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SIGNED: by the Green Bay Packers, free agent defensive end Reggie White, formerly of the Philadelphia Eagles. White signed a 4-year contract, reportedly worth \$17 million — \$9 million of that in his first year with the team. The seven-time All-Pro also was courted by Washington, San Francisco and Cleveland.

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Fans welcome back NCAA champs

Many greet groggy stars at airport ...

By Warren Hynes
Senior Writer

NEW ORLEANS — As they arrived at Gate 5 in the USAir terminal of New Orleans International Airport, they were groggy, to say the least.

A night on Bourbon Street after winning the national championship will do that to you.

But as they waited to board flight 6672 to Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina's men's basketball players were met by dozens of well-wishers, people who wanted to congratulate them on that new crown they had just earned.

So they signed autographs, shook hands and smiled for the cameras. Some of the players had souvenirs of their own — Brian Reese and Donald Williams each carried a circular NCAA sign.

The cheerleaders seemed out of it more than anybody else, as several plopped onto chairs and fell asleep.

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But, at about 12:30 p.m. CDT, the crew members were ready to welcome these players, coaches, band members, cheerleaders and assorted others aboard.

And, from the speakers around the terminal, the players heard these welcoming words: "We'd like to start boarding for those of you on the No. 1 express from N.C. State."

There were boos and laughs at USAir's attempt at comedy.

As boarding began, UNC associate sports information director Dave Lohse suddenly broke into a familiar song: "Hail to the victors, da da, hail to the Carolina Tar Heels ... Oh, I'm so sick of that song."

Eric Montross was not whistling that Michigan fight song. He was a bit too occupied. As soon as he sat down on the plane, the Tar Heel center faced two flight attendants seeking autographs for the pilot and co-pilot.

"Whoever's flying this plane gets whatever he wants," Montross said. After signing a few more autographs, Montross went to sleep, his championship hat pulled down over his eyes.

Speaking of sleep, forward Brian Reese fell into a spring hibernation. The reason for this went beyond fatigue, however: Reese is afraid of flying.

As the plane neared Raleigh-Durham International Airport, Reese woke up. Montross called over to his teammate. "Brian," the UNC center said. When Reese looked over, Montross made a look of panic and covered his face. Reese broke out into a wide smile.

As the plane landed, the players were told that their fans were waiting. "Shock!" Montross said, then added,



NATIONAL CHAMPS RETURN

ABOVE: Senior forward George Lynch flashes the No. 1 signal to 20,000 cheering fans at the Smith Center Tuesday afternoon
RIGHT: Banner proclaims the Tar Heels' victory

PHOTOS BY ERIN RANDALL

"At least it's home."

There were not many fans in Gate 18 of terminal A when the team arrived. So they went through a revolving door toward the baggage claim area. And as they started toward the escalator, the players heard the screams and cheers.

"Oh, boy," said tournament MVP Donald Williams, bracing for the attack of affection.

Hundreds of Tar Heel fans cheered the team on as it left the airport and boarded its bus, and dozens surrounded the players, seeking out autographs. They heard an occasional congratulatory honk as they drove down I-40 and Highway 54 toward Chapel Hill.

But, as the buses took them down

Franklin Street for a few blocks, the players looked out of their windows and saw fellow students jumping up in the air uncontrollably, shouting with glee.

Cars stopped in the middle of the road. People stood in the street, clapping and holding up that index finger. The buses made their way down Manning Drive, and the fans who were on their way to the 5 p.m. celebration at the Smith Center roared.

And, after turning into the lot behind the arena, the bus backed into a garage, placing them just yards from the court.

And from that point on, the cheers just kept getting louder.

That's what happens when you bring back that wood and gold trophy.



... and cheer when they get to Dome

By Steve Politi
Sports Editor

After wrapping up the winningest season in UNC basketball history and claiming the national championship, the Tar Heel players finished where they started five months ago — in front of an anxious Smith Center crowd.

More than 20,000 fans of all ages packed the Smith Center to welcome back the 1993 NCAA men's basketball champions. The Tar Heels finished a wild weekend in New Orleans with a 77-71 win against Michigan to claim the title.

After Woody Durham, the popular radio voice of the Tar Heels, introduced each player one at a time, every member of the team had a chance to share their emotions with the North Carolina fans.

And the fans responded by chanting the player's names and giving minutelong standing ovations for each player.

"There ain't much more to be said, but we're No. 1," said Donald Williams, the tournament's most valuable player.

"You may have heard this on a TV commercial," center Eric Montross said, "but with everyone here and a national championship — it doesn't get any better than this."

The crowd honored UNC's five seniors last, with the longest ovation for senior George Lynch, the team's leader on the court.

"A lot of people said I led this team, but these guys behind me pretty much led themselves," Lynch said. "I just had to stand behind them and kick them in the butt sometimes."

Lynch thanked assistant coaches Bill Guthridge, Randy Weil, Dave Hanners and Phil Ford — and then took a jab at Ford, who he said always beat him in horse during practice.

"He has his jersey hanging over here," he said, pointing to Ford's retired No. 12 jersey.

"But there's one thing I have over him," he said, pointing to the distant rafters. "I'll have a national championship banner hanging up over there."

Senior center Matt Wenstrom tried to say his thank yous but was overcome with tears. His friend and fraternity brother Scott Cherry came to the podium to help.

"I hope this silences all the critics that said I should have gone somewhere else to play," Cherry said, "but when I walk around with that big fat ring on my finger, that will speak for itself."

