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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Alabama Tornado Caves In Roof of Church, Killing 17

PIEDMONT, Ala. — A tornado caved in the roof of a church crowded with Palm Sunday worshippers, killing 17 people. Two other people died as a series of twisters and violent thunderstorms tore through the Southeast.

A brick wall collapsed on a pew of children wearing their new Easter outfits and waiting to sing as part of a pageant when the tornado roared through the church at about 11:30 a.m.

About 140 people were in the church five miles north of Piedmont, in eastern Alabama. Rescuers had feared others were buried, but all were accounted for after more than 100 searchers dug through the rubble and a crane lifted off the roof.

Settlers Vow to Resist Ban On Rally at Massacre Site

JERUSALEM — Jewish settlers said Sunday that they would defy an army ban and rally this week in Hebron, site of last month's massacre of 30 Palestinians. Israel's foreign minister hinted that the settlers would eventually be forced to leave the West Bank town.

The settlers' pledge followed a weekend of clashes between settlers and soldiers around Hebron. Six settlers were arrested Saturday when they tried to push through army barriers, and five were detained when they fired in response to being stoned.

The army's new tough stance against the settlers contrasts sharply with its earlier hands-off policy. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Sunday that peaceful co-existence between Hebron's 120,000 Palestinians and 400 Jewish settlers had become impossible after the Feb. 25 massacre in which a settler killed 30 worshippers in a Hebron mosque.

Government Forces Attack Serbs in Northern Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Government forces attacked Serb fighters in northern Bosnia on Sunday, prompting the Serb leader to threaten a counterattack and a hardened negotiating stance.

Bosnian radio claimed government forces had captured key Bosnian Serb positions near Maglaj, killing 70 Serb fighters, and were advancing. There was no confirmation of the report.

On Friday, U.N. peacekeepers destroyed a Serb bunker near Maglaj, 50 miles north of Sarajevo, after a seven-hour battle. A few days earlier, Bosnian Serbs looted an aid convoy headed for Maglaj. The Serbs control about 70 percent of Bosnia's territory.

Palestinian Groups Meet With Gadhafi About Israel

CAIRO, Egypt — Palestinian groups opposed to the Middle East peace talks say they will continue to fight for the destruction of Israel and the return of Jerusalem to Arab rule. Leaders of 10 so-called "rejectionist" groups made the statement after meeting Saturday with Moammar Gadhafi in the Libyan capital of Tripoli.

Although Gadhafi had pledged to eschew terrorism, he announced in December that two of the world's most wanted men, terrorists Abu Nidal and Ahmed Jibril, were welcome in Libya.

Most of the Palestinian groups are part of a Syrian-based, hard-line alliance that has pledged to fight the Arab-Israeli peace talks underway since 1991.

French Forces Withdraw After 49-Year Occupation

BERLIN — More than 10,000 Berliners bid adieu to the French military on Sunday in the first farewell celebration for the four Cold War occupying powers, all of which are departing the city this year.

French soldiers, military bands, tanks and armored vehicles coursed down Berliner Strasse in the city's northwestern Tegel district, center of the French occupation zone after the Nazis' 1945 defeat.

French, British and American paratroopers fell from the sky, trailing the French national colors in a finale followed by a big street party.

Under the 1990 agreement that restored German sovereignty over a united Berlin, the three Western allies and the Russians must quit the city and the rest of eastern Germany by year's end.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly cloudy, windy, 80-percent chance of rain; high upper 70s.

TUESDAY: Mostly cloudy, 60-percent chance of rain; high lower 60s.

UNC Advances to 1st Final Four

BY ZACHARY ALBERT
SENIOR WRITER

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — When Tonya Sampson went to the foul line with UNC up 11 points and 22.9 seconds remaining in the East Regional final, she smiled at the crowd and held four fingers aloft.

Pack your bags for Richmond. The Tar Heels are Final Four-bound.

North Carolina advanced to the NCAA tournament semifinals for the first time in school history with a solid, 81-69 win against top-seeded Connecticut at the Louis Brown Athletic Center.

UNC improved to 31-2 on the year, while the Huskies' season ended at 30-3. For the Tar Heels, the win made all the sweat and pain worth the effort.

"Today was a result of a lot of hard work," said UNC head coach Sylvia Hatchell. "I'm just so proud of these young ladies and how hard they worked to be where they are."

"We're just not content. We want two more games."

In the end, there was no bigger motivator than Sampson. UNC's senior guard exploded for 30 points against UConn en route to recognition as East Regional Most Valuable Player.

