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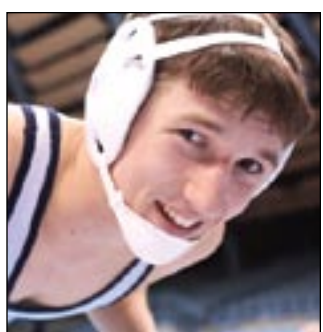
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BACK IN THE USA

Two students had their semesters in Egypt cut short because of political protests. They have taken different paths since returning to the United States.



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MOCK TWO

Freshman wrestler Corey Mock has emerged as a star on this year's squad. Much of his guidance came from his father C.D. Mock, the team's head coach.



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THE PLOT THICKENS

A lack of records and documentation is making it difficult for people who want to be buried in plots at the historic Old Chapel Hill Cemetery on South Road.

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VARIETY HOUR

The local comedians, musicians and authors performing in a variety radio show this weekend hope to raise money for local mental health agencies.

this day in black history

FEB. 18, 2006 ...

American speed skater Shani Davis becomes the first black athlete to earn an individual gold medal at the Winter Olympics after winning the 1,000-meter race.

Today's weather

Elevated squirrel activity
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Saturday's weather

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COOPER AND LEE IN RUNOFF ELECTION



DTH/DANIEL TURNER



DTH/ERIN HULL

Juniors Mary Cooper and Ian Lee are set to advance to a Feb. 25 runoff election after Andrew Phillips, chairman of the Board of Elections, announced the results in the Pit on Thursday night.

Leading candidate Ingram shocked by results

BY DANIEL WISER
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Ending a litigious campaign that left candidates battered and frustrated by complaints, the Board of Elections announced late Thursday night that juniors Mary Cooper and Ian Lee would move on to a runoff election for student body president.

Cooper and Lee, who garnered 39 and 25 percent of the vote, respectively, will now have a week to campaign in preparation for a Feb. 25 runoff election. All results are unofficial until confirmed by the board.

Phillips stood in the east end of the Pit and announced the results to an excited and impromptu crowd of campaign staffers, friends and passersby.

Cooper immediately embraced her staff and friends after Phillips announced the results.

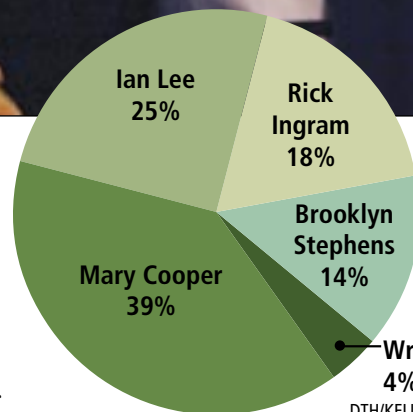
Lee said he was glad the injunction had been lifted and excited for the final stretch of the campaign.

The announcement came as a shock to Rick Ingram, a leading candidate who was nearly disqualified Feb. 7 after multiple reports from the Lee and Cooper campaigns of harmful conduct.

"Looking back, I wish I could change the way the coverage went down," said Ingram, who received 18 percent of the vote.

"Nothing I can do about it now," he added. Brooklyn Stephens finished in fourth place, with 14 percent.

Ingram said he would consider filing a



DTH/KELLY MCHUGH

According to unofficial results, Mary Cooper got 2,760 votes while Ian Lee got 1,785 votes.

complaint similar to that of Deanna Santoro, the former speaker of Student Congress who resigned Feb. 7 to file a complaint against the board for confirming Lee's candidacy. Santoro's complaint resulted in the injunction to delay the release of the results.

Phillips said he thinks any similar complaint would likely fail.

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Professor will advise Egypt

Reynolds could shape election laws

BY CHLOE PINNER
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A UNC professor will have a hand in shaping election laws for what could be the first truly democratic elections in the history of Egypt and Tunisia.

Andrew Reynolds, associate professor of political science and chairman of the curriculum of international and area studies, will be advising the two north African nations — both of which recently underwent popular uprisings — on their elections and electoral systems.

He has yet to set a date to travel to either country for his work, which will be in conjunction with the National Endowment for Democracy, the National Security Council and the International Foundation for Electoral Systems.

While abroad, Reynolds will work with governmental and civil figures to develop an understanding of what is needed for their elections.

"It's fascinating because if Tunisia gets it right, it serves as a beacon for other North African countries like Egypt," he said.

He had originally only planned on working with Tunisia's new government, but was enlisted to help Egypt after former president Hosni Mubarak stepped down.

Reynolds has worked in more than 20 countries in his 20 years as an electoral and constitutional design consultant including Afghanistan, Iraq and Burma.

