

INGRAM

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Student Code gives the board the authority to disqualify a campaign that has violated election laws in a "manner as to be considered malicious and harmful." The code lists multiple breaches, an intentional or organized act against another candidate and plans to obstruct the election process as examples of such infringements.

The board voted unanimously Friday night to hold the disqualification hearing, during which it will hear Ingram respond to the accusations. Should the board decide to punish Ingram's campaign, it would likely either fine Ingram, remove a member from his campaign or disqualify him, Phillips said.

'The looks on their faces'

Cooper and Lee met with the board in an informal meeting Thursday night to express their concerns about Ingram's campaign methods, they said.

Phillips said he could tell the allegations were serious even before he heard them.

"More than anything else, the looks on their faces betrayed the seriousness of what they described to me," he said.

The accusations against Ingram's campaign, which were listed in the administrative decision released by the board Friday, paint Ingram and Klutz as vulgar, overly competitive and given to intimidation.

In the document, Lee accuses Ingram of sending him texts that defamed his character and of making an obscene hand gesture to a member of his campaign staff.

Cooper accuses Klutz of telling

a member of her campaign to "get the f--- away, little f---ers;" insulting Cooper, a member of her campaign and her roommate with a sexually offensive and derogatory term and attempting to stop a student from signing a petition for her candidacy, then telling a member of her campaign to "get out of my territory."

Cooper and Lee said they decided to bring evidence against Ingram when his actions began affecting their friends, even bringing some of them to tears.

Ingram responds, hits back

Ingram said the reported incidents are false or greatly exaggerated and that the actions of other candidates have paralleled his own.

In his written response to the allegations, Ingram challenged the authenticity of every incident, aside from the text transcript.

In an e-mail accompanying the response, he said the incidents do not constitute harmful activity.

"Malicious activities in the past have centered around things like destroying candidates' A-frames, destroying other campaign materials, starting rumors based off of factually incorrect information and disseminating it through different networks around campus, among many other things that could change the outcome of an election," he wrote. "The things I am charged with do none of these things."

Ingram said Cooper and Lee colluded in their complaints to help their own chances of being elected.

"The Board of Elections doesn't just put together two suits," he said. "(Cooper and Lee) obviously did this in tandem."

Ingram received the most petition signatures of any of the candi-

dates — 1,368 more than Cooper, who received the second-most.

Cooper and Lee met with the board informally Thursday night, they said, but stressed they were not presenting accusations together.

Members of the board asked the two candidates to submit their accusations to the group for the hearing. The evidence did not amount to a formal complaint.

The board then held an emergency meeting Friday night to determine if it would hold a disqualification hearing. Members voted unanimously to hold such a hearing.

Ingram filed a complaint in response to the board's decision. It says that Cooper and Lee's "collusive action" against his campaign violates the same section of the Student Code under which he is being investigated.

Jeff DeLuca, a member of Ingram's campaign, also filed a complaint to the board that claims Lee must resign his position as student body secretary in order to run, also citing Section 310.

Phillips said the board would likely throw out the complaint on the grounds that it issued a decision in December that found Lee's candidacy was legal as long as he doesn't use his office for campaigning.

He added that should it decide to punish Ingram, the board would likely consider effectiveness, given the hearing's proximity to the election. If he were disqualified, any write-in votes for Ingram wouldn't count, Phillips said.

Ingram said he was frustrated and uncertain of his fate.

"I guess we'll just have to see what happens," he said.

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LANDFILL

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During its last contentious search process for a trash site, the county delayed the expected fill date for the landfill several times.

"We're still going to have to do something else with the garbage in the long run," he said.

But the time gained by the county allows officials to delay making official arrangements with Durham.

"We have not negotiated a price or plan, but it's an agreement in principle," Yuhasz said. "There are technical and operational issues that we must discuss."

Donald Long, director of solid waste management in Durham,

said Orange County would be the first outside county to transfer its trash to the station.

"Right now, it's just the city of Durham and Durham County," Long said. "Discussion hasn't been in depth, but last I heard is that (Orange County is) still going to send their trash here."

Once Orange County's trash reaches Durham, it won't stop there. Long said the transfer station works with a private contractor who takes the trash to Sampson County's landfill — the Uwharrie landfill in Mount Gilead.

The county has yet to hear from Chapel Hill, Carboro and Hillsborough as to whether the towns will be collaborating with the

county in transferring their trash.

Letters were sent to the towns to see if they wish to similarly coordinate sending their waste to Durham and if they want to discuss what that long-term relationship would be. The county expects replies on Feb. 15.

For Wilson, discussion of long-term solutions for waste management has not come soon enough.

"I really think we'll get some indication of the direction we'll take from the towns' response," he said.

"The county is prepared to proceed alone, but is eager to extend partnership with the jurisdictions."

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Bridges said in his experience staying at the shelter, he's seen crowding and lack of beds be an issue — especially for those who need rest to look for or go to jobs.

In the restroom, House said there are three stalls and some basic sink space.