Sampson went 11 of 21 from the field, including 4 of 9 from the 3-point arc, and also pulled down seven boards, despite a much taller UConn frontcourt.

"There was no plan because we don't have a person who can play her," said Husky head coach Geno Auriemma. "The only plan, we thought, was not to let her get going. We did a real good job of that for 30 minutes."

From the get-go, the emotional scale tilted far in UNC's favor. UConn appeared tightly wound, while the Tar Heels came out loose.

But the determination kicked in when it had to — in the second half, when North Carolina trailed by as many as seven points. UNC seniors Sampson and Sylvia Crawley wouldn't let their team lose.

"In the second half, I grabbed Sampson's jersey and said, 'Do you want this to be the last time you wear this jersey?'" Crawley said after the game. "She looked me right in the eye and said 'No.' Just the look on her face — I knew we were going to win this game."

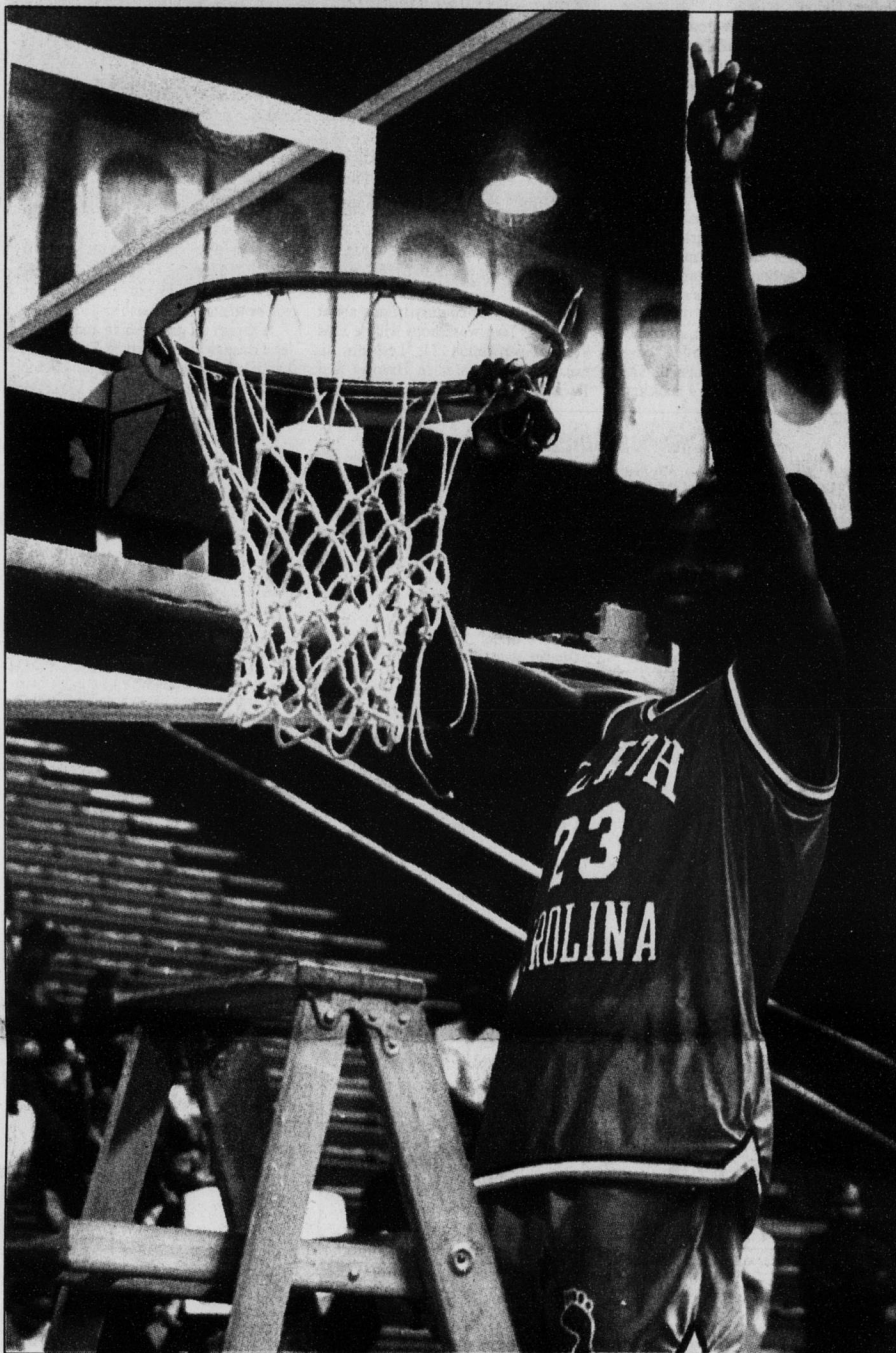
But in the second half, the Tar Heels found themselves down 49-42 with 17:10 to play. Then Sampson rallied the troops.

