

New junior senators chosen

By JAY BUCHANAN

The Junior Senators for 2012-2013 were elected Sep. 26 following a campus-wide early release from Supervised Study. The six junior senators were chosen from a group of thirteen, and are all male.

Andrew Peterson, First Hunt, is focused on extending the events hosted by Student Government. His ideas include hot chocolate parties, pumpkin decorating at Halloween, a Valentine's Day matchmaker, and Imitate-a-Staff-Member Day. Peterson's campaign revolved around several colored fliers instructing juniors to "Keep Calm and Vote Andrew Peterson." He hopes to serve on either the Programming or Public Relations Committee of Student Government.

Durham native Isaiah Bryant delivered his campaign speech through a poem, highlighting his goals for the year. He told the voters in attendance that he hopes to get more food trucks to visit NCSSM and that he will lead an effort to replace the television in Hill lounge. His biggest priority is local networking between NCSSM and the city of Durham, saying, "There are a lot of misconceptions about Durham." Bryant has already started work on forming a sub-committee in Student Government called Guide to Durham.

Jack Allen sold himself to voters as "the Safe Candidate," donning a unicorn helmet to the election. His goals for the year include enforcing greener practices on campus and instituting grades transparency.

Sidney Lianza says, "I felt I could actually help the students." Lianza, whose

campaign speech began with, "I have a dream" is more interested in representing the students than putting his own ideas in place. "I want to get student voices heard more in the administration," he says. Lianza hopes to serve on either Student Affairs Committee for the year, though he is also considering Academic Affairs.

Second Hill's David Choi is interested in all facets of government. "I've always done SG and it's something I really love doing," he says. As a junior senator Choi is targeting grade visibility first, but he is also interested in adjusting tutorial times so that they work better with classes and extracurricular activities. "Really I just want to make sure the school meets the standards of our hard work," says Choi. He did not claim any direct aspirations with regard to Student Government roles.

Parth Thakker was the last candidate to speak at the elections, and later claimed that, "they saved the best for last." Thakker's main goals as a senator include extending cafeteria hours and, like his colleagues, he hopes to achieve greater academic transparency. Though he hopes to serve on the Academic Affairs Committee, one of his biggest goals is relocating the Student Center to a more central location so students have greater access.

The addition of the Junior Senate leaves only the Dorm Senators and Senators-at-Large left for instatement. The new Senators have thus far worked on several different initiatives, including a grades transparency survey, adjusting the Student Store hours, and forming a Sustainability Task Force.

NHL lockout looms; Lance Armstrong stripped of all medals and awards

By STEVEN LIAO

Catch up on the latest sport stories from outside the NCSSM bubble

NFL:

NFL, Replacement officials facing heat—The NFL is currently in a lockout with the NFL Referee's Association (NFLRA). The two groups are battling over — you guessed it— money.

The NFL is currently using an eclectic group of replacement referees that includes the first NFL female referee, high school referees, and even a former Lingerie Football League Referee — yes, really.

These replacement referees have bungled numerous calls in the NFL preseason, shifting the leverage over to NFLRA in discussions, and putting heat on the NFL and replacement officials

Five rookie quarterbacks start in Week One—Russell Wilson plays as a starting rookie with the Seattle Seahawks.

Joining him are Brandon Weeden (Cleveland Browns), Robert Griffin III (Washington Redskins), Andrew Luck (Indianapolis Colts), and Ryan Tannehill (Miami Dolphins).

This is the first time in NFL history five rookie quarterbacks have started in the first game of the season.

Bounty case overturned by appeals panel—Four players from the 2009-2010 New Orleans Saints team, Scott Fujita, Anthony Hargrove, Will Smith, and Jonathan Vilma had their "bountygate" suspensions lifted by an internal appeals



Lance Armstrong

Courtesy of The Guardian

panel. They had previously each been suspended between four to sixteen games for their involvement in the Saints' alleged pay-to-injure bounty system of the 2009 NFL season, when the Saints won the SuperBowl.

