

PINSON

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had a mutual admiration and respect for one another. They just weren't ready to make a big deal yet because, to them, I think the story was still being written when Josh died.

"The story was still being written."

Today, Pinson is expected to make his commitment to UNC official by signing a National Letter of Intent, marking the start of a brand-new story dedicated to everything he holds close to his heart — Josh, family, friends and his home state.

The people's champ

Reflecting on their relationship, Pinson points to one reason why he and his late cousin were so close.

"We are two people that play around a lot, and we're always laughing," he said. "You see me and Josh, especially when we're together, and we always have a smile on our faces."

Though he is no longer able to grin ear to ear with Josh, that hasn't stopped Pinson from contagiously spreading joy and connecting with those around him.

And when he touches the hardwood, Pinson's personality doesn't change. He still puts others ahead of himself, running on the fuel of a teammate's excitement after he assists him on a score.

Though Wesleyan basketball coach Keith Gatlin said Pinson, who averaged 13 points during the team's state championship season last year, is capable of putting the ball in the basket more than he does, he knows that's not his style.

"He wants to make the pass. He wants other people to be happy," Gatlin said. "The most defining moment with him was when we played a game last year, and someone was saying to him, 'Overrated.'"

"While he was walking off the court and the guy was still heckling him, Theo was like, 'Look at the clock. We won and my teammate played well.'"

But Gatlin said, despite his pass-first mentality, Pinson remains Wesleyan's most reliable scorer, adding that on any given night the small forward can be a scoring machine — the role he took on the game after he was heckled.

"The next night we played in Charlotte and Theo had 30 points," Gatlin said.

Pinson boasts an overall well-rounded game, which led ESPN to dub him the No. 1 basketball recruit in the state and the nation's No. 13 overall prospect in the class of 2014.

Former ESPN Recruiting Analyst Dave Telep referred to Pinson as the "high school version of a Swiss army knife."

But what can Pinson do that the pocket tool can't? Fly.

And at the Under Armour Elite 24 dunk contest in August, the 6-foot-6, long-armed forward showcased his leaping ability, cruising all the way to the finals and throwing down the game-winning dunk after leaping over an unlikely obstacle — his mother, former UNC-Charlotte basketball player Barbara Pinson.

For Pinson, his mother was never in harm's way, not even for a second.

"I've done it before. I've jumped over somebody taller than her, actually," Pinson said. "But I didn't really think of the magnitude of me jumping over my mom until after the fact."

"She was the nervous one. So I was like, 'All right, I've done this already,' and just went ahead and jumped over her."

For Gatlin, a versatile player is what every college



**Justin Jackson** is a 6-foot-7 small forward from Texas, listed as No. 1 in his position by ESPN.

basketball coach wants, and is just what UNC coach Roy Williams has in Pinson.

"Theo can get 30, and some nights he'll go for 12 — it just depends," he said. "Everybody comes to our games wanting to see Theo get 25 or 30, and be just this awesome guy."

"But in a coach's eyes, he's doing the same thing when he's just facilitating, defending — doing the things that's going to keep him on the court at Carolina."

'Ready to work'

Ask the 18-year-old from Greensboro why he picked North Carolina over the likes of Indiana, Duke, Georgetown and Louisville, and he'll give a few different reasons.

But the common thread among them all revolves around two things — his relationships with and love for those close to him, and the affinity he has for the state he was born and raised in.

Looking back to the first time he had to share these reasons, Pinson again put himself second, jumping at the chance to share the spotlight of his commitment day with his late cousin, who also had dreams of one day playing in Chapel Hill.

"Just knowing that it happened on that day, his birthday, and what he meant to everybody," he said. "I just wanted to make it about him also."

Now that he's a Tar Heel, Pinson cherishes the proximity of the school to his hometown, awaiting the first chance he'll get to look up into the stands in the Smith



**Joel Berry** rounds out UNC's 2014 recruiting class. He is a 6-foot point guard from Florida.

Center and see his parents and little sister.

"It changed a whole lot," Pinson said. "Just being committed to North Carolina, and being from North Carolina, I mean it's only 45 minutes from my house."

