities. He said the family and friends of student athletes also play a large role in the class selection process.

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Bobbi Owen, who oversees the academic advising program as senior dean for undergraduate education, said students get advice on what

of places. "I think word of mouth is the most potent one." Owen said course selection doesn't fall under the purview

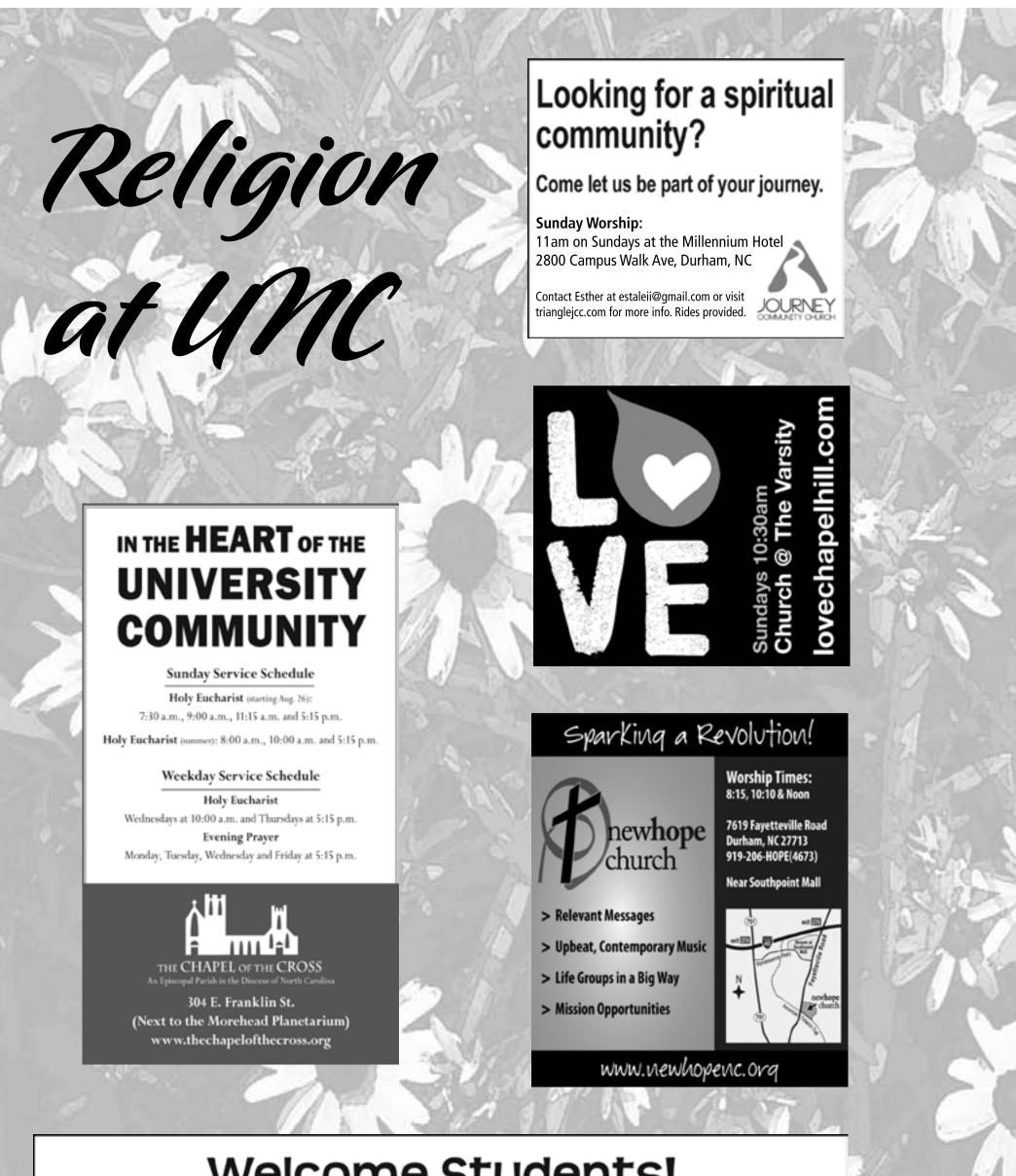
Jan Yopp, dean of summer school, said the school has implemented changes since the release of the report.

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classes to take from a variety

of the staff of the academic support program for student athletes.

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North Carolina spring sports review

By Brandon Moree Sports Editor

After the 2012 spring semester ended, several of North Carolina's athletic programs were just getting their post-season runs under way. Here's how the summer

Men's Lacrosse With an 11-5 record, the men's lacrosse team entered the NCAA Tournament as an No. 8 seed and hosted a first

round game. The Tar Heels were matched up with Denver, who had been in Chapel Hill earlier in the year for a preseason exhibition. With the scoreboard turned on this time the Pioneers made the most of thier opportunities to edge

Down by one goal with 20 seconds left Marcus Holman, who had six goals in the game, turned the ball over trying to find Chad Tutton. Dever scooped it up and scored to clinch the victory.

Women's Lacrosse

The women's team lost in the ACC Championship game for the third straight year in 2012 before heading into the NCAA Tournament. In the first round, the Tar Heels took care of a team Navy, where former Tar Heel Corey Donohoe is an assistant coach, with by beating them 14-7. But in the next round, the quarterfinals, Syracuse took a nailbitter from the Tar Heels 17-16. The Orange took the tight-

ly contested game on a goal from Michelle Tumolo with

Softball

The Tar Heels, who were the hosts of the ACC tournament in 2012, entered the post-season with a record of 40-12 but was not selected as a host for the NCAA tourna-

five seconds left on the clock.

ment. Instead, the softball team travelled to Athens, Ga., to play in Georgia's regional. The Tar Heels squeaked by the two other teams in the regional, Coastal Carolina and Georgia Sothern, but the Bulldogs were too much for UNC.

Georgia's Erin Arevalo shut the Tar Heels down in the elimination game, as UNC managed just three hits as they fell 2-1. Haleigh Dickey tried to keep the season alive with a home run in the

seventh inning but that was the only run the team would score in the game.

Tennis

Both North Carolina tennis seasons also ended in Athens, Ga., as the men and women were both eliminated in the round of 16.

The host Georgia knocked off the men 4-0, while the women fell to conference foe Miami 4-2.

Individually, only Jose Hernandez made it out of the first round, and he was ousted by Nik Scholtz in round two.

Golf

Though the men's season ended after a seventh place finish in the ACC Tournament the women went on to contend for the NCAA title.

UNC senior Catherine O'Donnell took first place in the NCAA West Regional and the team finished in seventh place to earn a spot in the NCAA Championships.

In the final event of the year, the Tar Heels were tied for second place at the mid point of the competition. But UNC struggled in the final two days of the national championship and ended up with a tenth place finish out of 24 teams.

Sophomore Katherine Perry was the low Tar Heel at the NCAA Championship as she finished tied for eighth at three-over-par.

Track and Field

In head coach Dennis Craddock's final season in charge of the track and field program at UNC, the Tar

Heels sent seven athletes to the NCAA championships in Des Moines, Iowa.

Though none of the Tar Heels advanced past the preliminary rounds, six of them will return to Chapel Hill in the 2012-13 season to make abother run at a title.

Sophomore Sandi Morris was the highest finisher as she took 11th place in the women's pole vault and earned a spot on the All-American second team.

On July 5, the North Carolina announced that former UNC thrower Harlis Meaders was the new head coach of the track and field and cross country programs. Meaders comes to UNC after 18 years on the coaching staff at Florida State.

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