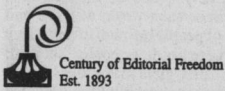


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VINDICATED: The University of Minnesota, snubbed by the NCAA Tournament, by winning the NIT crown. The Golden Gophers topped Georgetown 62-61 at Madison Square Garden Monday as Arriel McDonald scored 20 points and Voshon Leonard 17. UAB topped Providence 55-52 in the consolation game.

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## THURSDAY IN THE NEWS

Top stories from state, nation and world

### Panel says gay Marine should be discharged

CAMP LEJEUNE — A Marine Corps sergeant who has said he is homosexual should be given an honorable discharge, a military board ruled Wednesday.

Col. Ronald Matthews, chairman of the Marine Corps hearing board, said the panel decided to recommend discharging Sgt. Justin Elzie based on Department of Defense and Marine Corps policies against homosexuals in the military.

"Admission of homosexuality affects good order and discipline," he said.

Matthews said the board agreed to ask for an honorable discharge because of Elzie's good record.

Elzie said he had hoped that good record would help keep him in the military. But he said he would keep fighting to stay in the Marines.

### Yeltsin aide says army not involved in politics

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin's military adviser declared Wednesday that Russia's nuclear weapons are in safe hands and that the army will not be dragged into the country's political battle.

Yeltsin and his aides met to contemplate the next move after narrowly surviving attempts by hard-liners in the Congress of People's Deputies to oust the president during last week's emergency session.

Col. Gen. Dmitry Volkogonov said the army would prevent Russia's nuclear arsenal from being pulled "into a second civil war," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

### North Dakota abortion law temporarily halted

WASHINGTON — A Supreme Court justice temporarily blocked a restrictive North Dakota abortion law from taking effect Wednesday, responding to a claim that it unduly limits women's constitutional rights.

Justice Harry Blackmun ordered state officials to postpone enforcing the law until the full Supreme Court studied an emergency request by operators of North Dakota's only abortion clinic. The court is expected to discuss the case at its weekly closed-door conference Friday.

The Fargo Women's Health Organization had challenged the 1991 law, which requires a 24-hour waiting period after a woman is told of medical risks, the fetus's approximate age and alternatives to abortion.

### Deficit reduction plan moving through House

WASHINGTON — House Democrats were ready Wednesday to rocket to passage a deficit-reduction plan paving the way for President Clinton's vision of tax increases on the rich, defense cuts and spending bonuses for education and other programs.

The vote was expected to be the first in a flurry that could put the foundation of Clinton's economic plan in place by week's end.

Also on tap for possible completion was the president's jobs measure, which the Senate was debating.

With senators also ready to give final approval to the five-year, \$496 billion budget-cutting blueprint, Democrats were poised to hand their new president a gift: the earliest approval of a federal budget ever.

"It's very important that this week, before the Congress goes home, that we pass the budget resolution to reduce the deficit and the jobs program to create jobs," Clinton said. "If we could do that, this would be a historic six weeks."

—The Associated Press

# Congress favors strict rape policies

By James Lewis  
Staff Writer

Student Congress Wednesday night passed an amended version of a resolution encouraging the University to take a stricter stance against students convicted of violent sexual crimes.

Congress voted 13-6 for the resolution, which encourages the University to punish anyone convicted of sexual assault, rape or attempted sexual assault in the first or second degree with a minimum sanction of indefinite suspension from the University. The resolution was sponsored by Rep. Philip Charles-Pierre, Dist. 17.

Congress approved an amendment to the bill that would outlaw any sanctions against students if they had appeals pending in criminal courts or the Honor Court.

But Ruth Campbell, chairwoman of Women Against Rape, said the amendment punished rape victims rather than protected the accused.

"It can take years for an appeal," Campbell said. "Your criminal court sentence can be carried out whether you have an appeal pending or not."

Melinda Manning, Rape Action

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Project chairwoman, said the amendment rendered the entire resolution useless. "The person could graduate before the sanctions took effect and this would all be pointless," she said.

Rep. Darren Allen, Dist. 21, also added an amendment to the bill that included communicating threats, arson and murder as crimes that the University also should punish.

Manning said the amendments were "absolutely ludicrous."

Campbell said not all the crimes Allen proposed actually were severe enough to warrant expulsion.

"Chancellor Hardin will have to sort through these crimes," she said. "Some of them are misdemeanors."

Campbell said a coalition of student groups fighting for a new University policy against rape would take their proposed rape policy to the Faculty Council, the Committee on Student Conduct and Chancellor Paul Hardin for final approval before the amendments could become part of the Student Code.

Congress members also approved amendments to The Instrument on Stu-

## Group says attackers should be suspended

By James Lewis  
Staff Writer

A committee of representatives from University and town groups that deal with rape victims endorsed a policy Wednesday that would recommend the indefinite suspension of convicted rapists and sexual offenders from UNC as a minimal punishment.

After much debate, members of the Rape Awareness Committee passed a resolution recommending the University adopt stricter guidelines for students convicted of rape.

