Fundraiser spreads love through song

The Jackson Center is offering song-a-grams for Valentine's Day.

By Adam Golden Staff Writer

For UNC students looking to find love in a hopeless, songless place this Valentine's Day, Brentton Harrison is here to help.

The Marian Cheek Jackson

Center is hosting a Song-a-Gram fundraiser this week. For a donation of \$25 for residents in the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods and \$45 for Chapel Hill and Durham residents, the center will send someone to sing a song to the person of the donor's choice.

That singing someone will likely be Harrison, the center's community action coordinator, whose promotional video on the organization's website offers a taste of the voice

that could be ringing around town today and Friday. Song options include "My Girl" by The Temptations and "Lean on Me" by Bill Withers.

The Jackson Center is a nonprofit working to preserve the history of the historically black, low income Northside community of Chapel Hill.

Freshman Brooke Hess

said sheliked the idea. "I think it's really corny and kind of cliche and cute," she said. "If I were to get one, I

would want it to be 'The First Day of My Life' by Bright Eyes because for me, that song is really nostalgic and sweet and that would show me they really knew me and my music taste."

Harrison said the event is a way to raise funds but also to get out in the community.

"I am just hoping it brings a smile to their face and gives them joy," he said.

Harrison is not a professional singer but said he enjoys singing.

"I sing at work all the time while I am working, and my coworkers said I sound pretty good," he said.

Freshman Rachel Simpson had another idea of how to use the Song-a-Grams.

"I would send 'Bye, Bye, Bye' by the Backstreet Boys as a funny way to break up with someone," she said.

Senior Jordan Paschal said he was not a fan of the idea. "I would rather just give a donation as opposed to doing

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something like that," he said.

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Online MBA program experiences success

By Sarah Headley Senior Writer

As she hopped in a cab to go to a business dinner, Meredith Culler made time for a phone interview — just like she makes time to obtain her master's degree.

Culler is enrolled in the MBA@UNC program, an online program offered by Kenan-Flagler Business

Out of the first two MBA@ UNC graduating classes, 71 percent of students received a promotion or positive job change. Culler, a current student living in San Francisco, was recently promoted to **Inventory Manager of Pottery** Barn.

Culler said she joined the program because she wanted to earn a valuable degree but did not want to stop working.

"I was doing my research and knew that I liked my job, and I wasn't willing to give up my current career path," she said.

"I never would have been able to be promoted and be where I am now if I had taken myself out of the workforce."

Since its creation two and a half years ago, the program has enrolled more than 600 students, many of whom are working professionals like

The executive director of MBA@UNC, Susan Cates, said the program takes in students four times a year and

"If I was going to put in the time ... I needed to go to a school I was proud of."

Meredith Culler,

a student in UNC's MBA@UNC program

has more than a 98 percent retention rate.

Students are able to interact with one another and their professors as they would through other social media sites. Cates said the site has a social media backbone that resembles LinkedIn and Facebook.

"I'm a grad of our full-time program, and I'm very proud of the education experience that I received through that program — I'm equally as proud of the educational

experience the MBA@UNC students are receiving," she

Culler said MBA@UNC offers her the quality she would expect from a full-time

"I felt that if I was going to put in the time, the effort, the money and all those things, I needed to go to a school I was proud of," she said.

Culler said she was proud to be enrolled in a program at one of the top business schools in the nation.

"The professors that make Carolina so amazing - we have the same experience," Culler said.

Larry Chavis, a professor

of strategy and entrepreneurship, said the online program offers an interactive experi-"I do a lot more on focus-

ing on specific students than when I have 60," he said.

Classes do not exceed 15 students and classes are held via webcam, which Cates said holds students to a higher degree of accountability.

"You can't hide," she said. "You can't slip in on the back row and hope you don't get called on."

Students review material online before each class,

which is available at all times so that they can fit it in to their schedule. They can also comment on any questions they might have for the professor to address during the next class.

Students are required to attend at least two immersions that occur over a threeday period in cities across the globe. MBA@UNC tries to decorate the locations in as much Carolina blue as possible, so that when students meet face-to-face they feel closer to their classmates.

"You're a Tar Heel for the rest of your life," Chavis said to his class in the orientation

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GAME POSTPONED FROM PAGE 1

said UNC athletic director Bubba Cunningham in a

"The safety of the teams and officials is the number one priority and this was the best decision to make at this

Senior Chase Edwards walked two miles from Chapel Ridge apartments, spent hours waiting, dished out \$40 on paint and took about an hour and a half to turn his entire body blue for the game. He said the change in plans made him miserable.

"You see a week in advance it's going to be snowy, it's going to be bad conditions, why can't they come to the Carolina Inn, sleep here?" Edwards said.

"Why can't they get here 3 o'clock or 2 o'clock ... you want to raise the question, 'Did they want to play us tonight with a Dean Dome packed full of students?"

were unable to travel to the game, and students would have been able to fill the empty seats in the lower level of the Smith Center, prompting many who previously planned to watch on TV to rush out in the icy conditions to make it to the stand-by

Many season ticket holders

Sophomore point guard Marcus Paige, as well as some of his teammates, tweeted their thoughts about that potential atmosphere.

"I'm just still thinking about the whole lower half being filled with students," Paige tweeted Wednesday night.

"Woulda been the coolest thing ever."

One person who was particularly invested in attendees' efforts was coach Roy Williams, who visited the Smith Center line in his Carolina blue basketball shorts to thank the students braving the conditions.

Hours after that and just a few minutes after postponement was announced, Williams once again came to thank them and apologize for the cancellation.

"We will play Duke in the Smith Center before this season is over," Williams told students. "But it won't be tonight and it won't be tomorrow night."

The Athletic Department collected tickets and wristbands so that the line would be in the same order Feb. 20 that it was Wednesday.

"I am glad they are honoring what students did," said senior Jamal Benjamin. "Because it was snowing,

"We will play Duke in the Smith Center before this season is over."

Roy Williams, UNC men's basketball coach

it was freezing cold, my toes had frost bite. I'm glad

they're honoring our position Students said Williams' appearance helped calm

down many of those vocalizing their frustration. Just 20 minutes after hearing the game would be postponed, the 500 students outdid their own booing by

even louder. Ending with a booming "Go to hell, Duke."

singing UNC's alma mater

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SNOW FROM PAGE 1

responded to 1,360 service calls across the state - the average number of service calls a day

Thousands of power outages were reported across the state, and more are expected in the next couple of days.

A Duke Energy spokeswoman said Tuesday night that there are about 3,400 field workers across North Carolina and South Carolina to help with reparations.

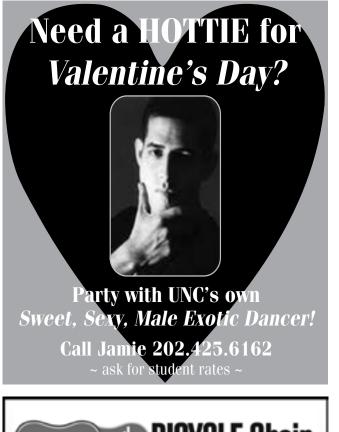
Calhoun and Avery could attest to the treacherous conditions on roadways as they made the walk back to Mill Creek with plenty of grocery bags, beer and wine in hand. 'We took all of the essen-

tials," they said in unison.

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Pedestrians walk down North Columbia Street in front of Ackland Art Museum as snow begins to fall Wednesday afternoon.





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