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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### Serbs, Croats to Negotiate For End of War in Bosnia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia—Serbs and Croats, the main rivals in Yugoslavia's bloody breakup, agreed Wednesday to hold their first talks on formally ending their vicious war, which started in 1991 and later engulfed Bosnia.

Talks between leaders of the Serbs and the Croatian government will take place Tuesday at the Russian Embassy in Zagreb.

Balkan bloodshed began when armed Serbs rebelled against Croatian independence during the breakup of the former Yugoslav federation. The ensuing war killed at least 10,000 people before a U.N.-brokered truce brought an uneasy peace to the one-third of Croatia under Serb control. More than 200,000 people are dead or missing in the two-year-long conflict.

### Harding Pleads Guilty In Kerrigan Cover-Up Case

PORTLAND, Ore.—Tonya Harding ended her competitive figure skating career but avoided jail Wednesday by pleading guilty to a conspiracy charge in the attack on Nancy Kerrigan and resigning from the U.S. Figure Skating Association.

As part of a plea bargain, Harding was fined \$100,000 and agreed to three years' probation. Withdrawing from the USFSA excluded her from all amateur competitions, including the world championships next week in Japan.

In her plea bargain, Harding admitted that she and ex-husband Jeff Gillooly met with her bodyguard, Shawn Eckardt, on Jan. 10 in Portland and went over a cover story they had concocted. Harding pleaded guilty to conspiracy to hinder prosecution, a felony punishable by a maximum five years in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

### Arab Panel Says Soldiers Fired in Hebron Massacre

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank—Arab judges and lawyers investigating the Hebron massacre for the PLO said Wednesday that they believed soldiers fired at people and caused at least one death at the mosque despite denials by Israeli officers.

"Soldiers had a role in the massacre because they shot inside the mosque and in the area outside," said Abdel Ghani Awawi, a lawyer on the Palestinian panel looking into the Feb. 25 massacre.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reportedly will allow the Palestine Liberation Organization to deploy dozens of Palestinian police in Hebron, even though it is not in the self-rule areas designated by the PLO-Israeli peace accord.

The move would be a concession to the PLO in an effort to revive the peace talks, which have been at a standstill since the massacre.

### N. Korea Refuses to Allow Inspectors at Nuclear Site

VIENNA, Austria—North Korea's refusal to let inspectors into a nuclear reprocessing plant thwarted the search for a secret atomic weapons program, the International Atomic Energy Agency said Wednesday.

The IAEA, a U.N. agency based in Vienna, said North Korea denied its seven inspectors access to a reprocessing plant they wanted to check for any signs of nuclear material being sidetracked to a weapons program.

The Clinton administration indicated previously that it might seek U.N. economic sanctions against North Korea if the U.N. inspectors were unable to certify that safeguards on nuclear materials had been maintained.

### Senate Approves Measure To Boost U.S. Technology

WASHINGTON—Small and medium-sized manufacturers of high-tech products would get help from the government under an administration-backed plan approved Wednesday in the Senate.

The National Competitiveness Act authorizes spending \$1.9 billion in 1995 and 1996 for programs to help companies develop and adopt advanced technologies.

The measure would allocate funds to the Commerce Department to set up a nationwide network of technology outreach centers and also to make grants and loans to promote advanced technologies.

It is expected to boost efforts to build the "information superhighways" that would connect all areas of the country.

### Weather

TODAY: Sunny; high mid-50s.

FRIDAY: Partly cloudy; high 60-65.

## Geneticist to Give Commencement Address

BY MICHELLE VANSTORY  
STAFF WRITER

Francis Collins, a renowned alumnus of the UNC School of Medicine and the director of the Human Genome Project at the National Institute of Health, will speak at this year's commencement ceremony May 15, Senior Class President Joe Andrews announced Wednesday.

The commencement ceremonies will conclude UNC's Bicentennial Observance, which began in October to honor the 200th anniversary of the first public university in the United States.

"(Collins) is an incredible speaker, and he'll bring a message that we haven't heard," Andrews said.

Andrew said he thought Collins would bring a fresh, unique perspective to the Bicentennial finale.

"In his spare time, he rides around on a Honda Nighthawk 750 (motorcycle) wearing cowboy boots," Andrews said.

"He's not just a guy in a lab wearing a

white coat 24 hours a day."

The senior class originally had said it hoped to have an international humanitarian as its speaker.

Among those who were invited to speak but declined were Mary Robinson, president of Ireland; Czech Republic President Vaclav Havel; and former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Andrews said that while the University had been looking for a big-name speaker to draw international recognition to the Bicentennial Commencement ceremonies, the senior class had been more interested in finding a speaker it would enjoy listening to and one who reflected the interests of the senior class.