NBA:

Justin Timberlake to own part of Memphis Grizzlies—Justin Timberlake has agreed to take part in an ownership group, led by billionaire Robert Pera, that has bought the Memphis Grizzlies from current owner Michael Heisley.

NHL:

NHL lockout looms—The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the players and owners is set to expire Saturday, Sept. 15, at 11:59 p.m. E.T.

Negotiations appear to be far apart, with the players recently rejecting a proposal that would reduce the player's portion of the revenue from 57% to 49%.

Other:

Cyclist Lance Armstrong banned from sport, stripped of medals—The United States Anti-Doping Agency charged Armstrong with drug violations. He is banned for life from cycling and stripped of all his cycling medals and awards since August 1, 1998.

College football season takes off—

The current AP regular season poll ranks the top ten teams as Alabama (1), Oregon (2), LSU (3), Florida State (4), Georgia (5), South Carolina (6), Kansas State (7), Stanford (8), West Virginia (9), and Notre Dame (10).

Scandals rock UNC and Duke athletic programs

By CARL YIN

Duke and UNC Chapel Hill are both currently being investigated for scandals within their athletic programs.

UNC has been charged with manipulating athletes' grades and letting agents give players improper gifts.

Duke's scandal centers around its basketball team, as it has been alleged that Lance Thomas, a member of the 2010

Duke Basketball National Championship team, paid over 30,000 dollars for jewelry after the championship game and received an improper loan of 70,000 dollars from the jeweler to buy even more jewelry.

According to NCAA guidelines, athletes are not allowed to get special treatment just because of their status.

Information on Thomas' alleged jewelry splurge came

out when the jeweler sued Thomas for not paying back a 70,000 dollar loan. Duke's scandal, though based off one player's possible actions, could have enormous repercussions.

When Derrick Rose, a member of the 2007-2008 Memphis basketball team, was found to have cheated on the SAT, the entire Memphis 2007-2008 season and its Final Four appearance was vacated.

If any slight infraction is found on Thomas, Duke's 2010 National Championship could be vacated.

However, recently, Thomas has settled in court with the jeweler, which may stop the NCAA from launching a formal investigation.

Furthermore, the jeweler refuses to cooperate with the NCAA, and even with an investigation, the NCAA may not be able to obtain enough information to charge the Duke basketball program.

However, the once spotless image of Duke's athletic

program has been tarnished.

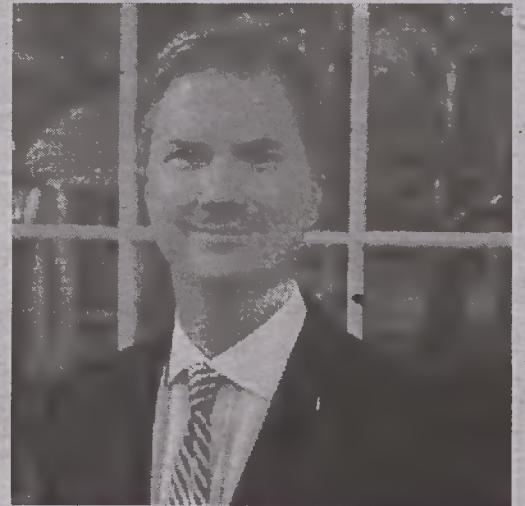
UNC's scandal began when information leaked about improper gifts given to athletes from agents.

Upon further investigation, the NCAA found an even larger academic scandal, where athletes were given phony courses in

African-American studies to raise their GPA's.

These scandals have mainly involved the football team, but cover many different athletic teams. For UNC, the NCAA has been investigating UNC's scandal for over two years now, with a number of prominent faculty and administrators resigning.

The athletic director, football coach, and the



UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp

Courtesy of unc.edu

chairman of the Department of African and Afro-American Studies have all since resigned or been fired. Just last week, UNC chancellor Holden Thorp decided to resign after the end of the school year.

It looks like, after two years of controversy, that the investigation is dying down and UNC sports, especially football, can start to recover.

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