The Decade
That Changed Everything

From the academic scandal to Silent Sam: The issues that transformed UNC

By Maeve Sheehy
University Editor

This past decade was not the first to bring about serious change at the University. The unrest of the Civil War era and the social action of the 1960s, for example, changed and defined UNC. But rarely has a decade been so clearly bookended by transformative events like the athletic-academic scandal in 2010 and Silent Sam’s toppling in 2018. It was, for many at UNC, the decade that changed everything.

Eric Johnson graduated from the University in 2000 and later came back to work in the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid. As he sees it, UNC’s most lasting trends over the past 10 years have “flowed downstream” from two major events: the consequences of the Great Recession and Republicans taking over the legislature in 2010.

These were only two of many high-profile and transformative events of the decade. Certain controversies threatened to define UNC — and while some say the University got through them and became stronger as a result, others say it crumbled due to their effects.

The athletic-academic scandal

An investigation into “paper classes” given to students, particularly athletes, stood out to faculty interviewed as one of the most momentous issues UNC faced in the decade. The scandal threatened to damage the reputation of the University and a chancellor resigned while grappling with its fallout. Fitzhugh Brundage, a history professor who came to the University in 2008, said the messaging during the scandal, which he saw as an obfuscation on the issue, was concerning to him.

“When you look at how the University maneuvered its way through the NCAA, I would say it’s not something that anyone who cares about the University can point to with pride,” Brundage said.

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“Everybody’s got their story about which way they want to present it, but you know, it’s behind us,” Duckett said. “We’ve learned from it and we’ve a better University as a result.”

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Association of University Professors

Palm said he is heartened by the student-led activism on campus over the decade with regard to Title IX.

“I think very much like with racism and white supremacy on campus, it’s only because of the work of activist students primarily that will see any kind of positive change in either area,” he said.

The BOG is dedicated to addressing Title IX issues, Duckett said, although it can be a difficult process because of how the law is written.

“There are going to be negatives every day,” Duckett said. “I mean, there’s just things that have to change. But I’m pleased with some of the Title IX progress.”

Smith said the University’s handling of Title IX issues over the decade has been reminiscent of how it dealt with the athletics-academic scandal.

“They tried their best to conceal as much embarrassing information as they could,” he said. “They made excuses for their failure to disclose when they were caught failing to disclose information.”

BOG turnover and budget cuts

Budgetary constraints following the Great Recession likely did not seem as dramatic as they seem now on a campus that has historically received higher cuts than other state schools.

“With UNC receiving the highest cut of 18 percent,” Johnson said, “we’re not in austerity mode, but there’s going to be negatives than we’ve faced in a long time are going to come home to roost here in the next few years,” Johnson said.

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Smith said the main effect of this change as he sees it has been to render University leadership “mute and fearful.”

Racial issues and Silent Sam

The topping of Silent Sam was about as visible as a movement can be. When students pulled down the statue in protest, the conversation surrounding the monument and the history of slavery at UNC became almost impossible to ignore.

Geography professor Altha Cravey noted student activism and racial issues as some of the most defining pieces of the decade.

“I’ve seen much more awareness about how our campus is a predominantly white campus,” she said, “but also how our historically white campus — also how it tends to defend white supremacy.”

The renaming of buildings also comes to mind when thinking of racial issues over the decade. Saunders Hall, named after a Confederate soldier and Ku Klux Klan member, was renamed Carolina Hall in 2013. The Board of Trustees also instituted a 16-year freeze on renaming buildings when they voted on this change.

BOT Chairperson Richard Stevens said in a statement that while the monument is still in place, interim Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz will soon appoint a commission on race, history and reckoning.

“We are going to let the commission members do their work and then we will thoughtfully consider what they have to say,” he said in the statement.

Defining a decade

Looking back at 10 years of a University flanked by controversies, Duckett said the decade was about far more than that. He mentioned Nobel Prize winners, strong graduate students and progress on diversity as areas of growth.

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“The fact that everything you do now on a college campus is a potential national news story that could blow up in your face really changes the nature of student life in a way that is profoundly unhealthy and I think we haven’t grappled with,” he said.

Moeser recognizes the challenges of leading UNC, and said the administration is moving forward and doing better. And if he could give UNC’s leaders one piece of advice, it would be to listen.

“The students continue to have a core of idealism about them,” Moeser said. “It’s sometimes naive, but it’s wonderfully innocent. And it can be beautifully cool, pure. Listen to the students, listen to the faculty, listen to the alumni and listen to your core beliefs — your core values.”

“THERE’S SO MANY THINGS THAT YOU CAN LIST,” he said. “THAT’S THE THING ABOUT IT. WHAT GOES ON DOWN HERE — 58 PERCENT PLUS IS GREAT.”

Palm sees the decade differently. He said he worries that what’s happened has been “kind of a crumble.”

Two chancellors stepped down amidst high-profile controversies, and the departure of UNC-System Presidents Tim Ross and Margaret Spellings added to the churn.

“In the case of an institution that has had the series of crises that we have had over the past decade, one would have hoped that there would have been stability,” Brundage said.

The University has made national headlines at multiple points during the decade — and Johnson said the effects of this exposure are still somewhat unknown.
Decade in Review: The best of the Kvinghert Board

We're honoring the decade with a collection of some of the best Kvinghert Board submissions. Here's to another 10 years of bitching and moaning!

2012

To the girl who was absolutely convinced "Mr. Brightside" was written by an art major. #WeAreNotThis

2013

To the guy in my ECON class who took nude modeling for his "independent project": Next time at least lie and say you're an art major.

