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The volleyball team went further than ever in NCAA tournament history and more than 2,000 students graduated. See what you missed over break.

Volleyball team falls in Elite 8

North Carolina volleyball coach Joe Sagula and his Tar Heels made school history Dec. 13, when they matched up with Texas in the Elite 8 of the NCAA Tournament. Prior to 2014, UNC had only advanced to the Sweet 16 once in program history and had never made it to the Elite 8. In a heartbreaker that saw Texas take the fourth set 31-29, the Tar Heels fell just short of tying the match at 2-2 to force a fifth set for a shot at the Final Four. Instead, UNC lost the battle, 3-1. UNC's 29-3 overall record to conclude its season is good for best in school history, which leaves Sagula — who returns 13 of 17 athletes — hopeful for what's to come in 2015. "I couldn't be more proud of how this team has grown and gone has a program," he said in December. "I know it hurts to lose this so close, but you need to be here and you need to experience it. I couldn't ask anything more from any of these players."

News outlets settle lawsuit

After a lengthy, court-ordered mediation with 10 news outlets, including The Daily Tar Heel, the University released the names of the four people fired for their involvement in the decades-long scandal chronicled in Kenneth Wainstein's investigative report. Lecturers Jan Boxill and Tim McMillan received notice of their termination from the University in October. McMillan immediately resigned, a move that was effective Dec. 31. Boxill asked to have a panel review the decision to terminate her. Athletic counselors Jaimie Lee and Beth Bridger have also both left the UNC system after receiving notice of their firings from the University. Chancellor Carol Folt refused to release the names of six other employees who are also facing disciplinary action for their involvement in the scandal. See page 3 for more information about those fired and what's next for those people with cases still under review.

More than 2,000 graduate

December graduates heard an unusual message on graduation day — that the recession would actually help them find jobs. "One of the lessons the Great Recession taught corporate leaders is that having the right people in the right place at the right time is a key for their competitiveness in an economy where unpredictable and unbridled change is the only constant," said commencement speaker Jim Johnson. Johnson is a demographer who is the William R. Kenan Jr. distinguished professor of strategy and entrepreneurship at Kenan-Flagler Business School. Johnson said students' experiences at UNC had properly prepared them to be the right people for corporations during turbulent economic times. The last official count from the Office of the University Registrar showed that 2,182 undergraduate and graduate students turned their tassels in December, said University spokeswoman Helen Buchanan.

No break for Roy's boys

It wasn't much of a break for the No. 18 North Carolina men's basketball team. The day after final exams finished for the fall semester, UNC (11-4, 1-1 ACC) traveled to Lexington, Kentucky to face the No. 1 Kentucky Wildcats. Fifteen points from Brice Johnson and another 14 from Marcus Paige wasn't enough to power the Tar Heels to victory, as the Wildcats (13-0, 0-0 SEC) won 84-70. Three days later, UNC returned to North Carolina for the first of five consecutive wins, beginning with a 79-56 clobbering of UNC-Greensboro. From there, North Carolina knocked off No. 12 Ohio State, Alabama-Birmingham and William & Mary before toppling Clemson, 74-50, on the road in its ACC opener. In their last game before spring classes start, the Tar Heels hosted Notre Dame on Jan. 5, but fell 71-70 after a last-second miss from deep by Paige. UNC's next game is Saturday when No. 5 Louisville comes to Chapel Hill.

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A crappy way to get even

From staff and wire reports

A woman in Iowa has taken getting even to a whole new level. According to police, she sent a box of cow poop to her neighbors after they complained about her dog barking. She sent the package from an online website that boasts sending animal feces as a gag gift or to get not-so-sweet revenge. But this woman's revenge wasn't so sweet. She was cited with harassment for her stunt, which has landed her in court.

Yes, it is a little strange to send someone poop to get even. But the strangest part about this story is the website that capitalizes on sending poop to people. It's poopsenders.com. We swear we aren't lying. There is even an option for a "Raunchy Version." Oh goodness. Got any enemies?

NOTED. The age-old question: What to do with your tree after Christmas? A zoo in the U.K. is giving a new meaning to recycling, including giving trees as a treat to the lions. Apparently, the trees are "like catnip" for lions. Zoo officials are also using excess trees as fuel to heat buildings. Crazy, drugged, warm cats. Recycling at its finest.

QUOTED. "Teresa's last words to me (were), 'Tell everyone I'm going to be fine.'" — Teresa Giudice's lawyer after he dropped her off at prison to begin her 15-month sentence after the former Real Housewife of New Jersey plead guilty to financial fraud. Want to bet on how long she will stay behind bars?

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Health Informatics Seminar Series: Terrie Reed will present a seminar entitled "FDA's Unique Device Identification (UDI) Regulation." The event is free and open to the public.
Time: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Health Science Library, Room 328

Free Paralegal Certificate Information Session: An information session about the Paralegal Certificate Program will be held for anyone interested in the program. The event is free and open to the public but organizers ask those interested to please call 800-845-8640 to register.
Time: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education

Spring into Fitness: Chobani Tasting: The Spring into Fitness event will continue with an opportunity to taste Chobani yogurt. There is also an Ask a Trainer session to answer questions about fitness and staying in shape. A special schedule of group fitness classes is also offered. The event is free and open to anyone with a Campus Recreation membership.
Time: Ask a Trainer: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Chobani Tasting: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Visit campusrec.unc.edu for a group fitness class schedule.
Location: Student Recreation Center

THURSDAY

Computer Science 50th Anniversary Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series: Matt Cutts, the head of Google's Webspam

team and a UNC alumnus, will host a talk about his experience at Google, entitled "Lessons learned from the early days of Google." He will discuss stories from when Google was a small startup and share advice for his career. Cutts is the author of Google's family filter, Safesearch. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. You can register using the form at: bit.ly/1xOq6cX
Time: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Location: FedEx Global Education Center

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A BUCKEYE BEAT DOWN



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Anthony Lee (31) and Joel James (42) fight for a rebound during a game between the University of North Carolina Tar Heels and Ohio State Buckeyes at the United Center in Chicago on Dec. 20. The Tar Heels won the game, 82-74.

POLICE LOG

- Someone damaged property on the 400 block of Bowling Creek Road between 5:45 a.m. and 6 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person damaged a sidewalk, valued at \$500, a rail, valued at \$225, and a cement pot valued at \$25, reports state.
- Someone broke into a residence on the 100 block of Pinegate Circle, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The people broke into the home of a friend, reports state. The people stole clothes and furs, valued at \$10, a radio, valued at \$200, drugs and narcotics, valued at \$200, a video game system, valued at \$120, and \$900 in cash.
- Someone was assaulted on the 100 block of Franklin Street at 12:20 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person was punched in the mouth, reports state.
- Someone shoplifted at the Rite Aid at 1800 E. Franklin St. at 6:10 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person entered the store and stole household goods valued at \$10, reports state. The person left after threatening an employee.
- Someone broke into and remained inside East Chapel Hill High School at 500 Weaver Dairy Road at 1:30 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill Police reports.

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ATHLETIC-ACADEMIC SCANDAL

FALLOUT FROM WAINSTEIN

2 professors terminated

Tim McMillan resigned, Jan Boxill appealed the decision

Compiled by Bradley Saacks
University Editor



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Jan Boxill has requested a hearing before the University Faculty Hearings Committee after the University told her of its intent to terminate her.

Jan Boxill, the former faculty chairwoman and a lecturer in the philosophy department, requested a hearing before the University Faculty Hearings Committee after the University told her of its intent to terminate her.

“On October 22, 2014, the University informed faculty member Jeanette Boxill of an intent to terminate her employment based on evidence accompanying the report,” Chancellor Carol Folt said in a release last month.

