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WEDNESDAY: 60% chance of rain; high mid-60s

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SNAGGED: All-America swimming honors, by UNC's Carrie Szulc, who finished eighth in the 400 individual medley at the NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championships in Minneapolis. Szulc, a sophomore from Whitehouse Station, N.J., also garnered All-America honors last season. The Tar Heels finished 16th as a team.

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## TUESDAY IN THE NEWS

Top stories from state, nation and world

### Yeltsin opposing foes' impeachment attempts

MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin stood firm Monday against hard-liners' efforts to impeach him, and his foreign minister told reporters the Russian president was in a "fighting" mood.

Yeltsin asserted control of the Russian media to safeguard news organizations from a takeover by his foes. His spokesman accused the chief justice of prematurely supporting Parliament's impeachment effort.

The Constitutional Court convened to weigh the legality of a decree by Yeltsin on Saturday declaring emergency rule and scheduling a referendum for April 25 on his leadership.

Yeltsin stayed out of public view for the second day, letting aides keep up the pressure on his political opponents.

### Commission returns 2 California bases to list

WASHINGTON — Two California bases given a reprieve by Defense Secretary Les Aspin will likely be put back on a list of candidates for closing, the chairman of the Defense Base Closure Commission said Monday.

Jim Courter said the independent eight-member commission could decide by next Monday whether to reject Aspin's recommendation and instead give a new look at closing McClellan Air Force Base in the Sacramento area and the Army's Presidio in Monterey.

A motion to add the bases to the list would require a majority vote of five commission members, he said.

### Crisis throws summit schedule into jeopardy

WASHINGTON — Plans for a summit between President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin were thrown into question Monday by the escalating political crisis in Moscow.

In public, everyone from Clinton down insisted that the United States and Russia were forging ahead toward the April 3-4 summit in Vancouver, Canada, with no plans to switch the site to Moscow or anywhere else.

In private, however, U.S. officials said the start of impeachment proceedings by Parliament against Yeltsin could make the Russian leader reluctant to leave his country. For now, said State Department officials, the situation was too fluid to predict for sure that the summit would take place.

### Nunn takes on Clinton about defense-cut plan

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee took on President Clinton and liberal Democrats about defense cuts Monday, warning he didn't want the Pentagon's budget raided to help beef up domestic programs.

As the Senate debated a measure outlining Clinton's deficit-reduction plans, Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., introduced two amendments that would make it harder for lawmakers to shift defense funds to social programs. Such a transfer is at the heart of Clinton's plans to revive the economy.

"I just don't want to see defense wrecked," Nunn said afterward in an interview with The Associated Press.

### Shuttle launch delayed for three more weeks

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two main engines ignited, and space shuttle Columbia was engulfed by the familiar white cloud signaling a launch. Then, with just three seconds to go, the engines shut down.

Officials in the launch control room gasped. Television viewers felt a ripple of alarm. But NASA said the seven astronauts aboard the German-sponsored lab research mission were never in any danger when computers aborted the launch Monday.

The launch was delayed for at least three more weeks — for a mission initially scheduled for five years ago but postponed by the 1986 explosion of shuttle Challenger and by lesser problems in the past six weeks.

After two of three main engines ignited in the final six seconds of the countdown for the scheduled 9:51 a.m. launch, a valve in the third one apparently failed to close, said shuttle projects manager Alex McCool.

—The Associated Press

# Board splits from BCC working group

By James Lewis  
Staff Writer

On the day that Chancellor Paul Hardin received a report recommending plans for a proposed free-standing black cultural center, BCC Advisory Board members announced that they thought the plan was unacceptable and planned to submit their own report.

Members of the chancellor's working group, led by Provost Richard McCormick, and the advisory board worked together for more than five months to co-write the report. Chancellor Hardin charged the working group with developing plans for the BCC last September. The advisory board had agreed to join the working group soon after it was formed.

But Professor Harry Amana, advisory board chairman, said the board was not satisfied with the report. He said the advisory board disagreed with the report's handling of site selection for the proposed BCC.

