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UNC set for Super Regional

Tar Heels take on Coastal Carolina

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When Rob Wooten's final pitch Sunday night sent North Carolina to a third straight super regional, coach Mike Fox didn't even have

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time to celebrate before fielding questions about UNC's next opponent, Coastal Carolina.

His response was direct:

"Well I know they beat us like a drum last time we played them,"

he said. Coastal defeated the Tar Heels 11-7 earlier in the season.

In that game, the Chanticleers racked up six runs in the first inning, totaling 11 hits on the night and taking advantage of three errors from the Tar Heels.

But teams can change drastically between the start of the season and NCAA play. Fox himself frequently mentions that fact.

So with time to scout out the last remaining obstacle between his team and Omaha, Fox and his team have a more complete picture of the Chanticleers.

"They've got speed; they've got

NCAA Cary Super Regional schedule: North Carolina vs. Coastal Carolina

Day	Date	Time	Television
Saturday	June 7	Noon	ESPNU
Sunday	June 8	1 p.m.	ESPN
Monday (if necessary)	June 9	12:30 p.m./7 p.m.	ESPN/ESPN2

some really good hitters, as you can tell from some of those scores down there in Conway," shortstop Ryan Graepel said. "They're just a well-coached ball club."

Much like the Tar Heels. But unlike UNC, which advanced on three business-like wins, Coastal

is riding a 24-11 defeat of ECU in the final regional game, including a 13-run second inning. Coastal on the season is averaging 7.9 runs scored per game.

That kind of swinging will test the

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Hospital delayed to up training

BY STEPHANIE METZEN
STAFF WRITER

Mental health patients on the waitlist for treatment might find themselves waiting even longer than expected.

Dempsey Benton, Department of Health and Human Services secretary, said in a press release that the opening of the Central Regional Hospital in Butner has been delayed.

The opening, which was slated for June 15, has been pushed back a month to allow more time for staff training.

Patients at John Umstead Hospital will move into the new facility between July 14 and July 18, followed 10 days later by patients from Dorothea Dix Hospital.

"Hiring of staff will continue and should be at an improved status by these dates," Benton said in the release.

Dante Strobino, a field organizer for the N.C. Public Service Workers Union, said the delayed opening is a small victory that could provide momentum as the union urges for a one-year postponement.

Some hospitals are at approximately 110 percent of capacity, Strobino said. He added that working under those conditions contributes to injuries for the workers.

"A worker needs to know the patient," Strobino said. "If they are rushing through treatment, there is worse care and dangerous situations."

The delay will allow more time to hire more staff and address some concerns brought up by a May 13 inspection of the hospital.

Some bathroom doorknobs and guardrails installed at the hospital pose risks for suicidal patients who could hang themselves from the fixtures.

Manzoor Cheema, a member of the N.C. Public Service Workers Union, said the resources for the soon-to-be-open hospital are not sufficient to provide proper care. "Opening early will be devastating," Cheema said. "It is more work on the shoulders of workers."

The hospital also received criticism when it was discovered that director Patsy Christian took funds from vending machines

The series of delays for Central Regional Hospital

November 2007: A fire on the roof of the hospital delays opening.

January 2008: The opening is delayed again to allow enough time to smooth out operations and leave sufficient time to address any construction issues.

May 13, 2008: An inspection of the hospital reveals a list of construction issues that pose safety risks to patients — who could use some of the door handles to hang themselves — among other problems.

June 2, 2008: Hospital opening delayed again, it is now expected to open July 31.

that were intended to be used for the patients.

She used the funds to commission a \$250 portrait of herself for the hospital, though it since has been announced that state funds will not be used for the painting.

N.C. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, said \$400 million already has been lost due to ineffective reform of the state mental health care system.

It was decided that the new hospital needed to become more modern, Kinnaird said. But in her view, the hospital doesn't yet live up to those expectations.

She said the building was downsized and given fewer beds. Kinnaird said she thinks people see the need for more beds as construction enters the final stages.