Boxill declined to comment for this story.

Boxill used her role as the academic counselor for the women’s basketball team to further the paper classes scheme.

Between 1999 and 2009, there were 114 women’s basketball players enrolled in paper classes and Boxill encouraged them to take these classes. In his report, Kenneth Wainstein said Boxill was fully aware of how the classes were conducted, including secretary Deborah Crowder’s role.

An investigation by The Daily Tar Heel revealed that Boxill also offered an irregular amount of independent studies.

She offered 160 independent studies between spring 2004 and spring 2012, and supplementary emails of the Wainstein report show players were encouraged by Boxill to take her classes.

In November, Marc Lange, chairman of the philosophy department, said he has only taught a handful of independent studies at UNC since he came to the University in 2003.

In an email to Crowder in 2006, former football counselor Cynthia Reynolds seemed excited to place her players in Boxill’s classes.

“Nice call on the Phil 30 (Boxill) correspondence course last semester,” the email said. “Didn’t know Jan was doing those.”

Faculty are now only permitted to offer two students independent study courses per semester.

Jean DeSaix, a biology professor and good friend of Boxill, told The Daily Tar Heel on the day of the Wainstein report’s release that she could not believe what she read about her friend.

“Jan is so, so ethical. It just — I don’t know. I can’t even make sense out of it,” she said.

“It doesn’t feel right to me.”



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Tim McMillan, a lecturer who led the Black and Blue tours, resigned from the University on Dec. 31 after he learned of his impending termination.

After Kenneth Wainstein identified him as the faculty member with the clearest opportunity to learn about the fake paper classes, Tim McMillan filed his resignation from the University, effective Dec. 31.

McMillan, a senior lecturer in the Department of African, African American and Diaspora Studies and a popular campus figure who led campus tours, first received notice of his termination from the University the day Wainstein’s report was released.

McMillan and Deborah Crowder, a secretary in the department and one of the creators of the paper classes, were very close, according to the report.

“As (former Department Chairman Julius) Nyang’oro explained to us, McMillan was so close to Crowder that he never would have done anything to stand in her way,” the report said.

In the report, Wainstein said McMillan should have been alarmed by the rampant and apparent academic fraud in the department.

“As the AFAM Department’s summer school administrator

in 2011, McMillan approved Nyang’oro’s request to teach AFAM 280, the Blacks in North Carolina class that ended up being the final irregular AFAM class,” the report said, noting that McMillan admitted to finding it strange that Nyang’oro, an expert in African studies, would be interested in teach an African American studies course.

In interviews with Wainstein and his investigators, McMillan admitted he helped Crowder grade some of the phony papers.

“McMillan acknowledged there were times when he would be sitting in Crowder’s office and she would hand him a paper and ask him to ‘eyeball’ it and tell her what grade it deserved,” the report said.

“McMillan would do as requested, once again without questioning why an office administrator would be deciding on grades.”

The report also said McMillan’s signature was on grade sheets for several known paper classes.

“I don’t know why (my signature) is there,” the report said McMillan told Wainstein.

“But it is there.”



Bradley Saacks
University Editor

This could have been over long ago

On Dec. 30 I spent eight hours at UNC’s General Administration building for the court-ordered mediation between the University and 10 news organizations, a list that includes The Daily Tar Heel.

While sitting in a stuffy conference room inside an otherwise abandoned office building as our lawyers pushed and prodded the University for information that we believe to be public, I had one thought continually creep back into my mind: This could have all been over long ago.

The information in question is the names of the University employees who were either terminated or under review for their role in the decades-long academic fraud outlined in the Wainstein report, but these identities are just a piece of the bigger headache that is the University’s public relations strategy.

This mediation session could have been about any other piece of information that UNC has attempted to withhold throughout this ordeal; the issue was not that the University would not release this specific information, but that the University continues to follow the North Carolina public records law in an inconsistent way — if it does at all.

This scandal has been a black eye, a broken nose and a busted lip for UNC for four long years and counting. You cannot watch a UNC basketball game without hearing about the scandal, which has become the final element in the broadcaster’s must-talk-about holy trinity with Kennedy Meeks’ weight and Nate Britt’s shooting hand.

But the powers-that-be at the University have delayed the end of this ugly saga by releasing just a fraction of the information the public has demanded from its flagship university. Withholding information does not create apathy, but a public image of duplicity.

The mission statement from the new administration under Chancellor Carol Folt and Co. has revolved around openness and transparency, yet every public record request is filtered through the University’s brigade of lawyers.

Wake County Superior Court Chief Judge Donald Stephens, who ordered the mediation after hearing the original lawsuit on Dec. 12, even questioned if the Chancellor had abused her powers by announcing that nine employees would face disciplinary action for their role in the academic scandal, but then she refused to identify them.

“It is one thing to say heads have rolled, but I’m not going to tell you whose heads or what happened,” Stephens said.

Now that we have learned of some of the heads’ identities, it is time for the University to take a new approach with the media and put an end to this scandal for good.

Because I’m always willing to sit through another mediation, but I just don’t want to.

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Athletic staff members dismissed

By Bradley Saacks
University Editor

The two people — former UNC athletic counselors Jaimie Lee and Beth Bridger — at the center of the now-infamous presentation given to coaches about the paper classes, have left the UNC system.

Lee received notice of her firing from UNC on Oct. 22, which allowed her 30 days to contest the decision. Lee did not appeal and was officially fired on Nov. 21.

Most recently, Bridger was employed as an academic coun-



Beth Bridger was most recently employed at UNC-Wilmington before being fired for her role in the paper classes scandal at UNC.

selor for several teams at UNC-Wilmington before she was fired for her role in the scandal.

Wainstein and his team of investigators found that Lee and Bridger knew of every aspect of the phony paper classes.

In November 2009 — after secretary Deborah Crowder had already retired — Lee and Bridger gave a frantic presentation to coaches. Without Crowder, Lee and Bridger worried how players would maintain their eligibility.

The presentation outlined how players were able to stay eligible using the classes and expressed the football counselors’ grave concerns about the future of the program.

In one slide, Lee and Bridger explicitly told coaches that players were not required to attend class. When they were in class, players



Jaimie Lee was an academic counselor for the football team and funnelled players into the bogus classes to help them maintain eligibility to play.

