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### Black preferred term

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Despite increasing use of the term African-American, most black Americans still prefer to be called black, according to a newly released survey.

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a black-oriented study group, said it conducted the survey among a sample of 759 black people.

It found 72 percent said they preferred black, 15 percent African-American, 3 percent Afro-American and 2 percent Negro, with the rest giving no opinion or other responses.

### Preparing for attack



DHARHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — A Saudi Arabian child in army fatigues and his brother carry gas masks and filters their father picked up at an Aramco distribution point. The Government-

owned company Aramco is freely distributing about 80,000 gas masks to employees in Dharhan in an effort to step up security. (AP LaserPhoto)

### Nation's poor sacrificed

ATLANTA (AP) — The nation's poor will be among the biggest casualties of the war with Iraq as it drains resources from domestic social programs, the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference said Friday.

SCLC president Joseph E. Lowery, who last week led 3,000 marchers in Atlanta in a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, called for a cease fire in the Persian Gulf so that economic sanctions and negotiations could be given another chance.

### People closer

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Opposing sides in a disagreement over selection of a new school superintendent remained divided largely along racial lines, but they expressed unity on one issue — supporting the American men and women in the Persian Gulf.

A crowd of about 300 was divided Thursday night, with a group of blacks on hand to protest the city school system's failure to include black Superintendent T.Y. Lawrence, who is black, among the finalists for the permanent post.

### Going to Church

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The first thing James Brown says he'll do if he gets out on parole is take his wife to church and finish a new album he says will "shake the world."

The "Godfather of Soul" has a parole hearing scheduled for Feb. 27. But he's not speculating on his chances.

"Whatever the good Lord has in store, that's what it will be," Brown said in a telephone interview last week with The Associated Press.

Three-time Grammy winner is serving time for assault.

## U.S. repels Iraqi ground attack

### 12 Marines become first casualties in Gulf land war

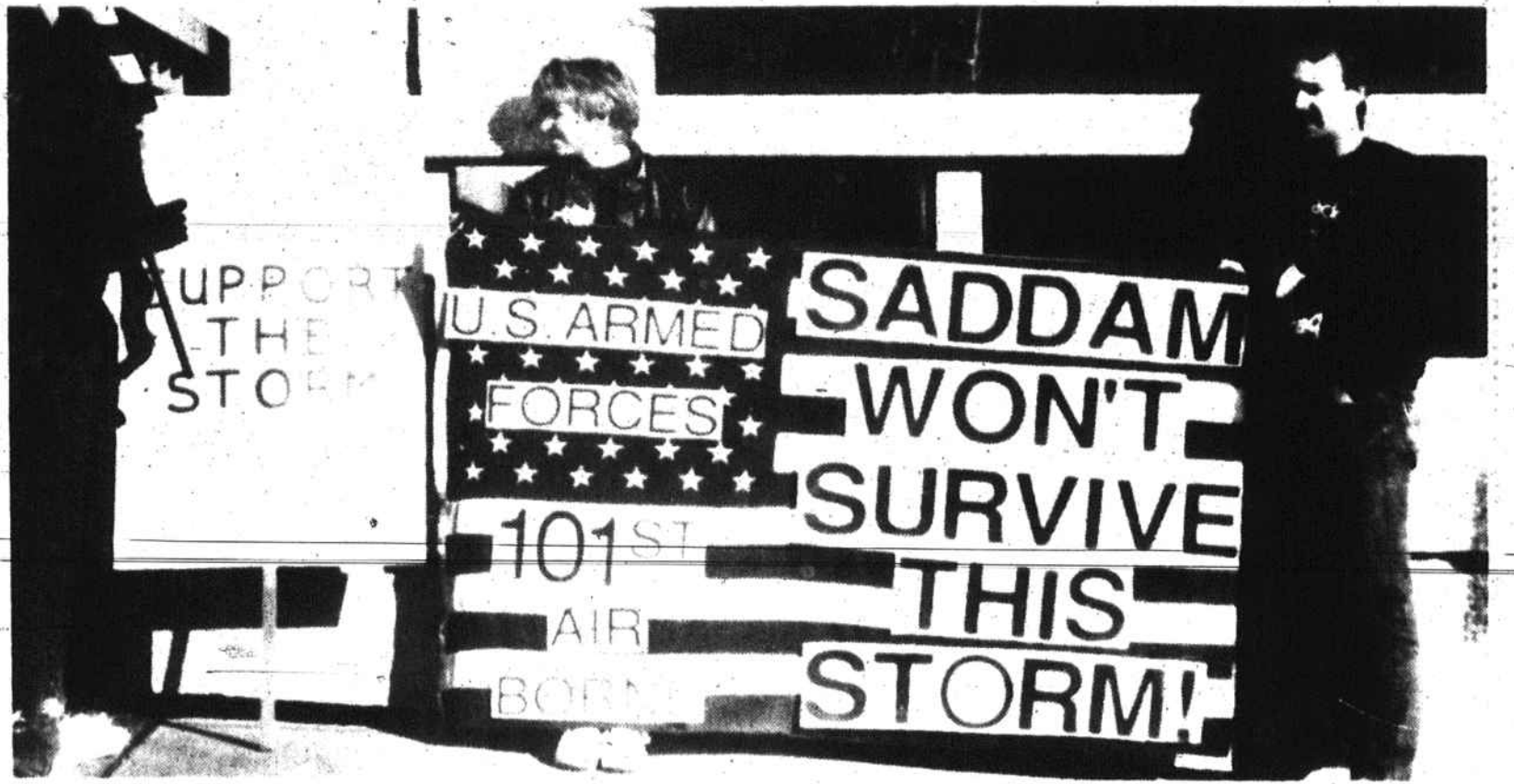
DHARHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — U.S. Marines fired anti-tank weapons and called in air strikes to repel a three-pronged attack by tank-led Iraqi forces Wednesday. Twelve Marines were killed and heavy Iraqi casualties were reported, U.S. military officials said.