"The resolution as amended said that any student convicted of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault

should be placed on indefinite suspension or be expelled," said Melinda Manning, a committee member co-chairwoman of the Rape Action Project.

RAP is part of a seven-student-group coalition that is trying to get the policy instated at the University.

The original resolution presented to the committee recommended that all students convicted of rape or sexual assault be expelled.

Currently, the University deals with students convicted of rape on a case-to-case basis. Some University officials at the committee meeting raised questions about the policy.

Sibby Anderson-Thompkins, chairwoman of the committee and assistant

dean of student affairs, said the resolution was worthy of committee consideration. "Apparently everyone has a lot of questions and concerns on it," she said.

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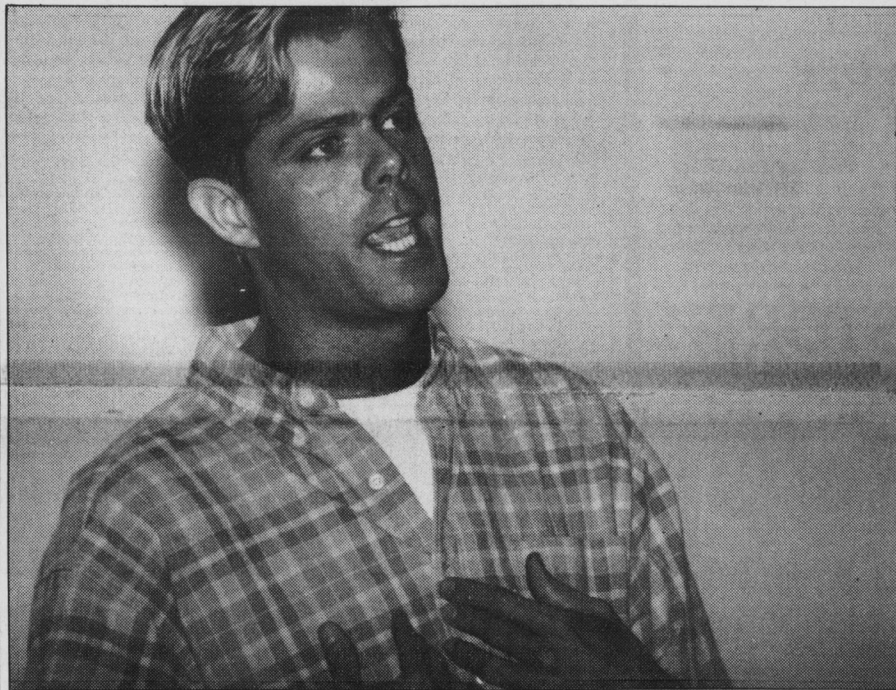
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Gay rights activist Crae Pridden speaks at UNC's Hanes Art Center Wednesday.

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# Gay man beaten by Marines urges action to end ban

By Andrea Jones  
Assistant State and National Editor

A gay man whose Jan. 30 beating at the hands of three Marines attracted national attention, urged an audience of 100 at UNC's Hanes Art Center Wednesday to get involved in bringing an end to the military's ban on homosexuals.

"Over two months ago, I became the victim of a brutal hate crime," Crae Pridden said. "I found out that my dignity was taken away by three Marines who were supposed to protect my life and freedom as an American. They say that gays can't serve in the military. Well, let's take a look at ... the three Marines who assaulted me. Do they deserve to serve in the military? I don't think so."

Criminal and civil charges against the three men arrested for assaulting Pridden outside a Wilmington gay bar will go to court Monday.

Pridden's speech was part of a series given in observance of Lesbian and Gay Awareness Week, which was sponsored by UNC's Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity.

Doug Ferguson, outgoing B-GLAD co-chairman, said he had requested that Chapel Hill police step up patrols near Hanes Art Center after he received threats by phone Wednesday morning.

"At quarter to seven this morning, my roommate got a call and the guy said, 'We're going to get you faggots,'" Ferguson said. "Sometime between 11 and 1, I got a call on my answering machine that said 'We're going to kick your ass and after that beating you won't be going anywhere.' I'd consider that a death threat."

Pridden said he also had received threats, most notably in Jacksonville, near Camp Lejeune, where he was a guest on a radio talk show. Three threats

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## Tickets to tournament hot commodity at UNC

By Ivan Arrington  
Staff Writer

Even some of UNC basketball's most devoted fans might decide that getting tickets to this weekend's Final Four is just not worth the trouble.

Buying a ticket at the Smith Center Monday morning proved to be an adventure, with anxious buyers prepared to pay as much as \$400 for a single ticket, said Tracy Kirincich, 1992-93 Carolina Athletic Association president.

"(Students) would walk right out the door and be approached," Kirincich said. "I got the people that work in the Smith Center and at least got them away from the line."

UNC will play the Kansas Jayhawks in the New Orleans Superdome Saturday at 5:42 p.m.

Daren Lucas, Smith Center ticket manager, said tickets come in three sections — two vouchers for the semi-

Stores profit from success in tourney ...3

final games and one for the championship — and cost \$45 for upper-deck seats and \$65 for lower-deck seats.

Lucas said students were limited to one ticket each, and faculty members could each purchase two tickets.