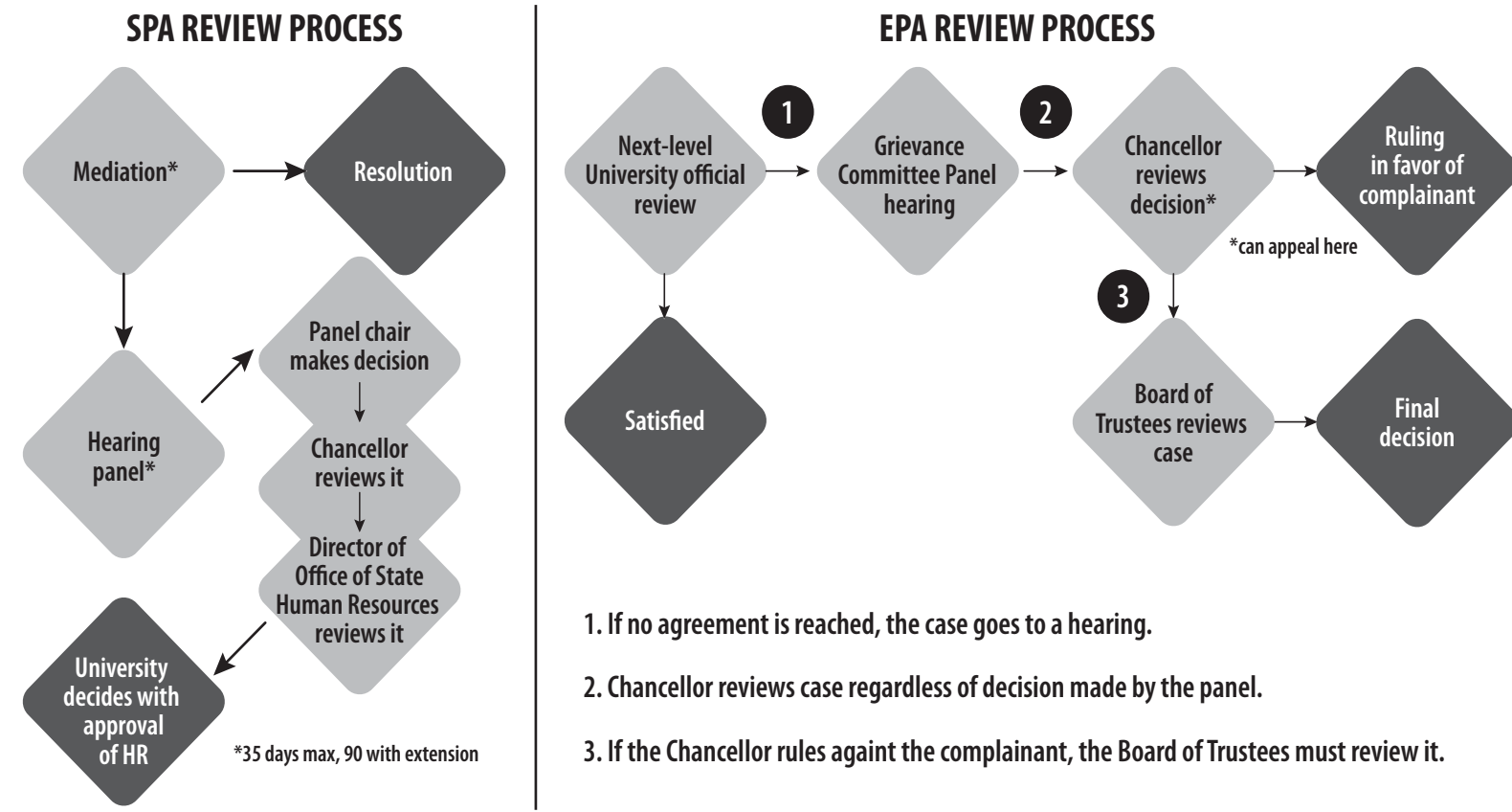
weren’t required to stay awake, take notes or engage with material.

“THESE CLASSES NO LONGER EXIST,” the slide said at the bottom.

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At least six employees still face review

For the remaining employees under review, a lengthy appeals process awaits them.



Chi Phi sanctions still not reviewed

By Jane Wester
Assistant University Editor

In May 2014, the Greek Judicial Board referred Chi Phi to the Standards Review Board for further review. Seven months later, the Standards Review Board has yet to meet.

Aaron Bachenheimer, director of the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life and Community Involvement, said the board intended to meet in late fall but will instead meet in the next few weeks.

“Part of the review process is to actually assess progress,” he said. “The board’s primary function is to look at sanctions and see how the chapter is responding.”

The board will only meet with Chi Phi representatives once, Bachenheimer said. It will review the fraternity’s academic performance, its recent recruitment and its compliance with its national chapter’s remedial action plan.

“The board has the ability to say, ‘Great, we’ll see you again in six months,’ or, ‘We have concerns about something. Let’s look into further remedial action,’ or just, ‘Great, we’ll let you know if we need to see you again,’” Bachenheimer said.

For the assessment to be effective, he said the board could not convene sooner than late fall. Scheduling difficulties delayed the meeting

until spring.

Peter Diaz, president of the Interfraternity Council, sits on the board. He said Jonathan Sauls, dean of students for social affairs and chairman of the board, has been in touch with board members about meeting.

Diaz said the Standards Review Board is under the University’s jurisdiction, not the Interfraternity Council’s.

Diaz also confirmed Chi Phi has hired a resident adviser, as its national chapter ordered it to do in March 2014. The fraternity was allowed to delay the hiring until January 2015 while it renovated its house to make the new hire’s quarters more livable.

A spokesman for the Southern Order Memorial Foundation, which owns the Chi Phi house, said the new resident adviser is Jon Ratty, a graduate of UNC-Wilmington and the Arizona Culinary Institute. He will be responsible for overseeing daily house operations.

Ratty is expected to move in this week, pending a final inspection of the house renovation.

“We believe this action finalizes the last major step undertaken with Chi Phi national to address key concerns and positions the house to continue to positively contribute to the future of the University and Chapel Hill,” said Todd Blanton, president of the foundation, in a statement on behalf of the foundation and the Chi Phi Alumni Advisory Board.

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SANCTIONS SO FAR

Chi Phi began receiving sanctions in March for past pledging violations:

- The fraternity was given one year of social probation, which prohibited the fraternity from holding any social functions.
- The fraternity was required to hire a resident adviser to oversee house operations.
- The Greek Judicial Board ordered Chi Phi to undergo University review by the Standards Review Board. The Standards Review Board has the ability to revoke University recognition.

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This house?



Jake Ellis (left) plays with his morale co-captain Katie Quine during the 2014 Dance Marathon.

Clinic won't replace main programs

By Liz Bell
Staff Writer

Carolina For the Kids, previously known as Dance Marathon, is helping to fund a pediatric clinic run by N.C. Children’s Hospital but is not giving up on its two main programs.

The organization will give about \$2.5 million over the next five years to the new clinic project as a part of a partnership with N.C. Children’s Promise, said Executive Director Evan Sherwood.

The first program the organization will maintain, he said, is the For the Kids Fund — an ongoing grant that takes care of families’ medical costs not covered by Medicaid or private insurance.

The second program that will continue to receive money is Parents Night Out. Every Tuesday night, Carolina For the Kids provides a hot meal to three floors of the hospital for parents of patients, he said.

Brendan Leonard, Carolina For the Kids spokesman, said these programs are key during the time of transition.

“They’re kind of our foundation, and so many people know us for that,” he said. “It’s too important to give up those opportunities.”

Sherwood said the programs that Carolina For the Kids will no longer fund were set up with the intention of the hospital eventually being able to independently support them.

Leonard said there have been many examples where Carolina For the Kids was able to kick off programs the hospital would not otherwise be able to pay for.

“We funded a bilingual social worker. Because of the money we funded, the hospital realized how important it was. Our contract was a year or two, so there was a timeline for that, and now the hospital picked it up,” he said.

Sherwood said the opportunity came at the perfect time for the organization since some of its grants were ending.

Dr. Wesley Burks, chairman of UNC’s department of pediatrics and chief physician of N.C. Children’s Hospital, said the clinic will increase the number of patients the hospital can care for.

He said since the clinic will be off campus, the ability to park will give families easier access for visits.

Once the new clinic is built, the current general pediatrics clinic, which is in the bottom of the hospital, will be used for specialty care, he said.

“For kids that have special needs that require lots of tests and radiographic procedures, we’ll be able to expand on care for those children,” he said.

Burks said he is confident the hospital will provide the same quality of service despite the normal donation going toward a new clinic. He said the hospital is continually looking for additional philanthropic support.

“I think (the clinic) is just a bonus in what they’ve been able to help us do,” he said.

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Carrboro market sees perennial support

By Jasmin Singh
Assistant City Editor

For long-time shopper Kelly Clark, becoming a Carrboro Farmers' Market perennial was an easy decision.

"I started going to the Carrboro market because I felt like I needed some community," Clark said. "I was drawn to the market, not just for food, but for people."