"Most students want to hear a good speaker and want to walk away feeling good about graduating," he said.

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Commencement committee Chairwoman Jennifer Robinson agreed.

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JOE ANDREWS  
Senior class president

name, but you get a packaged speech," she said. "Dr. Collins will give a unique speech, probably something special for UNC."

Robinson cited last year's commencement address by broadcast mogul Ted Turner as one such "packaged speech."

She said Turner had had nothing relevant to say to the graduates and that many in the audience had gotten up and left.

Chancellor Paul Hardin said he thought the senior class's speaker choice was a good one.

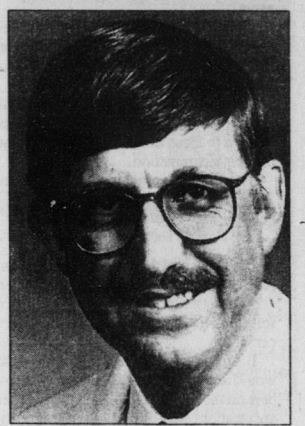
"Francis Collins is widely considered one of the world's foremost geneticists," he said.

"The fact that he is an alumnus and a teacher deeply respected by his own former students makes it highly appropriate that he will address Carolina's graduates this year."

Collins' strongest tie to UNC is his daughter, who is a student. He also is one of six people who will receive an honorary degree from UNC at Commencement and is a 1977 graduate of the UNC School of Medicine.

Collins succeeded James Watson, the Nobel Prize-winning co-discoverer of DNA, as director of the Human Genome Project, a 15-year effort to map and sequence all human genes.

By applying a new strategy called "positional cloning," Collins' teams have played a key role in identifying the genes responsible for cystic fibrosis, neurofibromatosis, Huntington's disease and a type of adult leukemia.



FRANCIS COLLINS is director of the Human Genome Project at the National Institute of Health.

## Round 1 Romp: Tar Heels Roll Past Eagles

BY ZACHARY ALBERT  
SENIOR WRITER

Most coaches would be happy with a 48-point blowout in the NCAA tournament. But most coaches aren't Sylvia Hatchell.

The Tar Heels opened up the postseason with an ugly 101-53 drubbing of Georgia Southern Wednesday night in front of a sparse Carmichael Auditorium crowd. Despite the final score, the UNC coach detected a few rough edges on her team.

"We haven't played in nine days, and we were a bit rusty," Hatchell said. "I don't know if it was the layoff, but we just didn't shoot well at all in the first half."

Essentially, the outcome could've been worse, as UNC turned the ball over 22 times. But Lilliputian Georgia Southern, the Southern Conference champion, couldn't convert on the other end, committing 29 turnovers and shooting just 26.4 percent against the much quicker and taller Tar Heels.

Georgia Southern head coach Drema Greer was frank about the disparity between the teams.

"Their height will take a lot of people out of rhythm," Greer said. "It's not one of the quickest teams we've played. It is the quickest. We just don't have that caliber of player in our conference, to be honest."

The quickness of UNC guards Tonya Sampson and Marion Jones created most of the Eagles' foul-ups. The pair combined for seven steals and 37 points by sprinting past an often flat-footed Georgia Southern defense.

But the Tar Heels also held a decisive advantage in height. The Eagles tallest starter measures just 5-foot-10, while UNC starts three players over six feet. As a result, the Eagles found themselves trying to rebound against a wall.

"They're just so tall," Greer said. "I knew rebounding was going to be a major factor. We tried to key in on it, but it didn't work too well."

The height difference was never more apparent than when UNC's Gwendolyn Gillingham, 6-7, came out of the post to shadow Georgia Southern's Stacy Childers, a 5-1 guard—a scene reminiscent of Jim Valvano's junk defenses with Chris Corchiani guarding the center. The Tar



Georgia Southern's Tara Anderson hounds UNC guard Jill Suddreth in the Tar Heels' 101-53 first round NCAA win Wednesday night at Carmichael Auditorium. UNC hosts Old Dominion in the second round Sunday.

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## Man Faces Charge of Murder

### Shooting Victim's Death Leads to New Charge

BY KATHRYN HASS  
STAFF WRITER

A local man accused of shooting his neighbor was charged on Wednesday morning with first-degree murder, according to Chapel Hill police Capt. Barry Thompson.

James Phillip Harris, 52, of 601 Craig St. now faces a murder charge in connection with the shooting death of Robert Baldwin after the two had an argument Monday night.

Police served Harris with the warrant at the Orange County Jail, where he already faced a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury in connection with the shooting. He now is being held without bond because of the new murder charge.