"So the anticipation of playing there now is higher than it's ever been, and I mean it's fun to look forward to."

Add UNC's other class of 2014 recruits — point guard Joel Berry of Florida and fellow small forward Justin Jackson of Texas — and the deal was sealed. That the trio of UNC's future players make up the No. 3 recruiting class in all of college basketball is just a bonus.

"Coach Williams himself, he's the main guy that recruited me, and throughout the whole recruiting process I just felt comfortable with the school and him as a coach," Pinson said. "The thing with Joel and Justin is they're really good dudes, team players that just want to win. And I mean that's the people I want to be around."

Pinson has all that he could ever ask for in North Carolina — all the pieces to begin his tale as a Tar Heel.

And though it's nearly a year before he'll arrive at UNC, he's already brainstorming where he desires his saga to end.

"I'm ready to work," Pinson said, "to do my best and try to win a national championship."

But for now, with the ink of his pen next to the X on the letter of intent, Theo Pinson's story has only just begun.

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GRADUATE JOBS

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Ph.D. student in the department of history, said a majority of history Ph.D. students end up in faculty positions.

Whisnant said she knows the difficulties many graduate students face.

"Lots of grad students are very frustrated because the departments are not set up to think about careers other than academic careers, especially in the humanities," she said. "It is not built into their structures and it should be."

Taylor Allison, a Ph.D. candidate for mathematics, said in an email that UNC is doing a great job preparing him for life out of school.

"There are plenty of great professors in the department who care about the success of students, be it now or 10 years down the road," he said.

Allison said he plans to be a professor at a liberal arts college and teach and do research.

"I'll be looking into positions that are both research- and teaching-oriented, which many people will rule out," he said.

Blackburn said one of the

most important ways to find a job is through networking.

"There was a guy a couple years ago who found a company and did some networking using LinkedIn, found an alum and got a position within eight weeks," she said.

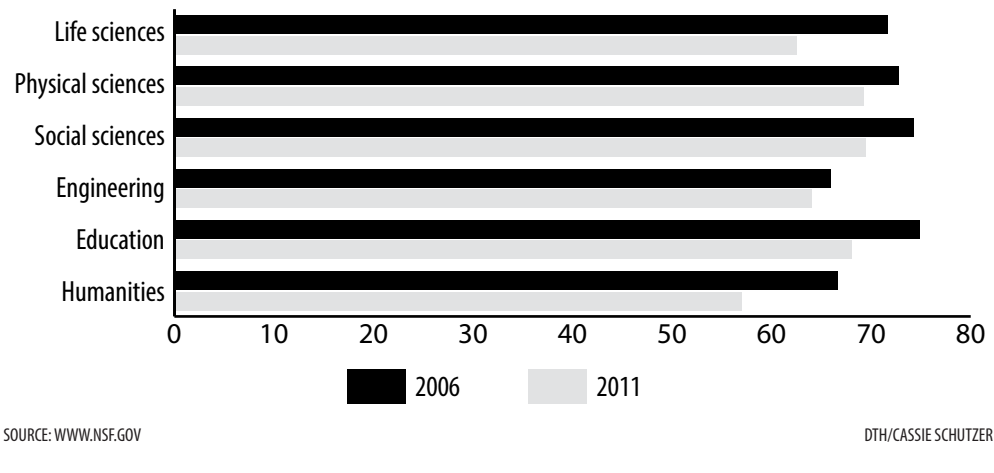
She said the way students market themselves and their motivations are important aspects of finding a career.

"Career paths are not a straight line anymore like they used to be when our parents were going to school."

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Postdoctoral employment

The national average for employment after receiving a Ph.D. has fallen substantially across the board since 2006.



REGISTRATION

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has increased to more than 1,000 students, causing congestion in registering for upper-level courses.

Junior Dave Gallagher said he experienced similar congestion last spring.

"I only got one and got wait-listed on like four or five," he said. "I basically had to rework my entire schedule around the three (economics) classes I got into."

He said he knew of students taking more than four economics courses as seniors because they weren't able to enroll previously.

"Small class sizes coupled with the fact that a lot of kids want to take the classes make it hard to get the classes you want," he said.