The market's Perennial Program, which started this fall, allows shoppers to contribute to the market through annual, monthly or one-time donations.

Erin Jobe, market manager, said this is the market's first year of fundraising.

"The market is almost completely funded by farmers and artisans," Jobe said. "We are really used to working with really limited resources, but the market is so important to our community, so we thought our market members and our community would like to help out."

As of Monday, Jobe said 60 people have become market Perennials and donated to the program. The market's goal was to add 50 Perennials.

"The 2015 budget will increase by 10 to 15 percent," Jobe said. "We are looking at having around \$6,000 to put into the budget next year, which is great because it will help us to get these new programs off the ground."

Clark said the Perennial Program gives the market much-needed funding to accelerate its growth and do



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Jamie Murray, owner of Sunset Farms, weighs potatoes at the Carrboro Farmers' Market. Donations help to fund the market.

good for the community.

"Give me another avenue to support the market and I want to be involved," she said. "I want to do it."

Money raised through the program will be given to three specific programs: empowering and educating local youth about produce, increasing access to local food and continuing to foster a relationship between farmers and shoppers.

Margaret Krome-Lukens, market assistant manager, said educating children will make them value the market more.

"We can teach them why fresh vegetables are both delicious and good for them, and then that child feels empowered to prepare a fresh vegetable," she said.

Krome-Lukens said the funding will help the market lift barriers to local food access, including financial, cultural or transportation barriers.

"These funds will allow us to do more in that area,

reaching out to parts of that community who are not comfortable to come out to the market right now," she said.

Clark said the market vendors are more than just the people who grow her food.

"I have made dear, dear friends there over the years and now my 'farmers' are my friends," Clark said.

Though the market has raised money for specific projects in the past, Krome-Lukens said this program is different because it will expand what the market can do in the future.

Clark said people who shop at the market frequently should donate to the program.

"I don't think it is necessarily going to draw new people in but those who visit regularly," she said. "You do it because you want good food and you want to talk to your good friends. I want the market to be there forever."

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NC flu activity, deaths increased in December

By Elizabeth Matulis
Staff Writer

The flu season is hitting North Carolina hard this year, with nine deaths during the last week of December alone.

Overall, 17 people have died from flu since the beginning of October. The next report of flu statistics will be released Thursday.

Dr. Zack Moore, epidemiologist at the N.C. Division of Public Health, said the flu is a seasonal epidemic but began earlier for the third year in a row. He said his office saw high levels of flu activity in December and a peak the last two years around Christmas.

He said he hopes his department saw this year's peak at the end of December, but students should still get the vaccine because there could still be several months of flu activity.

The vaccine is not fully effective against the main strain of flu this year, the H3N2 virus, said Dr. Timothy Daaleman, vice chairman of the UNC department of family medicine.

"The vaccine this year has been 60 to 70 percent effective, which is not outstanding," he said.

Moore said about two-thirds of this flu virus isn't well matched to the vaccine because it had small genetic changes over time, called drift.

"Between the time when the strains for the vaccine were selected back in February, and the time when flu season started, the H3N2 virus had drifted," he said. "We will not know until much

later if the vaccine provides no protection against those strains, or some protection against these strains."

It does protect against other strains of flu that could appear later on, Moore said.

Some UNC students are getting the flu shot locally using the walk-in services offered at UNC Campus Health Services and at the CVS and Walgreens stores on Franklin Street.

"(I did) to protect myself from the flu, as well as to protect other people who can't get the vaccine because they are allergic to stuff in the vaccine," said freshman Ayano Annis.

Senior LaCorey Cunningham got the vaccine because it is required for volunteering at UNC Hospitals. She said it was a relatively easy process, though she's concerned about the possible side effects.

"If it wasn't for the requirement, I wouldn't do it," she said.

But Devin Holman, a sophomore and co-founder of Vaccine Ambassadors of Chapel Hill, said severe side effects are rare, and miscon-

ceptions are often the reason people don't get vaccinated.

Not everyone needs treatment for flu, but antiviral drugs can be necessary for people with prior medical conditions.

"People who are at risk for having a more severe flu infection such as people with asthma, heart disease, diabetes or other medical conditions, if they think they have the flu, it is important for them to see the doctor," Moore said.

Holman said the vaccine can still protect against many of the strains of flu, as well as help protect infants and the elderly — who are often at the greatest risk.

Moore said staying at home, washing hands frequently and covering coughs and sneezes are the best means of flu prevention in addition to the vaccine.

"I'm sure everyone right now knows someone who is sick and sees it going around, which hopefully serves as a reminder for people to do what they can to stop it from spreading."

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Supreme Court might review gay marriage

By Corey Risinger
Staff Writer

A final ruling on the constitutionality of gay marriage bans might be approaching, as the U.S. Supreme Court could commit to settling the long-lasting controversy on Friday.

Justices will consider reviewing five newly appealed cases affirming gay marriage bans from states within the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals — Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee — as well as Louisiana in the 5th Circuit. All cases taken up in the 2014-15 term will be decided by the end of June.

Justices declined to review several circuit court rulings in October, which led to legal gay marriage in several states, including North Carolina.

Chris Brook, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina, said these five cases are more likely to get the high court's attention because the 6th Circuit's ruling conflicts with other court decisions.

"We've finally had a circuit court that held that there was not a constitutional right to marriage for gays and lesbians," Brook said. "(It's a) huge sign of the progress that we've made as a nation if the Supreme Court reverses the 6th Circuit's decision and strikes down the marriage bans that were upheld."

Maxine Eichner, a UNC law professor, said the October decision had consequences.

"If they were inclined to say that the federal constitution doesn't speak to this issue, they would have been inclined to do that before," she said.

N.C. Senate Leader Phil Berger, who in October called

for a bill to protect the religious freedom of state officials to not perform gay marriages, could not be reached for comment.

Chris Stoll, senior staff attorney for the National Center for Lesbian Rights and counsel to the plaintiffs in the Tennessee case, said the Supreme Court should protect minority rights when politics perpetuate inequalities.

"When fundamental rights are being denied to a group of our citizens, that's exactly why we have a constitution, that's exactly why we have federal courts," Stoll said.

Stoll said the center hopes the justices will hear arguments this spring, but he said a delay could cause arguments to be pushed back to the fall.

But Jere Royall, counsel for the N.C. Family Policy Council, said in an email he hopes the court follows a precedent that declares marriage a state issue.

He said there is strong support for marriage being defined as the union between a man and a woman — what Royall describes as the "rational basis" determined by the 6th Circuit. "Children are created

through the union of their father and mother, and all of history has shown the best environment for raising children is with their married father and mother," he said.

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Ackland Art Museum receives national grant

The museum will receive \$20,000 for a new exhibition.

By Christine Bang
Staff Writer

The National Endowment for the Arts recently awarded a \$20,000 grant to the Ackland Art Museum for an exhibition in the works for 2016. Applications for grants from the NEA go through three rounds of deliberation and are judged on the basis of artistic excellence and merit.

“You apply to the NEA to support specific projects. We wrote the grant project about the artist, content and importance of the project specifically,” said Peter Nisbit, interim director and chief curator at the Ackland. A peer-reviewed panel comprised of museum directors, curators, arts educators and artists deliberates and recommends select applications to the National Council on the Arts. After reviewing specific projects, the panel sends its recommendations to the NEA chairman, who makes the final decision on all grant awards.

The exhibition will feature the work of Ronald Lockett, a late twentieth century artist from Bessemer, Alabama. It will be accompanied by a volume of essays guest edited by American studies and folklore professor Bernard Herman. Nisbit said the grant will not only help the museum put up the exhibition, but also help it become available and accessible to other museums. The versatility of an exhibit is crucial to its outreach in the community, and the grants help make this possible, Nisbit said.