Robert Baldwin, 60, of 412 Sykes St. died early Tuesday morning at UNC Hospitals from a gunshot wound to his left side. He was shot Monday evening at an acquaintance's home at 506-B Craig St. Minutes after the shooting, a police officer spotted Harris at the corner of Sykes and Nunn streets and arrested him.

Thompson said first-degree murder showed "malice and forethought" by the suspect. He would not comment on why that charge was chosen instead of second-degree murder in Harris' case. "We think the charge warrants first-degree murder," Thompson said.

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins had said Tuesday that it appeared



JAMES HARRIS was arrested in connection with a fatal shooting Tuesday night.

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## Watchdog Group Wants Input in WUNC's Mission

### Residents Want Mission Statement Made Public

BY MARISSA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

An ongoing debate between public radio station WUNC and a Carrboro-based media watch group arises again with the revising of WUNC's mission statement.

Representatives from Balance & Accuracy in Journalism sent letters to WUNC administrative board members last week asking that drafts of the public radio station's revised mission statement be made public before members approve it.

The letter asks that community members be given a chance to express their views at an open meeting.

WUNC Station Manager Bill Davis said public opinion would be heard and considered at a Community Advisory Council meeting March 30.

Davis said the scheduled meeting was not a result of the BAJ letter. "Any people

who have concerns, comments, questions, etc., not only about the mission statement, but about (programming), will have a chance to talk about whatever they want to talk about," he said. "I don't know that the BAJ's point is moot, but there's no hidden agenda here."

He said that WUNC meetings always had been open and that the minutes of recent meetings documented attendance by the public.

But BAJ co-founder David Kirsh said he was concerned that WUNC meetings had not been open to the public, noting that the Corporation for Public Broadcasting required recipients of its funds to hold open meetings. He said he had talked to people who had given less money than usual or none at all to WUNC last fall.

"The national mandate for public broadcasting states that public radio should provide for controversy, diversity and unheard voices," he said. "And that's exactly what WUNC has not been doing."

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## Witness Testifies He Saw Body Parts

BY JENNIFER TALHELM  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

HILLSBOROUGH—The first witness in one of Hillsborough's grisliest murder trials testified Wednesday that while he was staying at David Allen Sokolowski's home, he saw the defendant empty a cooler full of body parts into a bonfire in his yard.

Jurors heard the attorneys' opening arguments and testimony from Curtis Bauer after Orange County Judge Gordon Battle ruled that evidence gathered from a search of Sokolowski's property could be used in the trial.

Sokolowski is accused of killing Rubel Gray Hill on March 4, 1992, and chopping his body into pieces and burning them. Sokolowski has pleaded not guilty and is being held in lieu of \$2 million bail.

Sokolowski remained in the courtroom throughout the day, paying attention and occasionally flipping through papers. Hill's family members watched the proceedings intently. Everyone in the courtroom was searched with a metal detector before they entered, and Battle reminded everyone that they were free to leave the courtroom, but they could not re-enter until a recess.

Jurors were instructed not to read, watch or listen to any news accounts about the case for the extent of the trial.

In his opening argument, Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox, the prosecutor in the trial, explained his case to the jury. He told them witnesses had seen Hill's body parts in Sokolowski's yard and that Sokolowski had shot Hill, chopped him up and burned his remains.

"You will hear evidence that Mr. Sokolowski killed Mr. Hill, and that it was not in self-defense, and that it was premeditated," Fox told the jury, which had been selected Tuesday.

Sokolowski's court-appointed attorney, William Sheffield, countered by reminding the jury that Sokolowski was innocent until proven guilty. He added that what happened to a body after death was unpleasant, and he asked jurors to remain objective even though the evidence was graphic. "The real task is to look at the death itself," he said. "Notice (Fox) didn't say too much about Rubel Hill. You will hear testimony that Hill was a violent and dangerous man."

Hill had threatened to kill various people and often showed off a tattoo signifying his

membership in Hell's Angels, Sheffield said. He argued that Sokolowski would have acted in self-defense when Hill threatened him.

The jury heard the first testimony in the case from Bauer, 33, of West End. Bauer, a small, stocky, bearded man, answered questions from both attorneys for almost two hours before court recessed for the day.

Bauer first met Sokolowski in early March 1992, when his friend Kevin "Bear" Fulmar introduced them, Bauer said. Bauer needed a place to stay for a while, and Sokolowski said he could put him up. Sokolowski and Bauer drank about 18 beers every day while Bauer was visiting, he

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### Editor's Note

Applications for 1994-95 editor of The Daily Tar Heel are available at the DTH office, Union Suite 104, and the Union front desk. Interested students must submit applications by noon Friday and be available for interviews March 26.

There wasn't even a crack out there on the floor I could hide in.

Georgia Southern head coach Drema Greer