

**TRUSTEES**

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Fulton said he has given to both incumbent U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., and N.C. Sen. Kay Hagan, D-Guilford, who is looking to take Dole's place.

"Kay has been such a great friend to the University."

But friendship is not the only reason trustees pay into federal-level campaigns.

Leroy Towns, a UNC political journalism professor, said it was "natural" for trustees to give to federal candidates.

"Federal legislation and appropriations have a huge impact on the University," he said.

UNC got \$446 million in federal research money in fiscal year 2007.

"All of us are really interested in positioning the University the best we can," Fulton said.

Other than the trustees, few campus administrators regularly give to campaigns.

Dr. Bill Roper, CEO of UNC Health Care and dean of the School of Medicine, has given \$46,600 to federal candidates and committees in the last decade. A few other administrators have given small amounts of money, but nothing on the scale of Roper and the trustees.

The trustees have contributed

largely to N.C. candidates and federal committees of both parties. By far the greatest beneficiary has been UNC-system President Erskine Bowles.

Eight of 12 current trustees gave a total \$150,500 to Bowles and his political action committee, N.C. Victory Fund, when he ran for U.S. senate in 2002 and 2004. More than three quarters of that money came from trustees Fulton, Russell Carter and Nelson Schwab.

Bowles lost both races, first to Dole then to Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., before becoming system president in 2006.

Generosity from the trustees often catches the eye of state political leaders, putting trustees in position for appointments to more prominent roles, such as a spot on the UNC-system Board of Governors, said Thad Beyle, a University political science professor.

"There's people who pay attention to the (campaign finance) reports."

But Mason, who declined to discuss further her role in Obama's campaign, insisted that giving money to federal campaigns was not for political gain.

"It's a personal decision."

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**LOVE AND SHELTER**



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Shruti Shah, co-chairwoman of Holocaust Remembrance Week, writes "love" in Hindi on a canvas tent in Polk Place. N.C. Hillel is participating in the Tents of Hope project, where groups across the country buy tents, decorate them and return them to the project. The tents will be displayed on the Mall in Washington, D.C., in October, before being sent to Darfur to serve as shelters. "People wonder why genocides keep happening and what we can do to stop this from happening again."

**CAMPUS**

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the Pit, injuring nine people and sparking a discussion about terrorism and racial prejudice.

"People aren't going to look at it as someone just ran into the Pit but someone of a specific race, ethnicity and gender ran into the Pit," McMillan said. "It's part of our culture. I think it's very American to try to generalize why something like this happens and race is our metaphor."

McMillan said that he does not think the racial tension from Carson's murder will have a long-term negative effect on campus and that college students especially can rebound from this situation.

"I think being young will make learning from this experience easier rather than harder because, as many racist stereotypes that have popped up as a result of this murder, there has been quite a bit of discussion about race and about how you can't stereotype," he said.

Junior Anthony Bartlett, who heads a performance subgroup of Black Student Movement, said he was not surprised when racist comments flew after Carson's death.

"Just being a black male in general, I'm growing up around stereotypes and fears of black men. I kind of understand both sides," he said.

Students' reactions did not faze Bartlett, who said many blacks feel they have to work harder to gain respect at UNC.

"I don't want to say racism is synonymous with Carolina, but anytime you have minorities at a majority-white campus, there's always going to be some kind of blurred lines with racism there," he said.

At UNC, 71 percent of the student body is white. Of the remaining 29 percent, blacks are the largest group

at 10 percent of the student body.

And beyond the borders of campus, students said they felt media coverage has been racially biased — specifically comparing Carson's death to Denita Smith's, a graduate student at the historically black N.C. Central University, who was shot last year near the Durham campus.

"What drives coverage is not fully who was killed but, many times, what the reaction is," said Linda Williams, senior editor at The (Raleigh) News & Observer.

Smith's death did not spur multiple press conferences and official remarks like Carson's did, she said.

Prominence also played a role in coverage. Carson was the student body president as well as an undergraduate, which usually solicits a greater response because it is a younger person, Williams said.

Although Carson's death caused an intense discussion within the student body, some students took it to the next level, consulting administrators about the heightened racism.

Demetrius Brown, assistant dean of students, said he has talked to at least four students concerned about the situation.

The Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Office and the Office of the Dean of Students are resources students can use if they feel uncomfortable on campus.

Although there are many outlets, McMillan said people will not stop viewing situations such as Carson's death in racial terms anytime soon.

"In American society, I always say that race and our focus on race is the largest legacy of slavery and that it's virtually impossible for a modern American to look at the world outside of a racial lens."

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**SPRING GAME**

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as a defense, because ever since I've been here, we've had a good defense, but we haven't really pushed it to being dominant. And we finally put that together."