2014

To the student who left me her entire bottle of Adderrall in the Davis board submissions. Here's to another decade. "10 years of bitching and moaning!"

2015

To the person who thought Valentine's Day reservations at TOPO and Day reservations at Linda's yet. Never been more proud.

2016

My struggle is the realest.

2017

When Michael Jordan came out for the bigouncement, I thought it was going to be for "Space Jam 2." At least the SBP race is about to be over.

2018

A girl is gnawing at corn on the cob at 9:34 a.m. next to me, please deliver me from this supremely unique hell.

2019

We were almost a football school.
Social justice movements at UNC in the 2010s

By Suzanne Blake
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When students and community members remember this past decade at UNC, activism will likely come to the forefront of their memory. Activism at UNC has long been a part of campus life, but the decade of 2010 was full of victories and change for several movements.

Student protesters toppled Silent Sam, which then prompted a deeper discussion about what the University should do with the monument. In a similar vein, the Board of Trustees renamed Saunders Hall, originally named after KKK leader William Saunders, in 2015 after activism to this end. The BOT then voted to impose a 16-year renaming freeze on other campus buildings.

But there’s so much more. Budget cuts and tuition hikes were also a source of protests in the early 2010s. The on-campus Wendy’s received the testimony toward the conviction of an officer accused of lying under oath in Pepper fogging. Activists coming on campus in response to police methods to control crowds like pepper fogging. Activists coming into conflict with police is not new, but the protest that emerged in the wake of Dylann Roof in Charleston and the Charlotte officials’ murder of Heather Heyer was just on an entirely different level than any activist I’ve ever seen on a college campus,” said history professor William Sturkey, an expert on social movements in the South.

Saunders, in 2015 after years of activism have long been a part of student activism on campus, was the movement Ayling is a part of. "I think that the antiracist activism in history has generally shown us over the last 50 years or so that those who were on the forefront of antiracist activism have been the people that were promoting white supremacy or celebrating some sort of antiquated sense of a racial hierarchy,” interim Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz said in a statement along with the external review examining the fall 2016 public safety events.

The movement Ayling is a part of counts the topping of Silent Sam as a victory. They also worked to keep Confederate groups off campus with counter-protests and organized an alert system texting students if they are on campus.

Sturkey noted a common theme in how people often remember activism in history, one that could define the way activism of the 2010s against Silent Sam is remembered. "I think that the antiracist activism from the last few years will ultimately be commemorated on our campus,” Sturkey said. "I say that because history has generally shown us over the last 50 or so that those who were on the forefront of antiracist activism have been the people that were promoting white supremacy or celebrating some sort of antiquated sense of a racial hierarchy,“
Affordable housing crisis traces back to 2008 Recession

By Taylor Heeden
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After the 2008 Recession, communities throughout the United States felt the squeeze. And when it comes to affordable housing, Chapel Hill was no exception. The conversation surrounding it’s not new but has experienced shifts as policy evolved along with it.

Where we started

The push for affordable housing in the United States began in the early 1930s with the formation of federal programs to alleviate the housing issues caused by the Great Depression. In 1965, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development replaced the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

The Town of Chapel Hill developed its first public housing neighborhood in 1967 and has since continued to develop public housing options for residents.

To kick off the decade, Chapel Hill instilled the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance on June 21, 2010, which allowed the Town to set aside a percentage of affordable housing units within new residential developments.

“It required that for-sale developments would allocate 15 percent of units for affordable housing. Half for people making less than 60 percent of the AMI (average median income) and half for people making less than 55 percent of the AMI,” said Chapel Hill Town Council member Michael Parker.

Parker said this worked for a while, but after the recession, the effects on the local housing market influenced policy decisions.

‘After the recession, what changed was that for-sale housing in Chapel Hill really slowed to a crawl,’ Parker said.

“Banks would not and still largely don’t finance condominiums, and we’ve had very few townhouses or single-family home developments approved in the last eight to 10 years.”

Delores Bailey, executive director of EmPOWERment Inc., said banks have not funded affordable for-sale housing as much like in the past.

“One of the adverse things that did happen was that banks became more skillful about lending to low-income buyers,” Bailey said.

This led to a shift toward for-rent housing, which has presented many issues in the Chapel Hill area.

Fortunately, apartments had positioned several rental units,” Bailey said. “In 2006, we probably had about 35 units. We now own 54 affordable rentals throughout Orange County.”

The need for housing

Bailey said the need for affordable housing, however, has remained steady throughout the decade.

“EmPOWERment is going to build some much-needed rental housing,” Bailey said. “So that is going to take everybody working together. That has to be the way it goes.”

She said any help EmPOWERment can get would be helpful for solving the issue, going into the next decade.

Now the challenge is to find, build and own affordable rentals for people who aren’t making a living wage here in Orange County,” Bailey said.

“In 2010, 2012, there was not such a push for rentals, and then that market started to heat up, especially in this area.”

Robert Dowling, executive director of the Community Home Trust, said the 2008 financial crisis’ effects spilled into the next decade.

“That was because so many people lost their homes with foreclosures that banks stopped financing ownership, particularly multi-family ownership, which are condominiums,” Dowling said.

Dowling said housing prices came ‘roaring back,’ contributing to the shift from homeownership to rental.

“It was a terrible start to the decade,” Dowling said. “Today, however, things are very different.”

Bailey said her passion for affordable housing comes from living in Northside, one of Chapel Hill’s largest Black communities and one of the former largest sources of affordable housing.

“I firsthand had the unfortunate opportunity to watch it gentrify,” Bailey said.