Beverly Taylor, chairwoman of the English department, said most of the cuts have affected introductory courses, making them larger than normal, rather than advanced classes.

Taylor said the department did not plan to hire additional faculty this year.

"We've held steady through this year but I don't think we'll be able to if we have the same level of funding."

The political science department takes a similar strategy with funding — the department increases class size of introductory courses to preserve upper-level courses, said Evelyn Huber, chairwoman of the department.

"We try very hard to offer a constant number of upper-level classes because we know students need them to graduate," she said.

Conway said budget constraints have prevented his department from hiring additional faculty to accommodate the larger number of students.

"That's not the goal, but that's the reality," he said.

Without more permanent faculty, Conway said the department can't increase the number of upper-level courses being offered.


Conway said the department has been working within its budget by hiring professors out of retirement and fixed-term professors, but permanent professors are preferred for upper-level courses.

"We're not going to put just anybody in the classroom," he said. "We owe it to (the students) to get excellent faculty."

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# RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Females ages 16 or older who have never had an eating disorder or eating disorder symptoms (e.g., binge eating, severe dieting) are needed for a study of the course of eating patterns.
- This is a longitudinal study with data collection at 3 time points across a year's time; thus, research study participation will last about 1 year.
- Monetary compensation (the opportunity to earn \$310) will be provided for completing this study, run by Dr. Anna Bardone-Cone of the Department of Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



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## games



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Level: 1 2 3 4

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

3	8	6	4	1	2	7	9	5
4	7	9	5	8	6	1	3	2
5	2	1	3	7	9	4	8	6
2	3	8	6	4	1	5	7	9
6	5	7	8	9	3	2	1	4
1	9	4	7	2	5	8	6	3
9	4	2	1	3	7	6	5	8
8	1	5	9	6	4	3	2	7
7	6	3	2	5	8	9	4	1

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Tucked-in part of a dress shirt

4 Cocoon contents

9 Glaringly vivid

14 "\_\_\_ you kidding me?"

15 Words after make or close

16 Came \_\_\_: roasted Mexican dish

17 Ford Model T, colloquially

19 Siesta taker

20 Eight-armed cephalopod

21 Speed demon

23 Open-\_\_\_ shoes

26 TV producer Norman

27 Online "Yikes!"

30 Chinese leader

33 Bus depot: Abbr.

36 Mature male gorilla

38 Purim observers

39 Essayist de Botton

40 Match for a pocket handkerchief

41 West Pointer

42 Mideast strip

43 One only in it for the money

45 Baton Rouge-to-Montgomery dir.

46 Twisting force

47 WWII venue

48 Latin god

50 "\_\_\_ a lift?"

52 Japanese cooking show

56 Schemer Charles

60 Gallivants

61 Certain rock

music fan, and what 17-, 21-, 36-, 43- and 52-Across each has

64 Last Olds off the line

65 Mental picture

66 NBC skit show

67 Zac of "The Lorax"

68 Glove material

69 Game gadget, or the area where it's used

**DOWN**

1 Boaters and bowlers

2 Actor La Salle

3 It may drop down or pop up

4 Made vulnerable

5 Axlike shaping tool

6 Tribal land, informally, with "the"

7 Colorado resort

8 Out of the wind

9 Fire truck feature

10 Lady Liberty's land, familiarly

11 Somerset Maugham novel, with "The"

12 Prefix with logical

13 Pub missile

18 On fire

22 South Sudanese supermodel Wok

24 Goof

25 Short person?

27 Missouri river

28 La Scala's city

29 Like eyes showing boredom

31 Drops in a slot

32 Stranded at 7-Down, perhaps

34 Chirp

35 Jetson dog

37 By way of

38 Spree

41 Multi-screen theater

43 "Gee whiz"

44 It goes for a buck

46 Second-most populous Arizona city

49 Warm Argentina month

51 "Stupid me!"

52 "Dies \_\_\_"

53 Massage deeply

54 Actor Jannings

55 Earthquake response gp.

57 Cozy home

58 Writer Grey

59 Inactive

62 Art on the reality show "Ink Master"

63 Single-malt datum

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