The site for the BCC has been narrowed down to two locations: the area between Wilson Library and Dey Hall and the land next to Coker Hall, known as Coker Woods.

"The (advisory) board also objects to the conclusion in the working group's proposal that either the Coker site or the Wilson site would be 'an acceptable location for the BCC,'" Amana said.

He said that although the joint report was supposed to present arguments in favor of both sites, he thought the working group skewed the report in favor of the Coker site.

"The board is also dismayed by the language of the working group report that, in many subtle ways, favors the Coker site, when only five working-

group members (including Provost Richard McCormick) voted for the Coker site," Amana said. "At the same time, the report fails to discuss the Wilson site in a positive fashion."

The working group would have the option of signing on to the report, but the report would not be sent to Hardin, Amana said.

But Hardin said he planned to go on with the process despite the conflict.

After he examines the report, Hardin will send it to the Buildings and Grounds Committee, which will recommend a site for the center. The report will then be submitted to the Board of Trustees, who will make the final decision.

"We will settle the site issue in the normal way," he said. "I am optimistic because basically the report is very positive, and I think it is quite in keeping with the specifications of both the working group and the advisory board."

But Amana said the group had not been treated fairly by McCormick in writing the report.

"The advisory board is doing this because it feels that the restrictions placed on it by the working group have virtually kicked the board out of the process," Amana said.

Other issues such as size and programming of the proposed BCC also would be different in the advisory board's new report, Amana said.

Advisory board members favor a 53,000 square foot BCC, while the joint report calls for 48,000 square feet.

McCormick said he thought the two groups had agreed to include "a frank acknowledgement that we have our differences on some issues" in a joint report.

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Ruby Sinreich addresses about 200 students at Monday's 'information session'

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## Students may prepare RTVMP report for dean

By Steve Robblee  
Staff Writer

Stephen Birdsall, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, agreed at a meeting Monday night to allow Department of Radio, Television and Motion Pictures students, alumni, staff and faculty members to submit their own report recommending proposals for the future of the RTVMP department.

The meeting between Birdsall and interested RTVMP students, faculty, staff and alumni was held in response to a report external reviewers issued March 10. The external report recommended that the RTVMP department be "disestablished" and be broken into a new curriculum in cultural studies and media arts sequence in the Department of Speech Communication.

Birdsall said he would meet with

RTVMP student and faculty leaders Friday to discuss a timetable for the new proposal.

He told those attending the meeting that he was willing to work with people involved with the proposed changes and wanted input from more people involved in the department.

"I think it would be a mistake for me to work out all the problems myself because this is not my field," Birdsall said.

Birdsall said lack of funding for the financially strapped department was not the only reason the independent study, which was written by four professors from universities across the country, was commissioned.

"I won't deny that a lack of equipment monies hasn't been a problem, but that's not the only problem,"

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## Harris reinstatement repealed

By Brad Short  
Staff Writer

In response to outside pressures from campus groups, University officials decided late Monday afternoon to repeal last week's decision to reinstate Reggie Harris to the men's track team for the 1993-94 season.

Harris, who pleaded no contest last month to a charge of attempted second-degree rape of a UNC student, was initially suspended from the team in May 1992. He was given a three-year suspended sentence and five years supervised probation.

Students from Women Against Rape, the Feminist Alliance, Women's Forum, the Rape Action Project and Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity composed a letter voicing their objections to Harris' reinstatement.

Ruth Campbell, co-president of WAR, and Melinda Manning, co-chairwoman of RAP, delivered the letter to Chancellor Paul Hardin Monday morning.

"Athletes are seen as idols," Campbell

said. "If you put a convicted rapist in the position of an idol, what kind of message is that sending?"

Harris was suspended from participating in intercollegiate athletic competition at UNC on a permanent basis. The decision was reached by Hardin, Athletic Director John Swofford, the University's legal counsel and officials in the Division of Student Affairs.