Gentrification is the process of rebuilding homes and businesses in an area to attract middle-class people, displacing earlier residents as a result. UNC professor of city and regional planning, Roberto Quercia, said gentrification is something affecting the Chapel Hill area, most specifically its low-income individuals and families.

“Housing becomes more expensive, and so low-income families who have been living in certain communities can’t afford to live there,” Quercia said.

Quercia also said gentrification became more common during the decade due to the amount of land available for development around Chapel Hill has decreased and become more expensive.

“The market will go to find an opportunity where it is cheap and those are low-income communities,” Quercia said. “So, they will gentrify. It’s likely to continue and accelerate as there is less land available.”

Bailey said the issue will affect specific populations in Chapel Hill.

“It’s the disadvantaged who lose their homes or their businesses to larger economic powers,” Bailey said.

Parker said the Town plans to restore some of the affordable housing units it owns. As for plans going past 2020, the Town has a five-year goal with affordable housing.

“You can expect a few things from that,” Parker said.

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The decade according to UNC's chancellors

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At first, Holden Thorp declined an interview to discuss UNC’s chancellorship. He said he still had a lot to learn about administration.

“It wasn’t until they started calling me back after the first interview that I realized it was serious,” Thorp said. “And as far as accepting it — I can’t imagine anybody who loves Carolina who wouldn’t accept the job of chancellor.”

The chancellor job may come with campuswide notoriety and a corner office in South Building, but it’s a high-profile position that places its occupants at the center of campus politics, compromises and controversies. In the past decade alone, two of UNC’s chancellors stepped down amid controversies.

How do you navigate the NCAA scandal at the beginning of Silent Sam? How do you balance the wishes of students, faculty and legislators alike? How do you handle the responsibility of having the final word?

The Daily Tar Heel spoke with all three UNC chancellors. Former chancellor Holden Thorp, former chancellor Carol Folt and current interim Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz. Here’s what they had to say about their time at the helm.

Holden Thorp (July 2008 - June 2013)

When Thorp stepped in as UNC’s 19th chancellor, the state legislature was predominantly Democratic. “Viva La Vida” topped the Billboard Hot 100 and UNC had yet to find itself the subject of a seven-year saga for offering fraudulent classes to athletes and other students.

The popular chemistry professor had quickly moved up the University ranks, serving first as chairperson of the chemistry department and then as dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, among other positions.

“Some people who you’ll talk to about me, if you do, will say that the problem with that was that I wasn’t working for the politicians and alumni as much as I should have,” Thorp told the DTH. “And if I had to do it over again I’d still do the same thing — my focus has always been on the people inside the organization.”

The 2010 election reversed the flaws in that approach, Thorp said.

“Suddenly there were all these people that I didn’t know, and I never really managed to get up to speed with them,” Thorp said. “But that was partly due to his focus on the campus, Thorp said, and partly caused by the beginnings of what would turn out to be one of the biggest challenges of his chancellorship.

While presiding over the athletic-academic scandal, Thorp said he spent too long working the phones. In hindsight, there was no reason to hold back.

“There was a moment some point in there where I should have walked out on the steps of South Building and said ‘This is what we’re going to do’ — because I ended up having to leave anyway,” Thorp said. “Everything was already at risk.”

In September 2012, Thorp announced that he would be stepping down. He said, as the DTH wrote in 2012, supposed to lead the University for the next 20 years. Thorp left UNC that June. He didn’t come back. He doesn’t regret it.

“I think the decision looks better and better as time goes on,” Thorp said.

Carol Folt (July 2013 - January 2019)

Carol Folt, former interim president at Dartmouth College, took over the day after Thorp’s departure.

She was immediately tasked with the aftermath of the NCAA scandal, criticism of the University’s sexual assault policy and what she called “a growing sense of disconnect” between the BOG, the state legislature and the campus community.

Despite Folt’s efforts, those rifts deepened with a variety of legislative decisions over her years as chancellor.

“With all the advances we made, and we were really making great ones, we were always confronting that,” Folt told the DTH. “That painful part of our history and our present.”

Those tensions reached a boiling point when activists toppled Silent Sam the night before the first day of classes in August 2018.

In the months following Silent Sam’s toppling, Folt made national news when she publicly apologized for the University’s role in slavery.

Folt and the BOG presented a plan in December to house Silent Sam in a history and education center on South Campus.

After public backlash and criticism of the plan’s $5.3 million price tag, the BOG shot it down.

The next month, Folt ordered the overnight removal of Silent Sam’s pedestal from McCorkle Place and announced that she would be stepping down in June. Looking back, Folt said she wishes she had communicated more effectively in times of trouble.

“We have mass emails, we’re constrained by language that isn’t really effective — I rarely feel like I can express things as well as I would have liked or as personally as I would have liked,” Folt said. “It wasn’t that I didn’t try. I tried pretty hard and I am still trying.”

As Thorp’s announcement, the BOG accelerated her departure to Jan. 31, 2019.

Folt said she thinks she did the right thing when it came to the monument and, like Thorp, she doesn’t regret leaving when she did.

“I feel that I left at the right time,” Folt said. She currently serves as president at the University of Southern California.

Kevin Guskiewicz (February 2019 - Present)

Similarly to Thorp, Guskiewicz served as dean of the College of Arts & Sciences before becoming interim chancellor.

Unlike Thorp, he said he felt reasonably prepared to take on the job.

“I felt like I collectively knew the University,” Guskiewicz told the DTH. “So I just felt as if the right thing to do was to step in when I was asked and keep that momentum going to do the right thing for our students.”