“I think it’s a great thing for the museum,” Nisbit said. “The grant from the NEA is kind of a validation; it’s sort of an objective seal of approval.” This validation helps expand the capabilities of presenting art and creates more opportunities for future projects. The funding for these grants is appropriated annually from Congress, and supports exhibitions like the one made by the Ackland. Wendy Clark, the director of museums, visual arts and indemnity at the NEA said the grants are all matched at

a one-to-one ratio. “We don’t fund a whole project,” she said. “An applicant could ask for half of the exhibition costs and the other half they would show us that they’ve raised the money through other resources. Many private donations, a local corporation, prominent family foundation in the nation or the university might put up their own money.” Clark explained that the NEA accepts applications from grants from all types of art museums in all regions. “There’s plenty of museums in your region that get sup-

ported and all over the country — large and small,” she said. Elizabeth Auclair, spokeswoman at the NEA, said past grants are public information and can be found in the NEA’s records. The importance of the grants is evident by the opportunities they provide for the various museums and the work they support. “It affects the future of the museum in the sense that it’s really good news and validates the quality of our work,” Nisbit said.

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Glitch causes eligibility confusion

The program listed some students as ineligible incorrectly.

By Katie Kilmartin
Staff Writer

This time, ‘the bug’ wasn’t contagious — it just incorrectly changed students’ academic eligibilities. The program that the Office of the University Registrar runs to correct academic eligibility when changes are made in students’ records had a glitch that caused some students to be incorrectly listed as academically ineligible. On Dec. 19, the program

ran at midnight, but the registrar’s office did not notice the mistake until the morning of Dec. 20. “We know a general idea of how many updates we should see from these nightly jobs, and once we saw that number not in alignment, I simply reached out to ITS,” said University Registrar Chris Derickson. Derickson said he was informed about the problem and worked with Information Technology Services, who identified the exact bug, to confirm the issue of inaccurate information on ConnectCarolina. By noon on Dec. 20, all students’ academic eligibilities were corrected.

“It’s a learning experience with minimal impact on our students.”
Chris Derickson,
University Registrar

Derickson emailed more than 900 students who had logged onto ConnectCarolina in the 12 hour time period to ensure all students who might have seen incorrect information were contacted. Freshman Marcus Wallace said he was listed as ineligible but had met all the requirements and felt it had to be a glitch. “My heart dropped,” he said. “I was really scared.” Freshman Nishanth Shah said he checked his academic eligibility on Dec. 18 and was in good standing, but he was ineligible when he looked again. “I asked a bunch of my friends their GPA, and they’re like, ‘4.0,’ and they’re all ineligible, so I was like, ‘all right something’s wrong,’” Shah said. Shah sent an email to Chancellor Carol Folt, but

he received an email from Derickson shortly after explaining the issue and error in the system. Starting in fall 2014, students must have at least a 2.0 grade point average and a set minimum number of credit hours completed after each semester to maintain good academic standing. “This semester I wasn’t suspect to be ineligible or on probation, but if someone were to be really close, that’s definitely really scary,” Wallace said. “It’s a giant glitch.” Because of the new factor when calculating academic eligibility, the committee that discusses academic eligibility was responsible for implementing the changes in the programming, Derickson said. Derickson said more tests could have been done to prevent the error from happening and that they will not run that specific nightly job until they know it’s working correctly. “The good news is it’s a learning experience with a minimal impact on our students,” he said.

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County pilots anti-poverty programs

Child poverty often goes unnoticed in the county.

By Claire Nielsen
Assistant City Editor

Members of the new Family Success Alliance Advisory Council are making headway in creating services to address the needs of Orange County children and families living in poverty. On Dec. 16, the advisory council, made up of 22 representatives from local governments and non-profit organizations across the county, chose two zones within the county to pilot a cradle-to-career program for children in low-income families. The two zones were chosen from six original zones that were determined by data such as the number of children in Orange County qualifying for free or reduced lunches and those eligible for Medicaid, said Stacy Shelp, spokeswoman for the Orange County Health Department. “The specific reason the health department became interested was because of research about the long-term effects poverty has on people’s health outcomes,” she said. Orange County is one of the wealthiest counties in the state, but it also has some of the highest rates of income inequality, said Orange County Commissioner Bernadette Pellissier. According to data provided by the Orange County Health Department, the number of children living in poverty in Orange County increased by 7.4 per-

cent from 2001 to 2011. “Sometimes families that are struggling within Orange County can fly under the radar,” said Dr. Michael Steiner, chief of the Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at UNC Hospitals and chair of the advisory council. He said poverty is one of the most effective predictors of a person’s overall health and life expectancy. “A very small portion of people’s overall health is related to the quality of the medical care they receive,” he said. “A big part of people’s overall health is related to what we call social determinants of health.” The advisory council chose Zone 4 and Zone 6 to pilot the program. Zone 4 is between Interstate 40 and Interstate 85 in central Orange County, and it includes A.L. Stanback Middle and New Hope Elementary schools. Zone 6 spans downtown Chapel Hill southwest to N.C. 54. Schools in Zone 6 include Phoenix Academy, Carrboro Elementary School, Northside Elementary School, Culbreth Middle School and Carrboro High School. In the coming months, the Family Success Alliance will conduct a needs assessment in each of the zones. “We aren’t identifying what kind of programs are going to happen yet because we haven’t really done that in-depth dive into the communities,” Shelp said. The Orange County Board of Commissioners has allocated \$100,000 from its social justice funds for the future programs and services, Pellissier said.

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Gene Chizik possible next coordinator

By Pat James
Assistant Sports Editor

During the 2014 football season, the North Carolina defense was torched week in and week out — finishing the season ranked No. 117 in total defense out of the 125 teams in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision.

Despite such struggles, the defensive players never turned on their coaches — even after a demoralizing thrashing by the Rutgers Scarlet Knights in the Quick Lane Bowl on Dec. 26.

“Throughout the year, our coaches have been doing

their best to energize us for the games — doing what they need to do,” said senior safety Tim Scott following the 40-21 defeat. “They’ve prepared us for these games. But they can’t play for us.”

But after surrendering the most points in a single season in school history, the Tar Heels will have a new coach on the sideline and at the helm of the defensive unit. And that coach might be none other than former Auburn head coach Gene Chizik.

ESPN first reported Thursday that Chizik will take the reins of the UNC defense

Gene Chizik, former Auburn coach, is said to be UNC’s new defensive coordinator, though it’s not yet official.

and fill the opening left by Vic Koenning, who didn’t coach in the bowl game after parting ways with the team.

Chizik led Auburn to an unblemished 14-0 season and BCS national championship victory over Oregon in 2010 with Heisman Trophy winner and current Carolina Panthers

quarterback Cam Newton. Following his fourth season at Auburn in 2012, he agreed to a contract buyout with the university after a 3-9 finish.

Chizik was the Iowa State head coach for two seasons prior to accepting the job at Auburn and led the Cyclones to a 5-19 record during his tenure. Before that, he was a defensive coordinator at Central Florida, Auburn and under former UNC head coach Mack Brown at Texas — where he helped win a national title in 2005.

The supposed new leader of the Tar Heel defense will have a stiff challenge presented to

him in rebuilding a group that allowed at least 40 points in six of the team’s 13 games. But it might take a little while longer before Chizik can get started.

Neither the University nor the team has yet to release a statement officially declaring Chizik the new defensive coordinator. And as Chapelboro.com reported Tuesday, the hiring has been delayed as the University conducts an extensive background check on Chizik.

Rick White, a spokesman for the University, deferred requests for comment to the department of athletics.

