

# Calabria fills Cabinet positions

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The newly installed Calabria administration concluded its abbreviated Cabinet selection process Wednesday after 10 days of reviewing applications and conducting interviews.

Cut short by the extended student body president election, the selection period for this administration was almost three weeks shorter than that of previous administrations.

Although the administration only had about one-third of the usual month to choose its cabinet, Student Body President Matt Calabria said the short time did not downgrade the quality of the more than 60 applicants.

"There were a ton of highly qualified candidates, which made the

process very difficult," Calabria said.

After interviewing every applicant, the Calabria administration collectively selected 23 students to fill Cabinet positions and 15 executive assistants from what the administration called one of the most competitive applicant pools in recent memory.

Last year, two weeks after taking office, the administration of former Student Body President Matt Tepper reviewed 101 applicants for the same number of positions.

Calabria and Student Body Secretary Bernard Holloway both said they are happy with the new cabinet.

"It was a stunning success," Holloway said. "I was personally proud of (the selection process)."

Calabria said that during the

exhaustive interviewing period, the best-qualified applicants demonstrated the ability to proactively meet student needs.

"Cabinet members need to actively seek and solve student problems," he said. "I'm very confident that (Cabinet members) energy and expertise will really help us out in the next year."

Calabria said he did not make any selections unilaterally and that the goal of the review process was to reach a consensus among all executive officers.

One addition Calabria has made to the executive cabinet is the UNC Lobby Corps Board of Directors, which will work to bring a unified student voice to the N.C. General Assembly.

Calabria's officers selected former Student Body President Candidate Ashley Castevens to serve as the administration's voice in the state's legislative building.

Castevens, whose main platform goal as a student body president candidate was to establish a campus political action committee, said she is very excited to work with Calabria's administration in a lobbying role.

She served as part of former

Student Body President Jen Daum's Carolina Lobby Corps in 2002-2003.

"My No. 1 priority is lobbying and external relations," she said. "That's something I have the most experience with in student government."

The resulting Cabinet very closely reflects the student population at UNC, Calabria said.

"One thing I'm most proud of is that this Cabinet looks and feels like Carolina," Holloway said. "Student government can and will be a melting pot for student organizations."

Included in the diverse Cabinet are what Holloway said is a record number of Black Student Movement members, as well as representatives from the Greek community and members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered-Straight Alliance.

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# Local schools must pay for vandalism

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Chapel Hill high schools have become victims of vandalism that has caused more than \$3,000 in damages that must come out of the school's funds.

Both high schools in the area have had their athletic stadiums vandalized within the past month. Stadium walls, press boxes and concession stands have been spray painted with vulgarities.

Most recently Chapel Hill High School's campus was attacked when the mural of a tiger painted by artist Michael Brown was defaced.

The mural, which is stories high, covers a large wall facing the back of the school grounds.

It is visible from the student parking lot and is one of the school's most recognizable features.

"It's going to cost several thousands of dollars," said Steve Scroggs, assistant superintendent for support services. "And that is not including the retouch fees."

Brown, whose work also can be found in downtown Chapel Hill, has been asked by school officials to restore the painting.

Police and school officials are not sure who is responsible for the damage.

Some have speculated that students participating in a school rivalry between Chapel Hill High and East Chapel Hill High School could be to blame.

Both schools have a history of vandalizing property belonging to the other school.

In 1996, after East Chapel Hill opened, Chapel Hill High stu-

dents painted profanity on the walls of the school. Repairing the damage cost the school hundreds of dollars.

In 1998, students at East Chapel Hill burned "East" into Chapel Hill High's baseball field.

But Scroggs doesn't believe that school rivalry is to blame in the vandalism that has occurred within the last few weeks.

"I don't think it has anything to do with the rivalries," he said. "I just think it's people tearing up stuff."

He said he thinks the people who are vandalizing the schools are people who also have been vandalizing local neighborhoods and are not necessarily students.

The schools are working with the police department to keep a closer eye on the campuses, Scroggs said.

"We have increased nighttime security that the police department is helping out with," he said. "We have outside cameras monitoring school grounds, but that doesn't stop everything."

Authorities and officials are making an extra effort to find the people responsible for the damage and are asking for help from the community.

"We have a few leads," said Andrew Baker, the resource officer at Chapel Hill High. "I'm here every day, so it doesn't cost anything to investigate."

Police are offering a \$500 reward to anyone who aids in the arrest of those responsible for the vandalism.

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A page 3 photo caption in Wednesday's paper that featured rape victim Ann Bajwa described her situation incorrectly.

Bajwa was a teenager when she was raped by a stranger. The incident happened in the early 1960s when there were no centers such as the Orange County Rape Crisis Center to help.

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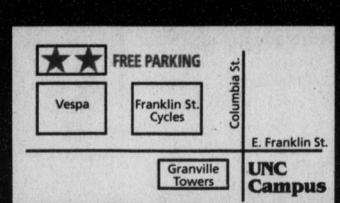


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