Sampson popped a 3-pointer from the top of the key, then forced a steal on UConn's next possession. The 5-foot-9 senior converted the layup on the other end with a fancy scoop between two defenders.

The two teams traded baskets before Sampson swiped another steal for an easy deuce to knot the score at 51.

For UConn's Jennifer Rizzotti, who

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UNC's Charlotte Smith salutes cheering fans during her turn with the scissors after Saturday's win over Connecticut. Smith and the Tar Heels will advance to Richmond to take on Purdue in the Final Four next weekend.

Sampson Torches Huskies for 30

BY STEVE ROBBLEE
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PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Prior to UNC's East Region final matchup with Connecticut, Tonya Sampson wasn't getting much attention.

Tar Heel teammates Charlotte Smith and Sylvia Crawley were getting the ink — the former for her brawl-induced suspension, the latter for her post-defense against Commodore center Heidi Gillingham.

But after UNC's 81-69 win against the Huskies Saturday, East Region Most Valuable Player Tonya Sampson was the center of attention.

Sampson's combination of strength and speed frustrated Connecticut defenders. Just ask UConn sophomore guard Jennifer Rizzotti.

"I worked real hard trying to defend her, but she carried her team for the stretch," Rizzotti said. "She's definitely the hardest player I've had to defend all year. She's a lot bigger than I am, a lot stronger, real quick. I tried to make her get hectic and crazy a little bit, but in the second half, she stayed in control."

The game got a little hectic for UNC with 7:43 left in the second half when 6-foot-7 UConn center Kara Wolters hit a layup to clip UNC's lead to four points.

In the next 3 1/2 minutes, Sampson had two steals, two assists and a 3-pointer to expand the Tar Heel lead to eight points with just 4:16 left.

Sampson did almost everything to help send UNC to its first-ever Final Four.

Her line for the game: 30 points on 11-of-21 shooting, seven rebounds, four assists, six steals, two blocks and just two turnovers. Sampson's six steals and four 3-pointers tied East Region records.

UConn head coach Geno Auriemma might as well have been talking about Sampson specifically when he talked about the matchup problems the Huskies had with the Tar Heels.

"We've played teams that are as quick, but not as quick and strong," Auriemma said. "It's hard to simulate that in practice. I don't know how you prepare to play against a team like that unless you can match up with them physically."

But Sampson, a senior guard from Clinton, said the Huskies weren't the only team that had had trouble defending her, in part because she learned the game from playing mostly against boys.

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Trustees Vote to Increase Fees for Students, Parking

BY HOLLY STEPP
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

UNC's Board of Trustees voted Friday to increase student fees by about \$80 for most undergraduates; other fees approved include a \$500 "quality fee" for master's students at the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

The increased fees, which were proposed by the chancellor's student fee committee, are about 12.4 percent higher than this year's fees and will cover the actual costs of maintaining some University programs, said Wayne Jones, vice chancellor for business and finance.

BOT Vice Chairwoman Annette Wood said the board should not be overly concerned about the increase in fees because UNC ranked well in comparison to other UNC-system schools.

"We need to be concerned each time we raise fees, but we also need to be realistic," Wood said.

"UNC ranks 13th among other UNC schools in terms of the amount of fees collected," she said.

UNC-Greensboro collects \$871 in fees (the most in the UNC system), which includes a \$235 athletic fee. UNC charges \$573 in fees, including a \$60 athletic fee.

Only three UNC-system schools have lower fees than UNC. They are Winston-Salem State University, Pembroke State University and Fayetteville State University.

The fee increases come from a variety of areas, including an educational and technology fee, an athletic fee and the student

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Board to Vote On Admissions Policy Changes

BY HOLLY STEPP
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Students admitted to UNC with scores beneath the University's admissions standards no longer would be known as exceptions if the Board of Trustees approves a plan, drafted by Chancellor Paul Hardin, in May.

Hardin's plan will eliminate the required floors for admission into the University and no longer will require the University to identify students as academic exceptions to those numerical standards.