The Marines were the first American ground forces to die in battle in the 2-week-old war with Iraq. The clash, which started Tuesday night, was the heaviest ground fighting so far in the Persian Gulf War.

As the ground fighting broke out, air-sea clashes were reported in the gulf, and bomb-laden allied warplanes thundered off runways in Saudi Arabia to strike targets deep in Iraq.

A Pentagon source characterized the Iraqi ground action as a "probing attack" aimed at assessing allied strength and weaknesses — not meant to seize and hold ground.

Reports from Marines on the ground spoke of hand-to-



At home, people turn out in large numbers to show their support for our troops in the Gulf. Photo by L.B. Spears

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## Feds to probe UNC school

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — The federal government is investigating the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for possible civil rights violations involving the hiring, promotion and alleged harassment of black employees.

The Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights began a probe into the university's treatment of employees on Jan. 4, according to a letter the department sent to Keith M. Edwards, a UNC-CH police officer, earlier this week.

The letter, signed by Jesse L. High, regional civil rights director, says the office planned to investigate specific charges against UNC-CH, the News and Observer reported. They include allegations that the school:

—Failed to hire and promote females in the UNC-CH police department and denied promotions to female employees in the Physicians Associates program.

—Did not hire blacks as instructors in the

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### Several options proposed

## School board to get 10 plans

By RUDY ANDERSON  
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The committee set up by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school board to come up with some proposals to ensure African-American representation on the board has listed at least 10 different options.

All of those proposals will be presented to the school board at its meeting Monday night by the committee's chair Annette Wilson.

Wilson explained that the committee was never charged with the responsibility of coming up with "the plan". She said that there were

as many proposals as there were people with different ideas on the subject.

The committee was united in its rejection of non-partisan elections as a method of ensuring African-American participation on the board. But the committee will also forward to the full board several non-partisan election plans as well as modified district plans. But the committee's political scientists pointed out that some of the district plans offered could not ensure African-American participation.