Senior Henrik Rödl reminded the fans of a preseason promise. "Like I said at the tip-off classic, we could be so good, it's scaaaaaary."

Senior walk-on Travis Stephenson, like Wenstrom, was emotional when he stepped to the podium. Junior Pat Sullivan began a very serious speech,

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Elected officers take oaths

By Daniel Aldrich
Staff Writer

Student Body President Jim Copland, along with all other new members of student government, shed the word "elect" from their titles Tuesday in an hourlong inauguration ceremony.

Copland delivered his inaugural address, and outgoing Student Body President John Moody bid a last farewell to the student body.

Mark Bibbs, recently elected Board

of Governors member and Student Supreme Court chief justice, swore in the candidates at 4:30 p.m. in the Union auditorium.

Donald Boulton, dean of students, attended the ceremony. "I'm starting off on a positive note," he said.

Candidates who were sworn in included Copland; Dacia Toll, student body vice president; Kim McCutcheon, student government secretary; Holly Bridges, Graduate and Professional Student Federation president; Daniel Thornton, Carolina Athletic Association

president; Joe Andrews, senior class president; Nanci Locklear, senior class vice president; and the incoming members of the 75th Student Congress.

Kevin Hunter, student body treasurer and inaugural coordinator, organized the inauguration, which was scheduled to be held in the Pit but was moved due to the weather.

About 20 of the 35 congress members were sworn in at the ceremony.

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Fans leave mark on downtown

By Leah A. Campbell
Staff Writer

Victory does not come without sacrifice.

Some of the estimated 20,000 Tar Heel fans on Franklin Street Monday threw paint on a few storefronts, hurled glass bottles into the crowd and toppled three trees.

Town public works employees were out on Franklin Street until about 5 a.m., cleaning up the debris left from the victory party.

"We didn't expect people to just arbitrarily pull the trees down," said Bruce

Heflin, town public works director. "The rest of the damage was about what we expected; I only wish everyone would have used water-soluble paint."

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the 130 police officers who supervised the celebration were well-prepared for what awaited them.

"We had a lot of practice from the Grateful Dead concert last week and after UNC won the Final Four game against Kansas on Saturday," she said.

Cousins said police charged several people with drunk and disorderly conduct and driving while intoxicated. She added that one man put his fist through

a glass panel at Ham's after he had punched a woman.

"Eventually we called in reinforcements from the Durham County Sheriff's Department, State Highway Patrol and Burlington Police Department," she said. "All the law enforcement agencies were very well-prepared and did their jobs very well."

She added that police were glad some fans helped them to encourage others to use paper cups instead of glass.

"We worked very hard at trying to keep glass bottles to a minimum out

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Lynch uses podium to urge community support for BCC

By Anna Griffin
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Count George Lynch among the wide number of UNC athletes who have expressed their support for a free-standing black cultural center.

Lynch, senior co-captain of the national-champion Tar Heels, used his moment at the podium during a Tuesday welcome-home ceremony in the Smith Center to push for a new BCC.

"There's an issue on campus people have been talking about," Lynch told the crowd of about 15,000 fans and a television viewing audience throughout the Triangle. "I'd like to say: Support the BCC."

The celebration was carried live on several local television and radio stations.

Lynch, a member of the BCC Advisory Board, is the first UNC basketball player to actively support the BCC movement.

Last summer, four UNC football players founded the Black Awareness Council, a group of athletes involved in the student coalition for a free-standing BCC. BAC played a key role in several BCC marches and rallies last fall.

Tim Smith, one of BAC's co-founders, said he hoped Lynch's sup-

port of a BCC would bring more students to the movement. "I think it was a necessary step, a needed step," he said.

Lynch attended a rally two weeks ago, standing quietly among the crowd of about 300 supporters. "I support the movement," he said at the rally. "The other players and I support a BCC, but we don't have much time to give."

"Maybe once the season's over I can get more involved in the fight. I think my voice might help them out."

Staci Hill, a BCC advocate, said Lynch's declaration at the basketball ceremony brought good publicity for the BCC movement.

"It was exhilarating today to hear him voice his feelings," she said. "I think that when George expressed the need to support the BCC, it stunned the community and helped them look at the BCC in a different light."

Fred Wherry, co-chairman of Students for the Advancement of Race Relations, said Lynch's leadership would add fuel to the BCC movement.

"I think that because George Lynch is such a figurehead, a lot of people look up to him," Wherry said. "(His involvement) shows that it's an issue that's burning in people's minds."

Thanassis Cambanis contributed to this story.

Greedy fans complicate circulation

Many of you probably enjoyed The Daily Tar Heel's coverage of North Carolina's third national basketball championship. Unfortunately, we know all of you didn't.

Because of our inability to produce a number of papers equal to infinity, many readers were forced to go without a DTH.

Tuesday was indeed a strange day around the office. It began early in the morning as thieves made off with thousands of papers from the delivery van. After a normal press run of 20,000 papers, the loss diminished our circulation to less than 17,000.

Over-anxious basketball fans made the problem worse by chasing the delivery van throughout the streets of Chapel Hill waiting to strike the distribution boxes.

We also received numerous reports of people stealing papers from the boxes and selling them for profit — clearly an unauthorized act.

For example, the owners of Carolina Sports Cards Inc. took more than their share of newspapers and sold

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Chapel Hill is still the beer-drinking capital of the world. — Woody Durham