"My work is just one piece of the puzzle. Having free elections is just

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DTH/KATIE BARNES

UNC professor Andrew Reynolds, who advises countries on electoral and constitutional design, will travel to Egypt and Tunisia next.

Printing employees react to job cuts

Some say poor management harmed department

BY CAROLINE CORRIGAN
STAFF WRITER

Six and a half years ago, Bernie Oakley had just obtained his dream job.

Oakley, assistant director of UNC Printing Services, attended the University as a student. His son followed, adding to a legacy Oakley had hoped would continue.

But on Feb. 11, Oakley said that job became a "nightmare" after he was one of nine printing services employees laid off in response to \$2.1 million in losses in the department during the past decade.

Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus services, said market forces, rather than looming budget cuts, accounted for the decision to lay off nine of the office's 21 employees, as well as cutting copy centers in the Student Union and the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

"What's going to happen is that hopefully we

have downsized the business to the point that it can break even," she said.

But Oakley and other employees said they disagree, attributing the layoffs instead to years of poor management.

"The same people who have been running the company for the past 15 years are still running it," he said. "You don't leave a person in office for 15 years when they have driven the business into the ground."

Oakley said the decisions made by Susan Anderson, University business officer for UNC Printing Services, have had harmful effects on the department.

Anderson declined to comment on what she said were personal issues.

Oakley and other employees said Anderson incurred unnecessary expenses by leasing equipment from Xerox instead of using the existing machines, among several other ill-advised decisions.

"There was not one person in the building who thought that was a good idea," he said.

Mark Jones, manager of the copy center in Kenan-Flagler Business School, said he agrees with Oakley in that the closing of the copy centers is due to UNC Printing Services' mismanagement.

"Several printing services employees reached out to higher management to question the capabilities of its director before any decision concerning printing services was announced," he said. "But no one listened."

Though he disapproves of Anderson's decisions, Oakley said the business' downturn is not completely her fault.

"Susan tried her best," he said in an e-mail. "It just wasn't good enough."

Richard Robinson, one of the employees recently laid off, said he is concerned with how the company will fare after these cuts.

"They don't seem to be changing course, just downsizing," said Robinson, who was laid

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Perdue plans for cuts, layoffs

Suggested \$3.2 billion reduction

BY ISABELLA COCHRANE
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N.C. Gov. Bev Perdue proposed more layoffs, program eliminations and retirement incentives for faculty as a part of a 9.5 percent budget reduction for the UNC system.

Perdue released her budget proposal Wednesday, recommending a \$3.2 billion cut in state spending. It was the first time since 1898 that a Republican-led N.C. General Assembly received a budget proposal from a Democratic governor.

Although the proposed budget reduction is severe and is expected to eliminate 1,900 positions, it is less than the 15 percent cut the University system had been preparing for as a worst-case scenario.

The University system has already suffered \$620 million in cuts in the past four years and has already eliminated more than 900 administrative positions.

"It is simply impossible to absorb further budget cuts without adversely affecting the quality of the academic experience for our students," said UNC-system President Thomas Ross in a statement.

Perdue asked the system to reduce the number of senior and middle management positions and to eliminate low-performing or duplicating programs — something the UNC-system Board of Governors has already been working to eliminate.

Universities will also be able to offset part of the cuts with the revenue generated from tuition increases. About 450 positions could be saved if the legislators approve the increases proposed by campuses, and 25 percent of the revenue generated will go toward financial aid.

Despite the tuition increases, Ross said the cuts might still be too heavy for campuses.

"With fewer faculty, staff and course sections, many more students would not be able to obtain the courses and academic services they need to graduate on time," he said.

John Davis, a member of the board, said some cuts to the UNC-system will inevitably be unpleasant for faculty and students.

"There has to be cuts made somewhere and every department in state government and every recipient of state funds around the state is saying 'not us,'" Davis said. "But I think in the final analysis everyone is going to have to share in the pain."

Atul Bhula, the president of the Association of Student Governments, said he's worried the final budget could be even more severe than the governor's proposal.

"We're only in the first steps of the process and ultimately what we have to do is make sure our state representatives understand the students are the future of the state," he said.

"Investing in education is investing in North Carolina."

The governor also proposed an employee retirement incentive for all state agency employees, UNC-system employees and community college employees for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

The recommendation provides a one-time \$10,000 incentive for faculty who are eligible to retire with benefits and a \$20,000 incentive for those who can retire with reduced benefits.

Thomas Carsey, a political science professor at UNC, said it is rare that a legislature would accept a governor's budget proposal as it is and virtually unheard of when the governor is from one party and the legislature is controlled by another.

"We know there will be differences in not just the small levels about numbers or accounting, but there will be philosophical differences between Perdue and the

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