Guskiewicz spent a lot of time addressing the issues of the chancellor before him. In April, Guskiewicz announced he had replaced the position of vice chancellor for institutional integrity and risk management.

Guskiewicz spent a lot of time trying to “build a stronger partnership” with the General Assembly and Board of Governors, he said. He previously said that he would be interested in the permanent chancellor position. He knows that the job comes with tough decisions, he said, and he knows he’ll likely have to make a few himself.

“Just at the end of the day, the decisions rest with you as chancellor,” Guskiewicz said. “I think I’m a big believer in making informed decisions (and) being an inclusive leader, someone who wants as many voices at the table when those decisions are being made — but then recognizing that you’re likely the person who’s likely to have to make that decision.”

Like Thorp, Guskiewicz has big plans for the University, overseeing a reiteration of the Tar Heel Bus Tour and working to bring UNC’s new strategic plan to life.

Like Folt, he’s tried to keep an eye on the future and dealing with the different crises of day-to-day.

“I like to use the Wayne Gretzky quote about why he was a great hockey player — it wasn’t because he was a great skater, but because he always knew where the puck was gonna be and he got to the spot on time,” Guskiewicz said. “I think we always have to be thinking about where’s the puck going to be.”
Column: UNC basketball’s all-decade team

By Ryan Wilcox
Sports Editor

Picking an all-2010s team for North Carolina men’s basketball is not an easy task.

In what was maybe the most successful decade in team history, head coach Roy Williams saw an astonishing nine different players earn first-team All-ACC honors, while four Tar Heels were named first-team All-America by various outlets. Suffice it to say that making this list wasn’t exactly a cut-and-paste job.

And in order to up the degree of difficulty, I’ve decided — in the style of Bill Simmons’ “Wine Bottle” teams — to pick “vintages” of each player. This means that instead of finding (for example) Marcus Paige on this list, you might instead find 2013-14 Marcus Paige.

I’ve also made this list under the assumption that this team of Tar Heels will play their first-round NCAA Tournament game tomorrow. Which permutation gives UNC the best chance at a title?

Without further ado:

Starters

Guard: Kendall Marshall, 2012-13

Who better to lead the Tar Heel fast break than the program’s all-time leader in assists per game? Marshall came in as a first-year expecting to back up Larry Drew II in 2010-11, he ended up spelling him midway through the season and helping UNC to a 29-8 record. Marshall followed that up with a sophomore season where he averaged 9.8 assists and was named a first-team All-American by CBS (despite not making first-team All-ACC). How many assists would Marshall average on this hypothetical team? 127.5.

Guard: Marcus Paige, 2013-14

One year after that 2012-13 loss to Villanova, Jackson led the North Carolina men’s basketball redoubling tour by averaging 18.3 points on 37 percent from three-point range. When he wasn’t bombing from distance, the junior All-American was frustrating big with his trademark floaters, which served the Tar Heels well on the way to the national championship.

Forward: Brice Johnson, 2012-16

As a senior, Brice Johnson ticked every box on the Roy Williams Big Man checklist: athletic forward who could run the floor, defend the rim, post up and knock down the occasional midrange jumper at the top of the key. He peaked in his final season in Chapel Hill when he averaged 17 points and 10.4 rebounds, highlighted by a monster 39-point, 23-rebound outing against Florida State.

Forward: Tyler Zeller, 2012-15

UNC’s most dominant low-post player since Tyler Hansbrough, Zeller earned first-team All-America honors by posting 16.3 points and 9.6 rebounds per game. As a first-year, he started his career behind Hansbrough on the 2009 national championship team; he nearly ended his career with a title, too, before No. 1 went down in Kansas in the Elite Eight.

Bench

Harrison Barnes, 2011-12

The highly-touted forward from Ames, Iowa struggled to put it all together in his rookie season, but surprised many by returning to Chapel Hill with aims of winning it all. On this hypothetical team, he comes off the bench and carries the offensive load for the second unit. I think that with his scoring knock — he led the Tar Heels his sophomore season with 17.1 points per game. John Henson, 2011-12

A dominant defensive force.

Joel Berry II, 2013-17

He would earn first-team All-ACC honors a year later, but give me the NCAA title-winning version of Berry, the one who became only the seventh player in history to score 20 points in back-to-back championship games. If Justin Jackson was the Tar Heels’ best player that season, Berry was the most important.

Thom Pinson, 2016-17

I also want Berry’s running mate, the multifaceted Pinson, who did a little bit of everything on the way to the national championship and was also the best bench celebration guy of the Roy Williams era.

Luke Maye, 2017-18

The swaggering, first-team all-conference, “I hit the biggest shot of the century for UNC basketball” version of the beloved forward. On this team, he works as a stretch-four, and is a part of the Tar Heels’ best shooting lineup along with Berry, Paige, Jackson and... Cameron Johnson, 2018-19

He shot a blistering 45.7 percent from three-point range last season and was North Carolina’s leading scorer on a team that went 29-7 and won a share of the ACC regular season title. You could make the case that he should have a starting spot on this hypothetical team and you wouldn’t get any argument from me.

Coby White, 2018-19

And if all else fails, and the likes of Johnson, Barnes, Paige and others can’t find the bottom of the net? Give me a quick four-minute stretch with White, an all-time heat check guy for the Tar Heels who could score quick, fast and in a hurry. A “break glass in case of emergency” pick who would be the best scorer on most regular college teams — but then again, UNC basketball all-decade team is anything but regular.

Remembering the decade in UNC hoops

By Brian Keyes
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How to remember a decade of basketball at North Carolina? A good start in that time: 277 since the 2009-10 year, including the six (at time of writing) this season. In that span, Tar Heels have never had a losing season and have never missed the NCAA Tournament once, right at the start of the decade.