One of the options could guarantee at least

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## National office to run local Urban League

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Officials of the National Urban League will serve as the policy-making body for the local Urban League and will monitor its day-to-day operations. That was the outcome of a meeting held last week by the remaining members of the Urban League board and Mildred Love, vice president of affiliate services in the national office.

The local board, which at one time had 19 members, has eroded in the wake of rotations off the board, resignations, and those refusing to accept another term.

In a statement released last week, Love indicated that the national office will maintain its monitoring role until the board of directors is reconstituted.

Love said the national office will appoint and convene a transition committee of seven to nine people in the community to recruit candidates for the new

board. Once that committee has been established, national league officials are asking that the committee complete its tasks within thirty days.

After that time the national office will then install the new board. The national office will be working in conjunction with the local United Way to help the league reconstitute the board and meet the requirements to maintain its funding.

Sharon G. Hamilton, acting president of the United Way of Forsyth County, said getting that board reconstituted is an extremely important issue in the local Urban League maintaining its funding.

"At this point our concern is the fact that because the local Urban League does not have a legal board at this time, there is no organization to deal with," she said. "We have been contacted by the National Urban League and have provided them with some names of people who

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## WSSU Board stands behind nursing program

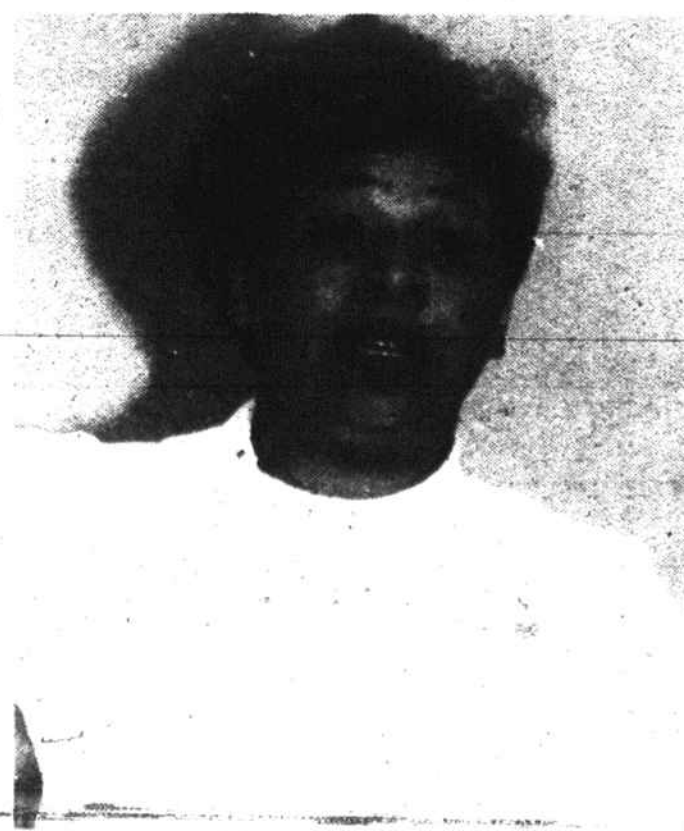
By RUDY ANDERSON  
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The Board of Trustees at Winston-Salem State University has given the school's nursing program a vote of confidence by recommending that the program be maintained as a four year program.

Changes in the program were proposed by the University of North Carolina General Administration to scale down the current generic (four-year) program to a two-year program to provide degrees for those students who were already registered nurses.

The proposed changes were among several recommendations made of nursing programs throughout the UNC system. Once the proposed changes were made, alumni of the nursing program, the school's national alumni association, faculty members and people in the community began a campaign to let the university's trustee board know they wanted the generic program kept.

Board chair Robert Eitzen wrote in a statement released late last week that the UNC system had set standards for the system's nursing programs to insure quality instruction and cost effectiveness. Those standards are in the categories of the pass rates for the state licensing examinations, the pro-



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