"Many of us around this table have noticed that this differs from the undergraduate admissions policies of most peer institutions and from our own policies for admission to graduate and professional schools at Carolina," Hardin told the board at its meeting Friday in the Morehead Planetarium.

The board, which wanted more time to study the changes, decided to delay any decision. The policy would take effect as soon as the board votes on it and would not affect any students already admitted into the University.

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Ryan Picked As Next DTH Editor

BY MARTY MINCHIN
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After more than an hour of deliberation Saturday, the 1994 Daily Tar Heel editor selection board chose junior Kelly Ryan as the next DTH editor by a vote of 10-1.

"My initial reaction was one of complete shock and excitement," said Ryan, who currently serves as DTH city editor. "After I got the phone call, the first thing I thought was 'God, now everything starts.'"

Sophomore Holly Stepp, DTH University editor, sophomore Peter Roybal, design coordinator for Diversions — the DTH's weekly arts and entertainment section; and freshman Steven Boussios also applied for the position.

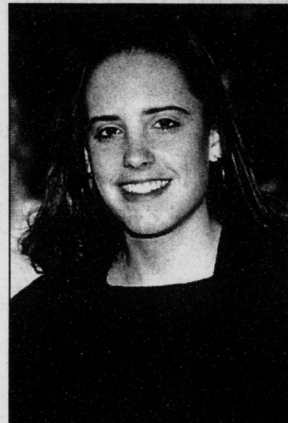
The selection board was composed of eight at-large students and a DTH desk editor, an assistant desk editor and a staff writer. The DTH Board of Directors chose the at-large members from a pool of 21 applicants, and the DTH staff voted for its representatives Wednesday night.

In an official statement released by the selection board, the members said they voted for Ryan because of her experience and her ideas for changing the newspaper.

"We believe that Kelly's outstanding vision, experience and performance as city desk editor make her the most qualified applicant Through creating an atmosphere of learning at the paper and returning what she calls 'heart and personality' to the DTH, Kelly will be an effective editor."

Selection board member Carl Clark, a senior from Fuquay-Varina, said he voted for Ryan because of her experience and ideas. "She has a personal dedication to what I perceived to be the chief mission of the DTH — the ability to provide an atmosphere in which to train students with experience they can use in journalism."

Selection board member Amy Joyner, a



Junior KELLY RYAN will begin her term as 1994-95 DTH editor in May.

junior from Haw River, said she was most impressed with Ryan's journalistic abilities. "I was really impressed with her experience and what we called 'vision' for the paper," she said. "I think she is a good writer and a good reporter, and I think that translates into being a good editor."

The selection board conducted an hour-long interview with each candidate Saturday. The initial vote did not produce the necessary eight votes, so members decided to eliminate the candidates with the fewest votes. The board then debated the qualifications of the two top vote-getters, Ryan and Stepp, for about an hour before taking the final vote.

"I think there were two very qualified candidates for the position," said board member Jason Richardson, DTH editorial page editor. "The decision between the

two of them was very difficult, but I thought that, at this time, Kelly Ryan's experience made her the better qualified candidate."

DTH Editor Yi-Hsin Chang said she thought Ryan would make an excellent editor. "I have a lot of confidence in Kelly's ability as a leader and as a journalist. I think she'll do a great job as DTH editor."

Chang said the selection process ran smoothly this year. This is the second year the DTH editor has been chosen by a selection board rather than through a campuswide election.

Stepp said she respected the editor selection process. "If the selection board felt that Kelly was the most qualified candidate, I respect that," Stepp said she had not decided on her plans for next year but would concentrate on her job as University editor for the rest of the semester.

Roybal also said he thought the editor selection process was a fair one. "I thought they made a good choice," he said. "I thought it was a fair process."

Boussios could not be reached for comment Sunday.

Ryan said her first tasks as editor-select would be to hold interviews for desk editor positions and to assemble a team of recruitment officers to help diversify the staff. She plans to step down from her position as city editor this week to prepare for her term as editor, which begins in May.

The biggest change Ryan wants to implement at the DTH is to improve the paper's handling of news, she said.

"I'm not looking to change the design of the paper but to put more news in the design," she said. "I'm looking for (news coverage) to be more aggressive."

The other selection board members were Kelly Breen, Angela Byrd, Sam Guo, Jackie Hershkowitz, Elizabeth Maybach, Jennifer Mueller, Tom Schaller and Rachael Sullivan.

I think the win came down to whoever had the biggest heart.

Tonya Sampson