Within those seasons is six top-10 AP Poll finishes; one head coach who took what seemed like zero timeouts; two national championship appearances; one redemption tour completed.

You could, alternatively, think about some of the players who have come to Chapel Hill in the past 10 years — players like Tyler Zeller, Harrison Barnes, Kendall Marshall, John Henson, Reggie Bullock, Brice Johnson, Marcus Paige, Kennedy Meeks, Isaiah Hicks...

...Justin Jackson, Joel Berry II, Thrice Pinson, Kenny Williams, Luke Maye, Mackinzie Ming, Maicer Little and Coby White.

We could go on all day. Just about any stat or any name will always be those few moments that made it seem like everyone in Chapel Hill was holding their breath, waiting to see what would happen next.

There were the individual performances, of course.

There was Kendall Marshall tallying 16 assists three separate times during his career by making all manner of stunning passes.

Then there was Harrison Barnes scoring earth and hanging 46 points on the Clemson Tigers in overtime, tying the school record for points in a game from a first-year player while also hitting the go-ahead bucket and several free throws to see the game through.

And, of course, when Joel Meyers laced them up against N.C. State, he turned PNC Arena into a one-man, 39-point, 23-rebound outburst.

There was Coby White scoring 14 points against Syracuse by running approximately 100 mph the entire game in highlighter pink shoes, his hair flapping behind him and struggling to keep up.

But ultimately, the past decade for the Tar Heels will be remembered for three shots.

The first one comes in 2016. Marcus Paige gets the ball from Joel Berry in the NCAA Championship game against Villanova and jumps in the air with seemingly nowhere to go. He extends his arms, brings them down in midair before shooting an absolutely Howitzer of a three.

Tie game, with just seconds to go. It didn’t end up giving UNC the title. It had been Jordan’s shot in the 1982 NCAA Championship, it will go down as the most clutch shot in school history. The second shot comes just moments later, as heartbreaking as the first one is spectacular. Eluent and uneventful: Kris Jenkins catches and shoots, the buzzer sounds and the net swishes. UNC losses the national championship to Villanova, 77-74.

Then there was a, fifty-seven days later, in the Elite Eight game against Kentucky, Luke Maye hit the third shot to eliminate the Wildcats at the last second and send UNC back to the Final Four. It propelled him from invisible walk-on to a national champion.

Two games later against Gonzaga, behind a gritty Berry performance and many, many heroics from Justin Jackson, one clutch bucket from the Big Blue hole and one quick-three block from Kennedy Meeks, UNC walked away with its sixth NCAA national championship.

Those are the moments and the along the way that defined the past 10 years of North Carolina men’s basketball for North Carolina. There will be many more of both to define the next decade.
Bars become safe place during a decade of change for the LGBTQ+ community in N.C.

Statewide policy battles have the tendency to cause a public stir. House Bill 2, colloquially known as the “Bathroom Ban,” garnered national attention in 2016 by limiting access for transgender people to public restrooms and preventing municipalities from creating their own nondiscrimination laws. The NBA, Google, Apple, IBM and Dow Chemical, among other organizations, condemned the policy, and public response was rapid and divisive. A community’s own conversations about policies that impact them typically occur alongside the initial public response, and for the LGBTQ+ community, bars have traditionally been a key spot for people to discuss and organize.

“I think one point of bar spaces, or at least our bar space, and historically queer and gay bar spaces like Stonewall, have been in order to let off steam because of politics,” said Kym Register, owner of the Pinhook, a bar and concert venue in Durham. “We still need a space to talk about the ways that we’re feeling about the world.”

As a result, Register said, statewide policy decisions have a dramatic impact on the atmosphere of the bar, shifting conversations and attitudes.

“We don’t separate politics and our existence, we can’t,” Register said. “That’s a very queer identity politics: the personal is the political. When things happen politically, they definitely affect us personally. Since we identify as a queer-owned and operated space, then we feel everything.”

At the beginning of the decade, the state legislature passed the Defense of Marriage Act, creating a ballot initiative to change the state constitution to define marriage as exclusively heterosexual, even though gay marriage was already illegal — still, in 2012, Amendment One, as it became known, was approved by voters.

Register said they noticed a divide in reactions were more unified. Register said they personally know people who have experienced violence in restrooms, and they said the policy impacted many employees and patrons.

Providing a space for the community to gather and party is important when faced with discriminatory policies, Register said.

“I think there are spaces to organize, and there are spaces to let off steam, and there are spaces to mourn and grieve,” Register said. “We want to do both of those things. We want spaces to organize, and spaces to mourn and have fun, and I think those can be similar.”

HB2 was partially repealed with the passage of House Bill 142 in 2017, removing the bathroom provisions while maintaining the ban on municipal nondiscrimination ordinances until 2020, unless the ban is removed.

Simmons said the effects of HB2 are still present in LGBTQ+ communities to this day. A 2019 report by the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence found that LGBTQ+ people reported higher levels of anxiety, anger and sadness as a result of the policy, and Simmons said many still feel unsafe.

But the news is not all negative — since HB2, legislators have proposed various policies to restrict LGBTQ+ rights, including a bill filed early this year to reverse marriage equality, but there have also been advances.

In 2017, Gov. Roy Cooper signed an executive order ending discrimination against transgender state workers by state contractors, and this year, he signed an executive order to end public funding of conversion therapy.

Meanwhile, the Pinhook continues to be a hub for activism and conversation — currently, Register said, the community’s focus is on immigration reform.