Kevin Best, the spokesman for the football team, declined to comment for this story.

In 2012, AL.com reported the Auburn football program was plagued with problems — with several arrests and players skipping classes.

With the University still in the midst of an ongoing NCAA investigation, Chapelboro.com reported Chancellor Carol Folt is working alongside a group of advisers as well as Athletic Director Bubba Cunningham to dig into Chizik’s past.

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Injury update: 3 hurt over break

The football, men’s basketball and women’s basketball teams all lost players.



Quinshad Davis

North Carolina junior wide receiver Quinshad Davis fractured his right tibia Dec. 26 against Rutgers in the Quick Lane Bowl in Detroit. Davis underwent successful surgery the next day performed by Dr. Jeffrey Spang and will miss spring training, but should be ready for the 2015 season opener.

The Gaffney, S.C. native is currently tied with former Tar Heel Hakeem Nicks for most career touchdown receptions with 21.

North Carolina women’s basketball forward Xylina McDaniel is out indefinitely with a lower right leg injury she sustained Dec. 21 against Elon. The Tar Heels will re-evaluate her after surgery to determine whether or not she will be able to play again this season.

The junior from Columbia, S.C. received Preseason All-ACC honors and averaged 11.3 points and 6.6 rebounds before the injury.



Xylina McDaniel



Sasha Seymore

Sasha Seymore, a forward on the No. 18 North Carolina men’s basketball team, tore his right ACL against Alabama-Birmingham Dec. 27.

A walk-on in his first season with the team, Seymore is also a Morehead-Cain Scholarship recipient. He currently serves as senior class president.

Seymore recently received the Mitchell Scholarship for post-graduate research.

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‘Short Winner’ can’t win it

By Grace Raynor
Sports Editor

The play is called ‘Short Winner’ — it’s worked so many times before.

But with 1.4 seconds on the clock and Notre Dame ahead by just a single point, Monday night wasn’t one of those times for the No. 18 North Carolina men’s basketball team.

‘Short Winner’ didn’t win. ‘Short Winner,’ perfect in theory, wasn’t executed in reality as the Tar Heels fell to No. 13 Notre Dame 71-70 in the Smith Center.

“That’s the one we practice,” junior forward Brice Johnson said. “Two or three times a day — we practice it every day.”

The potential game-winner, designed specifically for a sideline inbound against a man defense, has three options.

Option 1: Hit Johnson under the basket for a layup to beat the buzzer after he sets a screen for Marcus Paige at the top of the key.

“We expect the defense to honor me looping around the arc,” Paige said. “So we want Brice to slip under the basket.”

Option 2: Hit Paige immediately off that screen.

“When you’re in that moment, you’re thinking you’re getting the ball,” Paige said. “I

was under the impression I was getting the ball the whole time, and I was ready for it.”

Option 3: Try Paige one last time on the baseline.

“Set another screen for Marcus to go to the corner,” Johnson said. “He’s going to come off the (initial) screen and if they can’t hit him there ... set another screen for him to go to the corner and shoot it.”

The Tar Heels went with the third option, the least flexible of the three, and when Paige caught the ball in the corner he had no choice but to heave up an off-balance desperation shot with two defenders in his face.

With no chance at a clean look, Paige’s shot was long as the seconds ticked off the clock. Game over.

“I saw him open for a split second, made a choice,” said junior forward J.P. Tokoto, who inbounded the pass. “It’s just kind of the way things go. You wish you had the play back.”

Williams, who didn’t hide his disappointment after the loss, said either the Notre Dame defense did its part shutting down Johnson for Option 1, or the Tar Heels simply didn’t



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Marcus Paige misses a three-point jump shot with 25.1 seconds remaining in the game. The Tar Heels lost to Notre Dame, 71-70.

run the play correctly. Either way, he wasn’t pleased.

“I need to see it before I can tell you what the crap we did,” he said. “I didn’t like what we did because we didn’t have the patience.”

Now the Tar Heels, 11-4 overall and 1-1 in conference play, head into what some are calling a must-win contest against Louisville on Saturday if they’re to cement themselves as one of the conference’s top contenders.

But on Monday, all Paige could think about was what had just happened.

“We feel like we were the better team,” he said. “It wasn’t like they were the No. 1 team in the country and we were unranked trying to make a miracle happen. We thought we were a team that could compete and win this game nine times out of 10. We just didn’t do it.”

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What you missed in politics



GOP controversy obscures takeover

Louisiana U.S. Rep. and House Minority Whip Steve Scalise has drawn scrutiny since revelations surfaced that he gave a speech to a white supremacist group in 2002. Scalise spoke at the European-American Unity and Rights Organization, which was founded by Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke. The revelation drew both criticism and support from Republicans, threatening to overshadow their historic congressional majorities as Congress convened on Tuesday. Speaker of the House John Boehner, who was reelected to the speaker position on Tuesday, has stood behind Scalise, calling him a man of “high integrity and good character” in a statement.

“He has my full confidence as our whip,” Boehner said. Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso said on NBC’s “Meet the Press” that Scalise’s speech was a “grave mistake.” But he added that Louisiana Rep. Cedric Richmond, who is black and a Democrat, had defended Scalise and said he didn’t have a racist bone in his body.



Garner, police deaths spark tensions

Tense protests in Ferguson, Missouri; New York; Los Angeles and other cities have gained momentum following the murders of two New York City police officers and the lack of an indictment in the Eric Garner case.

Garner, a 43-year-old black man, was killed in a chokehold by a New York City police officer in July, but a grand jury on Dec. 3 chose not to indict the officer — just days after a grand jury declined to try police officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of Michael Brown.

Then on Dec. 20, officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu were shot and killed in the patrol car they were sharing.

“With everything going on surrounding race relations in our country, everyone is on edge,” said Trey Magnum, president of UNC’s Black Student Movement. “By default, the police officer murders and the protests would be related.”

Magnum said the Black Student Movement plans on keeping the topic relevant to UNC students this semester by including the topic in its regular programming.



‘The Interview’ airs despite hack

A group called the Guardians of Peace hacked Sony Pictures Entertainment in December and threatened violence in American theaters if the company released the controversial film “The Interview.”

The comedy, which was released on streaming services and in some theaters on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, chronicles a plot to assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. The FBI concluded the North Korean government was behind the hack, which released private contract negotiations involving actors and future films. President Barack Obama announced sanctions on the country mostly affecting its government officials’ ability to travel to the U.S.

Jonah Saacks, an Appalachian State University freshman, said he saw the movie on Google Play and thinks it should be recognized as a harmless comedy.

“It was possibly unethical and a little immoral, but for comedies these days, those aspects are almost always present,” he said.

On the wire: national and world news

Fraternity activities at UVa. resume with rules

One month after a damaging Rolling Stone story about campus rape was discredited, University of Virginia officials announced that fraternity and sorority activities can resume. To be able to participate in activities again, sororities and fraternities have agreed to a slew of stipulations officials say will increase safety for students, including additional leadership training for sexual violence and alcohol awareness, and submitting safety recommendations to university officials.

The Greek community’s social activities were suspended in November amid the fallout of an explosive Rolling Stone article in which a woman, identified only as Jackie, said she was gang-raped at a fraternity party.

The story was later discredited by reporting from The

Washington Post and a statement from the magazine’s editors, which said there appeared to be discrepancies in the woman’s account. The editors also acknowledged that the reporter, Sabrina Rubin Erdely, had not contacted Jackie’s alleged rapists.

The university’s Phi Kappa Psi chapter — whose house was the site of the incident described in the magazine — had pointed out several inconsistencies in the story, but school officials shut down all Greek activity for the rest of the fall semester and through the winter break.