Kinnaird also criticized the hospital's location. She said some people have to drive long distances to reach the hospital, which is difficult for some who need help but are unable to drive that far.

"Perhaps it is a good idea," she said. "But so far, there is no proof that it has been."

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PLAYING THE WAITING GAME (AND WINNING)

Durham native fills UNC recruiting class

BY DAVID ELY
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DURHAM — He strolls into the gymnasium at Jordan High School dressed the part.

A white pair of Nikes without the slightest blemish. A Navy blue athletic pant and a white T-shirt effortlessly drape Justin Watts' 6-foot-4-inch frame, almost turning an otherwise imposing athletic specimen into just another brooding high-schooler.

Almost. "Isn't your name Justin?" one girl inquires as her class files out.

"Yeah," he responds.

"Thought so." Then the gym empties, leaving Watts

alone at the top of the key. He takes a few dribbles, steps back and launches an arching shot from 20 feet. Swish.

That's where it's obvious he isn't a stereotypical high school senior.

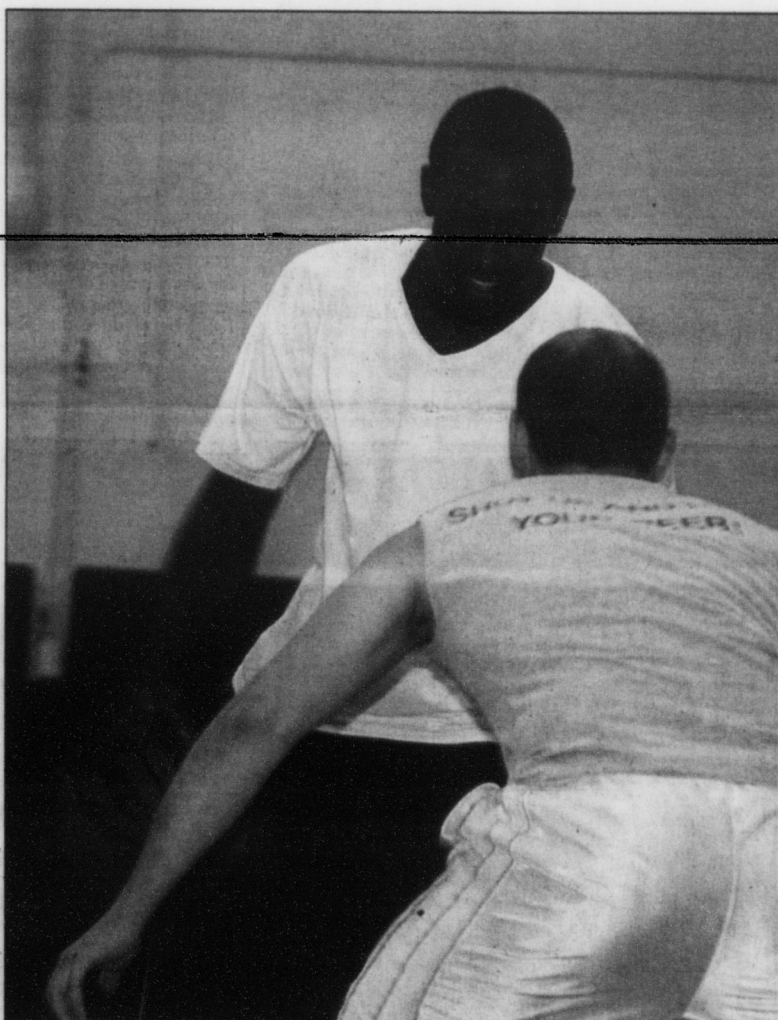
No normal senior can clear a gym for an impromptu shoot-around in the middle of a Thursday afternoon.

To do so, one must carry a certain amount of weight.

For Watts, the Player of the Year for both the Pac-6 Conference and District 6, that comes in the form of a Letter of Intent to the University of North Carolina.