“Everybody doing whatever polite that is to pro-lift everyone up is important,” Register said. “The Pinhook is a political bar. Super true. And bars are historically political places. Everything we have is because of gay clubs.”

By Alice Bennett

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How social media changed through the decade

By Maddie Ellis  
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

With two extra hours added to her day, UNC sophomore Kelly Lin said she could study, call a loved one and potentially find a second job. Instead, those two hours are spent scrolling on Instagram.

In 2010, Instagram launched. Then in 2011, Snapchat. 2012 — Tinder. In this decade, major social media platforms launched and created unique online spaces that shifted society from the real world to the infinite bounds contained within a six-inch screen.

“Whenever I get caught up in Instagram and just keep scrolling, when I finally make myself stop, I feel so drained,” Lin said.

More problematic than the addictive nature of these apps is that social media encourages curation over authenticity, Lin said. As more people post curated content, users are encouraged to share only the best part of themselves, more and more.

At UNC especially, Lin said social media serves as an online community where students aim to put out a good image, for personal and professional reasons, as companies now review social media during the hiring process, she said.

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Seace said that at its best, social media allows her to stay in touch with friends from high school and celebrate their accomplishments. It also allows her to interact with like-minded individuals worldwide, making connections she might never have had otherwise.

But with increased interactions on social media, Seace said she compares herself to other people online. “You find yourself comparing yourself to other people or not posting anything bad, because want people to think your life is going perfect,” Seace said.

Public problems

Social media not only pervades daily life on a personal level, but has also entered the political sphere, with significant consequences.

In 2010, Twitter was relatively small. Now it serves as an important platform for political candidates to set their agenda, frame certain issues and drive conversation, Kreiss said.

Other social networking platforms like Facebook have become the main site for many political campaigns. During the 2012 election, Barack Obama’s campaign aimed on developing its own social media platform to base its campaign efforts, Kreiss said. But by 2016, Facebook proved the dominant platform for building a campaign base, Kreiss said. That after that point, political candidates had to build their own social media presences on pre-existing platforms instead of curating their own from scratch.

Social media has also become a dominant platform for advertising. Kreiss said. Because of Google’s acquisition of online advertising company DoubleClick and Facebook’s development of their own ad platform, they now hold over 66 percent of the digital advertising market in the United States.

Social media makes it easier to understand candidate platforms, volunteer and fundraising — all fostering increased public participation in the political process. Social media makes political information readily available, but it also rewards extreme candidates, creating polarization. Even though party polarization predates social media, social media amplifies this divide, he said. When individuals share information in online communities, they often reward the most extremist rhetoric and punish the more moderate ideas, Kreiss said.

As social media became ubiquitous, it created a broad platform for sharing ideas and opinions. But some of the major pitfalls of this wide scope are the blurred lines between fact and fiction, Kreiss said.

“With a broad sort of crisis in public trust that undermines basic foundations within which we can act in the world,” Kreiss said.

The same systems that have allowed individuals to organize collective action have also facilitated community spreading conspiracy theories, Kreiss said. Systems that allow individuals to live stream video of police brutality also facilitate mass shooters live streaming their acts of violence, he said.

“The worst of human nature is paired with in some ways, the best of human nature,” Kreiss said. “And that’s why these things have been so attractive.”

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The leadership of the UNC System Board of Governors changed dramatically between the time Tom Ross became the System president in 2011 and when he was forced to resign in 2015.

At the time, accusations abounded that Ross was forced out due to his political affiliation. In contrast to a BOG appointed by a Republican legislature, Ross was a Democrat.

“I think many people believe that was a result of politics,” he said. “I think I’ll leave that for other people to determine.”

When Republicans took over the General Assembly in 2010, they controlled two rounds of BOG elections. As the decade continued, many said the BOG was becoming more political as its priorities changed due to the turnover and it dealt with controversial issues.

For the first time in more than 100 years, the Republican party took control of the state legislature.

What happened after? Once the Republicans were sworn into office in 2011, they were “ruthlessly effective,” said Rob Schofield, director of N.C. Policy Watch. They also took control during a year when they had the opportunity to redistrict, allowing them to permanently shift the balance of power, said Mac McCorkle, a public policy professor at Duke University.

“They got a majority in 2010, and the way I look at it is that their gerrymandering then gave them a supermajority which was artificial,” he said.

When the sitting members’ terms ended in 2011 and 2013, it gave the legislature a chance to shake up leadership. Now, almost 10 years later, there are no self-identified Democrats sitting on the Board.

T. Greg Doucette, now a criminal offense attorney, had a position on the BOG from 2009 to 2010 as its student representative. He said at the time, he was one of few Republicans on a majority–Democrat BOG.

Doucette said during the transition time between 2011 and 2013, when some members were ending their terms and others had just been appointed, there was a “stark contrast.”

“Not so much in politics — that was there as well, but University policies isn’t really partisan per se,” he said. “It’s more on should the University be able to run themselves or something where the politicians in Raleigh be able to have a thumb on the scales and decide what they do.”

Schofield said the new members perceived their roles differently.

“The folks who have been in charge, they have a very different view of what progress means, and they have made in particular higher education one of their targets,” Schofield said.

Ross said the turnover affected his job and pushed out people who had been on the BOG for a long time.

New members, Ross said, do not always have the background they need to lead the UNC System. Deep post-redistricting budget cuts to the UNC System added to the tension of a BOG heavily made up of new members.

“That put stresses on the system that had not been there previously, and I think that changed the focus of the administration as well as many of the board members,” Ross said.