The University was allotted 3,100 of the 60,000 seats in the New Orleans Superdome. Three hundred were slotted for student distribution, 2,000 to 2,100 went to the UNC Educational Foundation for alumni and 100 tickets were reserved for faculty members. The athletic department used the remaining tickets.

CAA President-elect Daniel Thornton said students should not be disappointed about the number of tickets they were allotted this year.

"(The distribution) is better than two years ago; we only got 75 tickets

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## Debate focuses on Eurocentrism

By Steve Robblee  
Assistant University Editor

A fundamental incongruity exists between a multicultural society and an institutional system dominated by one culture, said Molefi Asante, one participant in a debate Wednesday focusing on race relations in American society.

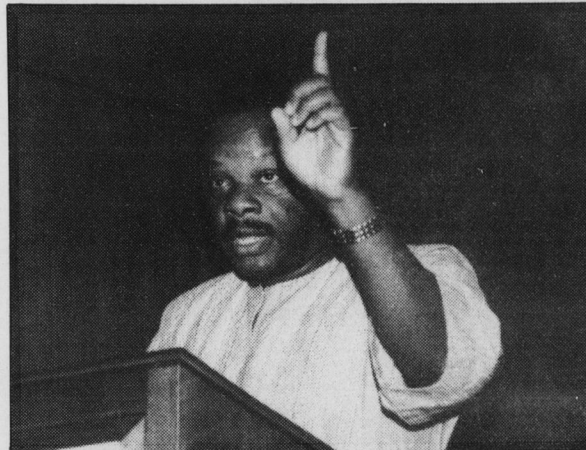
One culture's ideology should not dominate American thought, said Asante, chairman of the African-American studies department at Temple University.

"The collapsing of whiteness is at the crux of the multicultural debate," Asante said.

Asante debated Linda Chavez, former director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and Sam Fulwood, a Los Angeles Times writer who won the 1992 Breakthrough Award for his essay, "The Rage of the Black Middle Class."

The debate came as part of a weeklong speaker series titled "Critical Issues in Higher Education," sponsored by the executive branch of student government.

White Americans dominate the insti-



Special to the DTH/Nathan Darling

Temple University's Molefi Asante debates role of blacks in American culture

tutional society in the United States, European view of America and stifle

Anglo-European Americans have a

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## Boys to Men? Michigan Super Sophs back in Final Four

Editor's note: This is the third article in a four-part series profiling the 1993 Final Four teams.

By Zachary Albert  
Assistant Sports Editor

A year ago, the Michigan Wolverines crashed the Final Four party with a starting lineup comprised of teenagers. The upstart Fab Five earned instant national recognition when their club defeated No. 1 seed Ohio State in the Southeast Regional Championship.

The play of the Wolverine youngsters dumbfounded Buckeye star Jimmy Jackson, who lauded the performance that ended his college career.

"We played like the freshmen and

Michigan played like the veterans," Jackson said after the game.

Arguably the best recruiting class ever, the Wolverine roster of Chris Webber, Jalen Rose, Juwan Howard, Jimmy King and Ray Jackson showed wisdom beyond their years, taking their sixth-seeded team to the final game of the 1992 NCAA Tournament before stumbling against repeat-bound Duke.

This year, Michigan was selected preseason No. 1 in the AP poll and was picked by many to win it all. Head coach Steve Fisher noted that although the expectations of his sophomores have changed, team focus has not.

"Our success has been our ability to not feel the heat," Fisher said. "Maybe

it was because a year ago we were the underdogs."

Now that the Wolverines have qualified for a date in the Superdome, Fisher believes the tension may be less than early round games, when the embarrassment potential ran high.

"Now we're where people said we should be," Fisher said. "We're in a terrific 'Rolls-Royce' field of four with three No. 1 seeds and a No. 2."

"Now anybody can win, so pressure will probably be less for all four teams."

Are you sure, Steve? Earlier this year, the charismatic Webber remarked that if his team did not win the NCAA title, the season would be a failure.

"Naw, Chris said that, but he's re-

canted that a little bit," Fisher said. "With great pride we will reflect back for a long time at the accomplishments of this year's team."

Webber was a large reason for the Wolverines' success. While Fisher's squad finished the year at 30-4, the first-team All-American led the team with 18.8 points per game, 9.9 rebounds per game and 86 blocks.

Versatility is the key characteristic of Webber's game. The 6-foot-9, 245-pound sophomore possesses the brute strength to bruise opponents in the lane, yet has the agility to run the fast break like a point guard.

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### TEAM PROFILES

#### Michigan Wolverines (30-4) WEST REGION CHAMPIONS

CONFERENCE: Big Ten  
COACH: Steve Fisher (Illinois St., '67)  
THE ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR:  
beat Coastal Carolina, 84-53  
beat UCLA, 86-84 (OT)  
beat George Washington, 72-64  
beat Temple, 77-72

#### PROBABLE STARTERS:

- F Chris Webber
- F Ray Jackson
- C Juwan Howard
- G Jalen Rose
- G Jimmy King



There's a sucker born every minute. — P.T. Barnum