Talks on migration, Cuban prisoners continue

WASHINGTON (TNS) — The United States will undertake migration talks with Cuba later this month even if the Cuban government has not released all of the 53 political prisoners it pledged

it would when President Barack Obama announced plans to normalize relations with the island last month.

The White House acknowledged Tuesday that only “some” of the prisoners have been freed. White House press secretary Josh Earnest said he couldn’t discuss specific numbers and that there was no specific time table for their release.

“We’ve been careful about talking about the number of prisoners and who they are because we don’t want to put an even bigger target on their back as political dissidents,” Earnest said. The White House, he said, hopes to see all the prisoners released “in the near future.”

Boehner reelected as speaker amid opposition

WASHINGTON (TNS) — The Republican-controlled 114th Congress was sworn in

Tuesday with John Boehner surviving a challenge to his speakership from dissatisfied lawmakers from his own party.

A small but aggressive core of conservative House Republicans voiced their displeasure with Boehner’s leadership, claiming that he’s abandoned conservative principles and capitulated to President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats.

Three Republicans — Reps. Ted Yoho and Daniel Webster of Florida and Louie Gohmert of Texas — were pitted against Boehner, who survived a similar uprising in 2013.

Needing at least 205 votes to retain his gavel, Boehner got 216 of the 408 House members who voted.



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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Wilson Library receives grant for digital center

Wilson Library’s North Carolina Digital Heritage Center received a \$75,000 grant from the Digital Public Library of America and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to digitize materials in its collection.

The grant will enable the center to collaborate with cultural heritage institutions across the state to digitize, publish and share their collections online.

Part of the project will include digitizing historic high school yearbooks, scrapbooks and photographs.

CITY BRIEFS

Public invited to speak on sewage decision

The Orange Water and Sewer Authority will discuss how to handle its treated sewage during its upcoming work session on Thursday.

The authority’s board of directors will receive a recommendation from its staff that calls for the group to stop applying treated sewage on local farmlands. The recommendation can be found in a staff report at bit.ly/1xPXdgu

Instead, the water and sewer authority would send all treated sewage water to a private company to be composted.

The work session is at 6 p.m. Thursday at the authority’s administrative building at 400 Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro. The public is invited to attend and speak at the session.

Mediterranean Deli opens next door market

Mediterranean Deli, Bakery and Catering opened a small market next door to its existing location at 414 W. Franklin Street on Jan. 2.

The new Mediterranean-themed market sells halal meats and deli cold cuts and also offers an olive bar.

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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 12-3 puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Neutral hue
5 Book of legends?
10 Irreverent radio host
14 Become painfully dry
15 Airboat area
16 Narrow margin
17 Hardly noticeable amount
18 Black-eyed peas dish
20 Like some Netflix movies
22 Wore a belittling look
23 Notable gap
26 More pleasant
27 Pretend nothing’s going on
31 Empty the recycle bin, e.g.
32 Petri dish gel
33 Cast off
37 Informal pass
38 “Also sprach Zarathustra” composer
41 Miner issue
42 Reunion attendee
44 Third Pillar of Islam subject
45 Short stroke
47 Brunch fare
50 Bygone Detroit brewery
52 Gas leak warnings
53 Starts a revolution
55 Comparable to, with “with”
59 Country star with an un-countrylike name
62 What “will keep us together,” in a 1975 hit

DOWN

63 Hamburg’s river
64 “Transcendental” Liszt piece
65 Blunted blade
66 Downhill coaster
67 Pitching scout’s device
68 Lowly worker

1 Bounce back
2 Uppercut target
3 It’s tender in Johannesburg
4 Market advances
5 Picnic area barrel
6 ___-Face: duplicitous
Batman foe
7 ___ cat
8 Rock concert gear
9 Dreidels and pinwheels
10 Adds to a conversation, as a remark
11 “A Visit From St. Nicholas” poet Clement Clarke
12 Seat finder
13 Delight

19 Frau’s refusal
21 Draws back in fear
24 Hairbrush targets
25 Gable/Gardner classic set in Africa
27 Actress Olin
28 ___ hygiene
29 Pearl Harbor locale
30 Led to
34 Native Arizonans
35 Obama attorney general Holder
36 Bit of hail damage
39 Swiss luxury watchmaker
40 Strict
43 Deserved

46 Source of TV revenue
48 “Crikey!”
49 Middy tryst
50 Compete in a bee
51 34-Down, e.g.
53 Luau strings
54 Arg. miss
56 Religious leader associated with the ends of the four longest puzzle answers
57 State as fact
58 Great Barrier ___
60 Future bloom
61 Oral health org.



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The perks of being uncertain

To turn on the TV or go online is to be inundated with claims of certainty: This product will cure your disease, one side of an argument is true and another false, this or that will happen in the New Year.

The enthusiastic certainty with which these claims are made is almost invariably unwarranted for the simple reason that we live in an uncertain world where few things can be described in terms of black and white. In spite of this condition, admitting uncertainty in public discourse is seized upon as a sign of weakness and can be tantamount to ceding one's point.

In contrast, the concept of uncertainty is fundamental to science, especially when making measurements and analyzing data. Beyond science, acknowledging uncertainty is essential to the pursuit of knowledge. Therefore, unabashed recognition of uncertainty should not be confined to the field or laboratory, but extended to public discourse and recognized as honest, humble and circumspect.

In every field of science, uncertainty begins when the first measurement is made. Use a ruler to make a measurement, and the endpoint will necessarily fall in between two markings. The distance between these markings limits the precision of the measurement, which is represented by a "plus or minus" term to designate the amount of uncertainty present. A measurement without an associated uncertainty is ambiguous and has little practical value.

Uncertainty continues to exert its effects as measurements are grouped into data sets and analyzed for significance. To be significant, experiments must be repeated and results analyzed to determine the probability that the results are due to chance. Various statistical methods may be used, but typically there must be a 95 percent or higher probability that results are not due to chance to be significant.

Like the individual uncertainties reported with each measurement, "error bars" are graphic representations used to compare data sets on a graph or figure. And like individual measurements, a figure that lacks error bars is insignificant; any associations may simply be due to chance.

Far from undermining an argument, acknowledging areas of uncertainty shows that an argument is grounded in reality and not the product of rigid ideology.

Rather than criticizing those who admit uncertainty, skepticism should be directed at those who refuse to admit uncertainty where it exists. Imagine what the world would be like if companies and politicians were required to provide error bars with their claims.

To paraphrase the British mathematician and scholar Bertrand Russell, "The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, and wiser people so full of doubts."

While I do feel certain that this proclamation does not account for all of the world's problems, we could all use a little more uncertainty in our daily lives.

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YEAR IN PREVIEW

As it does for all of us, the new year represents for the University and its community an opportunity to be better. We'll be over here trying to eat more vegetables and fewer fingernails, but in the meantime, we've come up with some resolutions that could make Chapel Hill a better place in 2015 and beyond.