McCorkle said Republicans have come off as indifferent or hostile to higher education. Some current BOG members are former legislators.

Kokai said he thinks the only thing that changed was party affiliation.

“One Republicans took over, they had the chance to appoint Republican lobbyists and Republicans who were well-connected,” he said.

What comes next? Though many observers note the faults of the system, most do not see a realistic alternative.

McCorkle and Schofield said it would make more sense for someone with a statewide office like the governor to have a say, but this kind of overhaul would require a vote from the legislature.

With both the state legislature and congressional maps for North Carolina up in the air, 2020 could be another consequential year. Of the members who currently sit on the BOG, about half have terms ending in 2021 and the rest have terms ending in 2023. This means the party in control by the end of the 2020 election cycle could change the course of the BOG again.

“Everything is war,” McCorkle said. “Everything is a battle in N.C.”

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Forces that have shaped language over the 2010s

By Patrick Weeks
Staff Writer

In March 2016, House Bill 2 was passed in North Carolina, attempting to restrict transgender people from using the bathroom of their identified gender. Just over three years later, in September 2019, Merriam-Webster changed the definition of the word ‘they’ to include usage as a singular pronoun for non-binary people.

The 2010s included several milestones for LGBTQ+ rights and representation and prompted change in the way gender is discussed, both conversationally and academically. Simon Wolf, 23, holds a master’s degree in linguistics from UNC. His academic background in language allows him to view inclusive language as a fluid, social means of transforming the way we interact with one another.

“When I think of inclusive language, mostly I’m thinking about language that is used with an intentional eye toward epistemology and with the consciousness of other people in mind,” Wolf said. “We’re in a very interesting linguistic place in terms of the attention we’re paying to speech and language.”

Cai Castillo-Carvajal, a first-year science double major, is a counselor at Carolina Kickoff, a Campus Y introduction to social justice and representative of language in many different directions.”

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This mutual construction and participation are only amplified by social media, Wolf said, which has led to the creation of new social interactions that have bled into the real world.

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Castillo-Carvajal shared a similar view concerning social media and said it allows for expanding perspectives and social change.

“I am able to meet people all over the world with different backgrounds, and different socioeconomic circumstances that I would not be able to without it,” they said. “I do have an understanding of the real world.”

Gibson said she predicted gendered language will eventually fade out.

“What I’m guessing is that we’re going to move away from gendered language in general,” she said. “Now that we’ve seen these options, that there are more than just male and female, I think we’ll move away from having to check those boxes. I don’t necessarily think that will happen in the next 10 years, at least not across the whole population. But, I think that’s where we’re going.”

Gibson said she believes the past decade was most transformative for language in relation to gender.

“Transgender and non-binary people have existed since the beginning of time, but only very recently have we realized our language doesn’t meet their needs,” Gibson said. “It’s only been in the last 10 or 15 years that those sort of rulebooks have adapted to changing our understanding when it comes to gender identity and gender expression.”

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Castillo-Carvajal said, growing up in the Dominican Republic, they noticed an abundance of racist and ableist language in their life and on both Dominican and American television, which they believe people are starting to be more considerate about.

Castillo-Carvajal is excited to see social language practices like these change in the future, and also said they were interested in seeing the shift away from gendered language.

“As someone who speaks multiple languages, I’m excited to see languages that have a binary way of speaking learning to speak more neutrally,” they said.

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The NCAA scandal's lasting effects on the University

By Emily Holler
Senior Writer

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UNC football completes a messy decade

By Madeline Coleman

Senior Writer

Out with the old, in with the new.

For the North Carolina football team, the saying strikes close to home after a decade plagued with NCAA violations, more than a few losing seasons and other off-the-field issues.

Heading into the 2010 season, the Tar Heels were coming off of an 8-5 campaign after losing their bowl game for the second consecutive year. In July of that year, the NCAA started investigating UNC for violations involving improper benefits provided by agents to current players. As the NCAA continued its investigation, 13 players were suspended for UNC’s season opener against LSTU, a 30-24 loss.

In October 2010, three players were ruled permanently ineligible due to improperly accepting gifts from sports agents. Five more players were later found guilty of accepting gifts and/or inappropriately academic assistance.

Butch Davis, who joined UNC in 2006, was fired in July 2011. By September, UNC decided to vacate its wins in 2009 and 2000, marking the program’s only “wireless” seasons.

The program decided to reduce its athletic scholarships by three, served two years probation and paid a $50,000 fine. However, N.C.A.A. upped the punishment to three years probation, a postseason ban of one year and a reduction of UNC’s football scholarships by 15.

Defensive coordinator Everett Withers assumed the role of interim head coach in 2011, becoming the first former African-American football coach in school history. The Tar Heels finished 7-6 that year, and again lost their bowl game to end the season.

Larry Fedora took over the team in 2012 as the Tar Heels’ 34th head coach. During his first season, despite being ineligible for the ACC title, Fedora led the team to an 8-4 record.

Fedora and the Tar Heels started the 2013 season 1-3 before rebounding with a 5-1 record in their last six games and finishing the season with a win against South Carolina in the Belk Bowl. An inconsistent defense cost UNC the win, giving up 497 yards.

Afer a 6-7 record in the 2013 season, 2015 offered the Tar Heels a modest improvement in conference play in record conference play and were ranked as high as No. 6. However, they fell to Clemson in the ACC Championship game, ending hopes of earning a spot in the first ever College Football Playoff. The Tar Heels would then lose their bowl game to the end.

Fedora led UNC to a 9-4 record in 2016, including a thrilling last-second upset win over Florida State. But, over the following two years, North Carolina only tallied five total wins, devastated by injuries, penalties and a number of close losses across both seasons.