The two Tar Heels who did not take any hits Monday were those under center. With consensus starter T.J. Yates recovering from shoulder surgery, backups Mike Paulus and Cam Sexton split the snaps. Yates threw for the first time since his surgery but didn't scrimmage.

Both relied on the running game and ran the offensive effectively for the most part. Paulus was more effective at limiting mistakes, as Sexton threw an interception and lost a fumble.

"I thought that both of the guys showed flashes," UNC coach Butch Davis said. "Mike was 11-16, which is a very positive day. He had no turnovers, didn't throw any interceptions. ... And I think that clearly Cam's second spring practice is infinitely better than the spring practice that he had a year ago."

Many Tar Heels who had an impact in the spring game seemed

as though they were on the wrong side of the line of scrimmage. Last year's tailbacks Richie Rich and Johnny White are now cornerbacks, and Vince Jacobs moved from tight end to defensive end, where he made some big plays Monday.

"I feel like a lot of guys are being unselfish right now," said Williams, who made a similar change from wide receiver to safety last year.

"Most of the time, it's been a big lift. Me, I came in and did my thing. Vince Jacobs, everybody's drooling over him now that he's a D-end. Johnny, the fastest guy on the team, he presses every play. Stuff like that makes us more physical."

But concerns still linger for the Tar Heels. They are left with holes to fill on defense to replace Kentwan Balmer, Hilee Taylor and Durrell Mapp. And the kicking game is very questionable at the snapping position.

"If we were playing this Saturday, I'd be a very nervous individual about every time that we were going to go kick an extra point or a field goal or a punt," Davis said.

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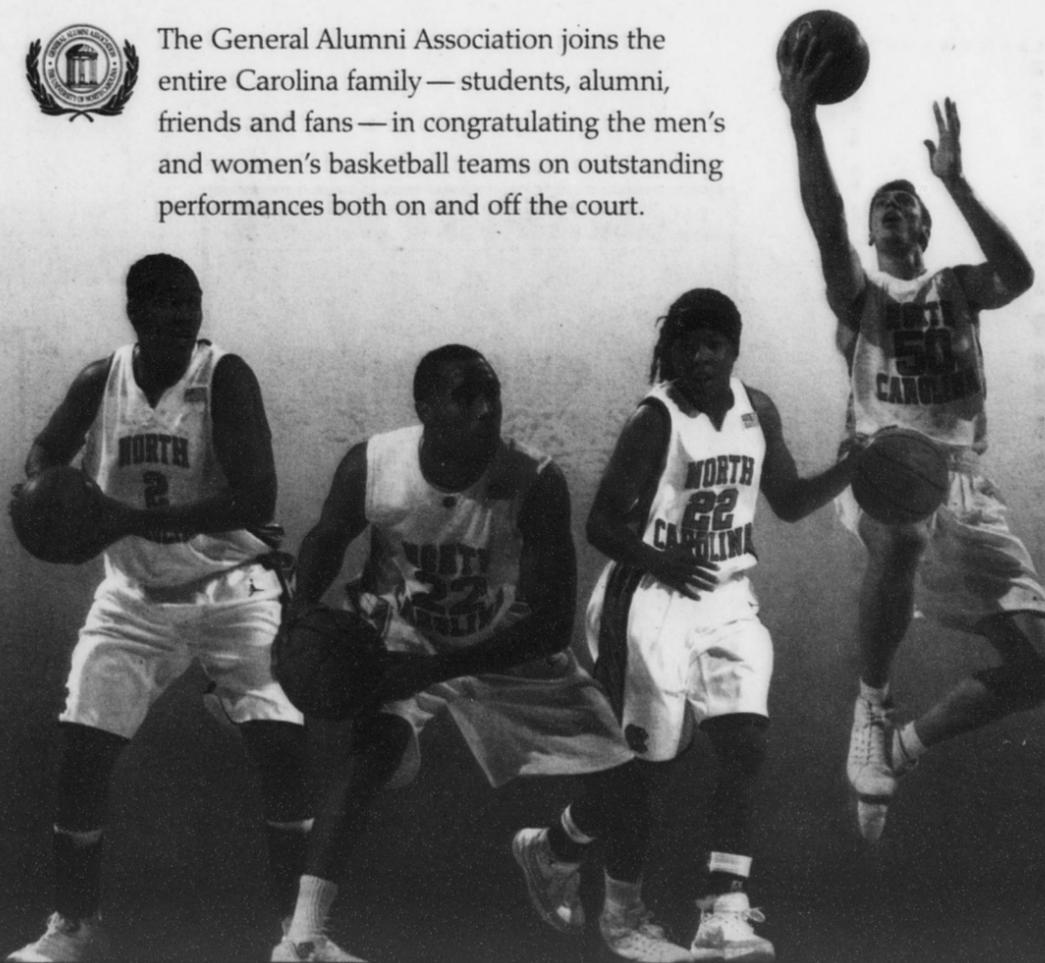
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