On May 21, less than a week after Alex Stepheson transferred to be closer to his family in California, Watts committed to the Tar Heels, becoming the fourth member of UNC head coach Roy Williams' 2008 recruiting class — joining the

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DTH/RACHEL RODEMANN

Jordan High School senior Justin Watts will join UNC's basketball team next year after signing with coach Roy Williams on May 21. Watts took on DTH senior writer David Ely in a pick-up game May 29.

UNC Hospitals to receive \$61 million award

Money will put research into practice

BY BRIAN AUSTIN
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The National Institutes of Health has awarded the UNC School of Medicine \$61 million to bring cutting-edge medical research to the state population.

The University joins 37 other schools across the country to receive a Clinical and Translational Science Award.

The award recognizes and encourages medical providers who are focusing their efforts on delivering the results of their research

to people who have unmet medical needs.

"We believe there ought to be a quicker way to translate today's laboratory breakthroughs into the practice of medicine for the population," said Bill Roper, dean of the medical school.

The grant program is designed to draw on the research already being done and tailor it into clinical practice based on demonstrated needs around the country. This marks a change in the mindset of medical research, connecting inno-

vation with application.

"We're very good at writing papers and getting them into journals," said Paul Watkins, UNC physician and program director of the newly-formed Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute, which the NIH grant partially funds.

"We're not so good at taking those discoveries and seeing them go all the way through to benefit people," he said. "The buzzword is transformation."

Potential studies could range from research on the health effects of flooded hog farms to investigations into the incidence of AIDS across the state, from studies of the factors con-

tributing to the high occurrence of stroke in the black N.C. population to an analysis of the effects of race on certain types of breast cancer.

Watkins emphasized that UNC won the grant by showing its commitment to partnering with local communities to find and address growing problems.

"We're going to work with the citizens of North Carolina to listen to what they see as their health problems and refocus research on problems they identify," he said.

He pointed out the successful implementation of a community

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Parking disputes cause shop's move

BY SARAH LAMORTE
STAFF WRITER

3Cups coffee shop will relocate to 227 S. Elliott Road in the fall after its property owner filed eviction papers against the business last week.

It officially moved out of its location in The Courtyard of Chapel Hill at 431 W. Franklin St. on Sunday morning after an ongoing parking dispute.

"We have to have parking for our business to survive," said Lex Alexander, owner of 3Cups.

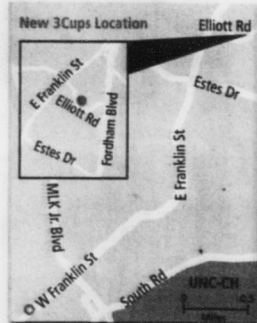
He said the dispute has been going on with the landlord of the business' property, Spencer Young, for almost a year.

Young, who owns The Courtyard, in turn is feuding with P.H. Craig, who owns the parking lot next to the property.

Craig told the Chapel Hill Town Council in February that Young has not paid for the parking spaces he rents in more than two years, leading him to close off the lot to Courtyard patrons.

Young did not respond to e-mails sent Tuesday.

In the lease between Alexander and Young, "Young is responsible for paying the lease on the park-

SOURCE: GOOGLE MAPS
DTH/MAGGIE HUTAFF

ing" provided to the coffee shop, Alexander said.

"We are leaving because we basically can't operate the business with no parking," he said. "They have instituted an all-valet parking strategy, and no one wants to valet park to get a cup of coffee."

He said originally there were 79 parking spaces available to customers when 3Cups opened in The Courtyard, but now there are only 23 available parking spaces.

"The only thing for us to do is

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announcement

WORK FOR THE DTH

The Daily Tar Heel is hiring summer staff for all desks! Stop by our offices Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Student Union 2409 or e-mail rullrich@email.unc.edu for more information.

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DIVVYING UP

The county commissioners will hold a work session Thursday to discuss the 2008-09 budget. Several departments currently are facing cuts.



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DRAWING BLOOD

The University held its annual summer blood drive June 3. Several UNC athletes came by the Smith Center to support the donors and volunteers.

this day in history

JUNE 5, 1956

Elvis introduces his new single, "Hound Dog," on The Milton Berle Show. Elvis scandalized the audience with his suggestive hip gyrations.

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