Problems continued off the field, too, as 13 players were suspended in August of 2018, including then-quarterback Chazz Surratt, by the NCAA. To earn the scholarship, Surratt faced academic and personal issues, according to the Daily Tar Heel.

Fedora, meanwhile, was criticized for doubting a link between football and chronic traumatic encephalopathy and saying that the sport was “under attack.”

After wrapping up a 2-9 campaign in 2020 with a win against Virginia within the last two minutes of the game, Fedora was fired within 24 hours of the N.C. State/UNC game. Carolina had finished the season with a 2-9 record, losing to the Tar Heels by 34-17. After rotating the Heels for much of the 1990s before bolting to Texas, Coach Mack Brown returned as head coach of UNC on Nov. 27, 2018, and began the program’s current turnaround. The Tar Heels are now bowl eligible after finishing the regular season 6-6.

The 2019 season was an exciting one, featuring last-minute thrilling victories, the tipping Duke 20-17, and heartbreaking losses, failing to defend national champion Clemson in 2021.

While the 2010s started messy for UNC, Brown and the Tar Heels seem to have turned the program around this season, putting themselves right in the direction for the decade to come.

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Crime at UNC and in Chapel Hill over the decade

These five crimes and public safety incidents had impacts that changed the town.

By Jamey Cross
Assistant City & State Editor

Over the past 10 years, crimes and public safety incidents have transformed and united the Chapel Hill community.

Occupy Chapel Hill raid
Occupy Chapel Hill, a regional offshoot of the national Occupy Wall Street movement, began an occupation of the Peace and Justice Plaza on Oct. 15, 2011. Occupants remained in tents and on Franklin Street into 2012.

On Nov. 13, 2011, after protesters began occupying 410 W. Franklin St., gun-wielding Chapel Hill Police raided the building. Eight protesters were arrested for misdemeanor breaking and entering. Participants remained at Peace and Justice until Jan. 10, 2012.

Faith Hedgepeth homicide
On Sept. 7, 2012, UNC junior Faith Hedgepeth was beaten to death in her off-campus apartment. She was 19 years old and from Hollister, North Carolina. Her murder is still unsolved.

Craig Hicks, the shooter, was charged with three counts of first-degree murder in connection to Hedgepeth’s death. On Oct. 17, 2016, former UNC student Faith Hedgepeth was found guilty of three counts of involuntary manslaughter and one count of reckless driving in the crash. Kania was driving drunk on I-85 and crashed into another car.

The crash resulted in the death of three passengers, including one passenger seriously injured. Kania, a 20-year-old sophomore at the time of the crash, was charged with second-degree murder in connection to the crash. Kania was convicted of three counts of involuntary manslaughter. Kania was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

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Here’s how campus police have responded to crime over the decade.

By Emily Orland
Staff Writer

Content warning: This article contains references to sexual assault.

Levels of crime on UNC’s campus have been relatively stable over the past 10 years — the number of reported incidents of crimes such as aggravated assault and motor vehicle theft, recorded in Annual Security and Fire Safety reports, have changed little from 2009 to 2019.

But there have been some changes in regards to crime and public safety on-campus.

When it comes to crime and campus safety at UNC in the past decade, Frank Baumgartner, co-chairperson of the Campus Safety Commission and a political science professor, believes the University has been at the heart of a national trend — namely, a more-open discussion of crimes involving rape and sexual assault.

“I think that’s been unfortunately a terrible problem for as long as I can remember,” Baumgartner said. “And yet, people didn’t use to talk about it.”

Brian Curran, former chief of police for the Town of Chapel Hill, agreed that the recent increase in documented incidents might be due to a lack of reported cases earlier in the decade.

An increased willingness to report crimes and discuss safety concerns is something that David Perry, assistant vice chancellor and chief of UNC Police, has observed on several college campuses.

Perry said that while crime trends on college campuses have not changed drastically over the past 10 years, there has been a major push for students and community members to engage in dialogue about safety.

“What we have seen is maybe a refocus for citizens and students and employees to report crime, and really buy into the notion that really was pushed forward after 9/11,” Perry said. “And that’sSee “Surviving the Night”

Another significant change has unfolded at the University in regards to campus crime and public safety, Baumgartner said. Curran said the community’s relationship with the police has evolved since his time in law enforcement, as more demands and expectations of police officers.

That lack of trust helped lead to the creation of the Campus Safety Commission in 2019. The purpose of the Commission is to “take a broad look at all aspects of community safety, including the need to build stronger relationships and communication between our campus community and campus police,” according to a message from interim Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz.

Though the relationship between police officers and the campus community may have evolved over the past decade, Perry said that protocols have not changed much. However, he said that that officers have become more mindful and aware of the multiple resources that are now available to them.

Perry said the greatest threat he perceives to campus safety currently are individuals who give no pre-indicators of attack, or “lone wolves.”

But another threat may be those individuals who are unaware of how to report information that could prevent a tragic incident.

“I think one of the biggest concerns or vulnerabilities would just be an uninformed member of the campus community,” Perry said. “To not know what to do, to not know resources, to not beware of their responsibility in a way to provide information in a way that could prevent a tragedy from happening.”

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2016: Roy Cooper beat Pat McCrory.
2017: Keith Scott shooting aftermath.
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2013: Belk Bowl win.
2014: Same-sex couples were allowed to register for marriage in Orange County.
2015: Saunders Hall.
2016: Pride rally.
2017: President Trump threatened.
2018: Coach Dean Smith passed away.
2019: Chancellor Carol Folt resigned.