Hardin said he was not aware of the decision last week by the athletic department to reinstate Harris to the team.

"Some students were very upset about the reinstatement and brought it to my attention," Hardin said. "I called Swofford, and we took a closer look at it."

Officials debated whether Harris actually was convicted of rape.

"Harris did plead guilty to second-degree attempted rape, according to the court documents," said Dave Lohse, associate director of sports information. "He may have pled no contest, but on his criminal record, it states second-degree attempted rape."

Hardin said: "The question was whether we could allow someone convicted of such a serious offense to participate in intercollegiate athletics. It's a tough call, but we want the young man to rehabilitate himself and get his life together. It's unfortunate for him, but this is a serious event."

Athletic department officials didn't understand the legal posture behind Harris' sentence, Hardin said.

Campbell supported Hardin, and she said she hoped the University didn't understand the legal aspects. "I hope to God the athletic department didn't know he was convicted."

Swofford said last week's decision was based on a misunderstanding. "His plea was technically guilty from a legal standpoint, and it was a conviction of attempted second-degree rape."

"Last week, our understanding was that Harris pled no contest, meaning that he wasn't innocent or convicted, which left it in limbo. It was a misunderstanding,"

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## Jury divided in mock date-rape trial decision

By Shakti Routray  
Staff Writer

The victim held her breath as the jury members returned to their seats from deliberation. With her head lowered, she listened to the judge read the verdict: six for not guilty and six for guilty. It was still unresolved.

This was the decision that 12 University students, who served as jury members in a mock date-rape trial, came to after listening to more than two hours of testimony from witnesses for the prosecution and defense.

Carolina Student Legal Services sponsored the mock date-rape trial in Hamilton 100 Monday night "to dramatize for the student community how the criminal justice system deals with (the problem of date rape)," David Crescenzo, a legal services attorney, said.

Approximately 100 people, mostly female students, attended the mock trial. A discussion was held after the trial.

Audience members were asked to cast a separate vote from the jury's decision in the case. Of those who voted, 23 out of 37 delivered a guilty verdict with females voting guilty by a ratio of 2-1 over men.

Sharon Wang, a freshman from Durham, said she attended the trial to see what a real trial was like and how fair it was.

"Rape is not a subject that you should be ignorant about," Wang said. "I came because rape has hit some of my friends' friends."

Elaine Mosley, a senior from Winston-Salem, said she attended because wanted to experience a real rape trial.

"I came here because I've heard tra-



Attorney Bill Massengale and victim Carolyn Payne listen intently to testimony during a mock date-rape trial

DTH/Justin Williams

ditionally that when there is a rape trial, the victim gets put on trial," Mosley said. "I wanted to see if that was true or not."

The trial featured students portray-

ing the victim, the defendant and the friend of the victim.

Barry Winston and Bill Massengale, local attorneys, served as defense attorney and prosecutor, respectively, in the

trial.

Michele Denker, a fourth-year resident in psychiatry at UNC Hospitals,

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## DTH editor process critiqued

By Jackie Hershkovitz  
City Editor

Several participants in the first-ever Daily Tar Heel editor selection process said Monday that although the process was more effective than a campuswide election, the system needed to undergo some revisions.

The selection board, composed of eight at-large students and three DTH staff members, deliberated for almost five hours Sunday before choosing sophomore Yi-Hsin Chang to become the next editor. The board, which voted six times before reaching a final decision, voted 8-3 for Chang.

The board was required to achieve a two-thirds majority, or eight votes. Chang, who will begin her term this summer, said she thought the selection process went smoothly.

"I think the process has relatively few flaws," she said. "It's better than an election where you choose your next editor based on posters."

Diane Loveridge, an at-large member of the selection board, said the board carefully considered each candidate's application.

"There's no way you can learn as much about a candidate in a general student body election as we learned," Loveridge said.

Anna Griffin, a junior journalism

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Getting an award from TV is like getting kissed by someone with bad breath. — Mason Williams