- 1** *Engagement with University and state politics.* Youth turnout for November's midterm elections was low for multiple reasons, but among them was the belief that voting can do little good. They were correct in one sense, but only because voting is most effective as the culmination of longer-term political awareness and legwork that prefigures the choices voters face on election day.
- 2** *More forthright communication strategies from the University.* UNC's public relations platoon should prioritize communicating clear and timely information to students, even if this means facing up to embarrassing facts in the short run.
- 3** *Forceful efforts to address poverty in Chapel Hill and North Carolina.* The death of Jason Myrick, a man whose address at the time of his death was listed as the Rosemary Street shelter, reminded us that poverty persists, sometimes quite literally, in wealth's back yard.
- 4** *Beefed-up commitments to invest in renewable energy and sustainable food provision.* Long-term problems require long-term solutions, but they also require incremental progress for those solutions to be realized. UNC's stalled commitment to become coal-free by 2020 could use a few of those small victories to get back on track.
- 5** *Stronger issue-based leadership from student government.* A new student body president will be elected in February, meaning that strong stances on race, sexual assault and other thorny issues thus far avoided by the administration will have to be taken soon. We'd love to see more vocal leader-

- ship of efforts to save UNC's centers and institutes and more forceful language with respect to the need for an overhaul of the staff tasked with handling sexual assault.
- 6** *Confrontation of alcohol abuse at UNC.* In addition to the part it plays in rape culture, binge-drinking can obscure mental health problems that go underaddressed on college campuses.
- 7** *Scaled-up efforts to make the area safer for pedestrians and cyclists.* The 2014 introduction of new bike lanes and helpful signs for pedestrians downtown was marred by several pedestrian and cyclist casualties. The urbanization heralded by the town's newly soaring skyline must include modern development strategies that ensure growth won't be constricted by dependence on private automobiles or the threat they pose to foot and cycle traffic.
- 8** *Continued demands for athletic reform.* All the pain inflicted by the Wainstein report will have been for naught if we don't keep up efforts, especially through the heart of the basketball season, to implement policies that treat athletes more justly.
- 9** *Collaboration with other UNC-system schools* — especially on issues that disproportionately affect smaller or historically black campuses but also those that pervade all of college life.
- 10** *More sleep.* At the end of a long day, we love nothing more than dismounting from our high horses and snuggling into bed. No, we're not your parents, but this is the only chance the editorial board will have to endorse something as uncontroversial as a good night's sleep.

COLUMN

Scott's fight close to home

Stuart Scott's attitude toward disease gave far-reaching hope

Sunday morning was quiet and rainy in Chapel Hill, almost as if the campus itself was crying with us. Stuart Scott ended his seven-year battle with cancer and died at age 49.

While his death saddened us all, Scott's life and the way he lived also inspired us. At his latest ESPY speech, he reminded us that death in the face of disease doesn't necessarily signal defeat.

Jack, my younger brother and a freshman here at UNC, reminds me of Stu's message every day for many reasons.

Scott was born in Chicago before moving with his parents and three siblings to Winston-Salem as a kid. He attended high school at Mount Tabor and R.J. Reynolds, where he was student body vice president before heading off to Chapel Hill for college.

Scott started to have bad stomach pains in 2007. After removing his appendix and examining it, doctors discovered Scott had appendix cancer, a rare form that accounts



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for just half a percent of all intestinal cancers. Multiple surgeries, numerous chemotherapy sessions and seven years of fighting the disease followed the diagnosis.

The parallels between Scott's fight and my brother's are eerie. Like Scott, Jack was born in Chicago where, like Scott, he lived until his parents and three siblings moved to Winston-Salem. Jack attended and graduated from Mount Tabor High School, where he was student body president before being accepted to UNC.

In April 2013, Jack, just 17 at the time, began experi-

encing bad abdominal pains and weight loss. After his symptoms worsened, he saw a gastroenterologist who discovered that Jack had severe ulcerative colitis, a disease that attacks your colon.

After another two weeks of no progress and a battle with a life-threatening infection, doctors informed Jack that removing his colon was the best option. During the first of two surgeries at UNC, doctors removed Jack's entire colon, along with his appendix. But when he returned a month later for a checkup prior to his second surgery, a silver lining emerged.

Jack's appendix was infected with the same cancer found in Scott less than six years prior. If it hadn't been for the surgery to remove his colon, the cancer would have gone undetected like Scott's did for so many years.

Stuart Scott was a great sportscaster, but his greatest gift might have been the positivity he exemplified for people like my brother despite the longest of odds.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I know it hurts to lose this so close, but you need to be here and you need to experience it."

Joe Sagula, on the volleyball's Elite 8 loss during winter break

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"UNC was wrong to keep a lid on the firings. UNC needs to root out, not just 'discipline,' everyone involved."

Redskinsfan2, on people who were fired following the Wainstein report

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNC coach is wrong on sexual assault

Editor's note: The following letter was originally published in The University Echo, the student newspaper of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. It appears below in modified form.

was assaulted in this case and those that have been assaulted, I am sorry. While I understand this subject can be difficult to discuss, I want to use my voice to help fight this with you.

Chancellor Angle, thank you. Thank you for trying to uphold justice. Apparently, you are a rare breed.

Sarah Cooksey
Features Editor
The University Echo
UT-Chattanooga

TO THE EDITOR:
Nationally-ranked wrestler Corey Mock was expelled from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga by Chancellor Steve Angle on Dec. 2 for sexual misconduct. A new ruling, however, allowed him to take his final exams.

Mock's father, C.D. Mock, the head wrestling coach at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, told the Chattanooga Times Free Press, "[Angle] couldn't have done anything worse."

Let's paraphrase this: the father of an alleged rapist said that Angle made a mistake of carrying out discipline. Hello. What are you saying is worse?

Are you upset that your son was found guilty of sexual misconduct? Or are you saying the mistake was that Angle expelled a nationally ranked wrestler? Or are you implying that Angle carrying out discipline on an alleged rapist is worse than rape? Did your son not make a mistake? A mistake that is so life-altering for him — and especially so for this woman. Her entire life has changed. The way she thinks and processes her everyday life decisions is forever effected because of your son's actions.

But was it even a mistake? Mock made his decision. Angle made his decision. Corey is not the victim. He made choices.

Only five sexual offenses were reported at UTC for the 2013-14 school year. For the 2012-13 school year, only two were reported. But a study from the National Institute of Justice estimates that for every 1,000 women enrolled in a college, there are 35 incidents of rape each academic year, according to the Times Free Press.

There were 5,971 women enrolled at the University of Tennessee for the fall semester. Statistics would translate to nearly 210 students being the victim of sexual assault.

Maybe UTC has an extremely low rate of assault, or maybe victims are afraid of contacting help because of the threat of another situation like this.

Or maybe she did not report it because only 3 percent of sexual abusers spend at least one day in jail, according to RAINN, the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

In case math isn't your strong point, that translates to 97 percent of abusers that never served jail time. Yes, they may be named on a list somewhere, but is that justice?

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TFA an integral part of school solution

TO THE EDITOR:
In 2001, I graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and exchanged picturesque Chapel Hill for the cotton fields, rural roads and historically rich communities of the Mississippi Delta as a Teach For America corps member. It's an experience that led me to my current career in education and one that stands in stark contrast to the editorial board's recent piece on the organization.

As a corps member, I joined a diverse community of fellow corps members, veteran teachers and community leaders in working towards providing every student an excellent education. We worked in tandem to give our children the skills they would need to graduate high school, attend college and succeed in the workforce. This was a "we" effort, not an "I" effort.

Today, students across multiple communities in our country need students at UNC to choose to become a part of the "we" that is necessary to ensure that all students, but particularly those that live in poverty and economic isolation have the same amazing opportunities that you experienced as a child.

A 2014 UNC study identified that Teach For America corps members had a significantly positive impact on students in elementary, middle school and high school. The study also found most corps members were likely to be rated as proficient or above on the North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards evaluation.

As a former principal in Mississippi and North Carolina, I can attest to the significant quality and impact that corps members I worked with had on their students' education. Two of the corps members I hired have gone on to serve in teacher leader capacities in other schools in North Carolina. They, like over two-thirds of alumni nationwide, are working directly in education, studying education full-time or working in a job that impacts education and/or low-income communities.

This is critical because, while educational inequity manifests in the classroom, it doesn't start there. As the editorial points out, we need leaders working at every level of the system to create a more equitable one.

Paul Barnhardt
Managing Director of Program, New Leaders

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