"This is it. It's dual setup, but I don't think you're going to find two fellows in there at the same time. You won't find a lot of privacy to feel comfortable," House said.

He added that cots are put into

the dining room downstairs to house temporary residents during inclement weather.

Many of those against the shelter's potential move don't oppose the proposal itself, but where the shelter will be located.

Some residents have said the new location is too close to parks, day cares and residential areas.

Opponents also say the shelter's move will add to an already heavy concentration of social services in northwestern Chapel Hill.

But Laurie Tucker, the IFC's residential services director, said the state of the facility is sub-par and should be seen by the community.

"We just wanted to open it up to the community so they can come in and see how inefficient this building really is, and how we really need to move this somewhere else for the men's sake," Tucker said.

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> One of the bills sponsored by N.J. Republican Rep. Chris Smith, "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act," has received widespread criticism <http://fxn.ws/i1EvZ8> (via FOX News)

> "Forcible rape" clause removed from antiabortion bill in Congress <http://wapo.st/e6Uqwc> (via Washington Post)

> Since 1977, federal law has allowed the use of government funds for abortion in cases of rape, incest and to save the life of the woman <http://bit.ly/hft-N9a> (via The Christian Science Monitor)

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2 bills in the GOP-led House move to restricting funding for abortions

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT)—Two House subcommittees hold hearings this week on separate bills that would expand restrictions on federal funding of abortions.

One would eliminate tax breaks for abortions. The other would restrict use of federal funds for abortions under the new health-care law. While both may pass the House, their prospects of passing a Democratic-held Senate or escaping President Barack Obama's veto pen are slim to none.

"They can't expect this legislation to go beyond the House of Representatives," said Steve Smith, a political science professor at Washington University in St. Louis. "It allows the House Republicans to do something symbolically important for their coalition base."

Still, the bills have alarmed

abortion-rights advocates, who say they are attempts to attack legalized abortion — federally funded or not — through the tax code and measures to deny women access to the procedure.

"These bills represent a new front in the abortion war," said Donna Crane, policy director for NARAL Pro-Choice America. "The idea . . . of using the tax code to impose political views, that's extremely alarming."

Opponents of legal abortion, emboldened by powerful support in a Republican-controlled House, say the bills are just the beginning.

Smith's bill stirred a huge uproar among abortion-rights advocates by listing victims of "forcible rape" among those who would be exempted from the bill.

US heartened by talks in Egypt

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — U.S. political officials and diplomatic experts applauded Sunday's talks between Egyptian officials and protest leaders as an "extraordinary" moment that may be a turning point in the crisis.

Even though government leaders in the talks held firm on many issues, Sen. John F. Kerry, D-Mass., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he was heartened that the Cairo government offered to concede on a number of the protesters' demands, including lifting a decades-old emergency law used to repress opposition forces.

It's "frankly quite extraordinary," Kerry said in an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," calling progress on the 1981 emergency law a "major, major opening of the door to the democratic process."

UNION VOTE

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The Tuesday vote will represent the latest in a string of hurdles for the UCommons project after the referendum was struck down by Congress and its petitioners were targeted for complaints of campaign misconduct.

But Andrew Phillips, chairman of the Board of Elections, said dealing with violations regarding referendums is tricky because no one person or organization represents

Video alleges a covert US effort

MIAMI (MCT) — Cuban bloggers like Yoani Sanchez and young exiles who reach out to their counterparts on the island are part of a covert U.S. campaign to undermine the Castro government, according to a secret Cuban video leaked to an Internet site.

The video also alleges that Washington launched a secret effort in 2008 to create 10 Wi-Fi "hot spots" around Havana, using illegal satellite telephones to connect up to 250 computers to the Internet independent of Cuban government controls.

President George W. Bush's administration did consider setting up the Wi-Fi spots, but never did, according to a former administration official with direct knowledge of the United States' Cuba democracy programs.

Sri Lankan floods displace 1 million

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (MCT) — More than a million people have been displaced by flooding in north-central and north-eastern Sri Lanka, officials said Sunday, as monsoon rains fell for the sixth consecutive day.

The floods were widespread and were affecting roads, agricultural land and town centers, the Disaster Management Center said.

The center said Sunday that it had confirmed eight deaths and two missing people.

Many areas were inaccessible, so the full extent of the damage were not yet known, the center said.

More than 250,000 displaced people were living in government camps, while others had been taken in by friends and relatives or found refuge in other buildings, including temples.

the campaign.

"The board only has the power to govern students and student organizations, not administrative units of the University such as the Union," Phillips said.

Alex Mills said the campaign didn't take undergraduate or gradu-

ate student opinions into account.

"They're not interested in listening to why there's opposition," he said. "They're just interested in doing it."

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The UNC General Alumni Association, in collaboration with the Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense, will sponsor a "Think Fast" forum to address questions and issues about the current political uprising in Egypt.

Each panelist will give opening remarks, and the audience will be invited to ask our experts questions. The program, which should end by 7:30 p.m., is part of the "Think Fast" series, which the GAA conducts to provide timely forums on breaking news stories that dominate public discussion.

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