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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### Southern California Floods Force Many From Homes

LOS ANGELES — Mud oozed from the hills as an inch-an-hour deluge swamped Southern California roadways and neighborhoods Tuesday, forcing people to leave homes and abandon cars mired in window-deep water. Helicopters plucked some homeless people and others from the rushing water.

Forecasters said they foresaw no real break all week in the wet weather pattern that has forced thousands of evacuations and brought havoc to northern and southern California and Oregon.

Three deaths were blamed on trees and power lines falling on vehicles, one in Monterey County, one in Sonoma County and one in southwestern Oregon. One homeless man said he had watched a friend being washed away in the Los Angeles area.

### Chechen Cease-Fire Fails, Mass Fighting Continues

GROZNY, Russia — Chechen rebels scrambled Tuesday to bury comrades' white-shrouded corpses and reinforce their presidential palace during a cease-fire that collapsed in hours, heralding more fighting ahead.

The proposed 48-hour truce, announced by Moscow early Tuesday, was designed to allow both sides to gather dead and wounded while civilians fled Grozny.

But it proved a fleeting pause in the battle for the Chechen capital, devastated by a monthlong siege and 11 days of a Russian ground attack launched to quell a secessionist uprising.

Sniper fire sounded throughout the truce, which crumbled after four hours when salvos of Russian artillery slammed into the city center. Each side immediately blamed the other.

### Strong Earthquake Rocks The Southern China Coast

HONG KONG — An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.2 struck Tuesday off the coast of southern China, the second quake to hit the area in less than two weeks.

A dispatch by China's official Xinhua News Agency mentioned no casualties. It said residents described the shaking as more violent than a quake in the same area Dec. 31.

That quake, also with a magnitude of 6.2, injured 50 people.

Tuesday's quake in the Gulf of Tonkin was recorded at 6:11 p.m. and was centered 74 miles west-northwest of the coastal city of Haikou on Hainan Island, the Royal Hong Kong Observatory said.

It said some Hong Kong residents had felt the 30-second tremor.

A quake with a magnitude of 6 can cause heavy damage in populated areas.

### Serb Forces Vow to Open Sarajevo Access Roads

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian Serbs promised Tuesday to end their blockade of Sarajevo, lending an upbeat note to a day when new fighting and diplomatic conflict threatened a lasting truce.

The Serbs, however, continued to demand that the government army vacate key positions overlooking Sarajevo. The unspoken threat was clear: Even if the Serbs keep their promise, they can blockade Sarajevo anew unless their demands are met.

If the Serbs open roads linking Sarajevo with other government-held territory, they would be meeting some terms of a planned four-month truce signed Dec. 31.

### Israelis Launch Campaign To Expand Settlements

ELKANA, West Bank — Jewish settlers launched an expansion campaign Tuesday in the occupied West Bank, facing off against the army and Palestinian demonstrators in a fight that threatens to further disrupt peace talks.

In Jerusalem, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel wanted to keep key areas of the West Bank in addition to Jerusalem as part of any final agreement with the Palestinians.

Tractors started leveling about seven acres of land near Elkana in the northern West Bank in what settlers said would be a new neighborhood, although it is about a mile from Elkana.

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### Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy; high mid-50s.  
THURSDAY: Mostly cloudy; high low 60s.

## NCAA to Debate 30-Day Rule

### College Coaches, Pro Scouts Say Underclassmen Hurt By Basketball Return Clause

BY JACSON LOWE  
SENIOR WRITER

North Carolina head coach Mack Brown lost two talented players Monday when Curtis Johnson and Greg Black decided to make themselves eligible for the NFL draft. Due to NCAA rules, the decision disallows the two from returning for their senior season, no matter the results of the draft.

There's another head coach at UNC who has some pretty talented underclassmen competing on the hardwood, and they have NBA scouts and agents chomping at the bit.

However, thanks to an exemption passed at last year's NCAA convention, Dean Smith may not lose Rasheed Wallace or Jerry Stackhouse if they decide to de-

clare their professional eligibility — unless some folks out on the West coast get their way.

New legislation, sponsored by each member of the Pacific 10 Conference, has been introduced at this week's NCAA convention in San Diego to rescind the rule that allows players to return to college 30 days after the draft if they are not happy with where they are drafted or are passed over.

The exception to NCAA rule 12.2.4.2 — which prohibits a player to return to college after declaring professional intentions — states:

"A student-athlete in the sport of basketball may enter a professional league's draft one time during his or her collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete declares his or her intention to resume intercollegiate participation within 30 days after the draft."

According to PAC-10 Assistant Commissioner Jim Muldoon, the exception that was passed one year ago today has good intentions, but those intentions aren't necessarily getting met.

"The intended spirit of the original rule is not what our coaches are opposed to," Muldoon said. "The thing that's not working well is it's not giving enough leverage — the players are still tied to the team that drafts them. It's also hard to recruit players not knowing who's going to be back."

According to the 1995 NCAA Convention Legislative Proposals Handbook, the PAC-10 members have two major gripes with the legislation as it now stands. They feel if a player decides to enter the NBA draft, which takes place in late June, it does not leave them adequate time to recruit other incoming players.

Their second point says that the assumption a student-athlete will not use an agent in the draft process is "naive." This



DEAN SMITH hopes the NCAA keeps the rule that allows underclassmen to return to school after declaring for the draft.

week, representative's from all three NCAA divisions will vote on the matter, and if a majority agrees with the rationale, the rule will be rescinded.

"The law originally came from the Professional Sports-Liaison Committee," said Steve Lyons, an NCAA legislation representative. "They think it provides the student-athlete the opportunity to access the draft and gives them the right to determine their market value without losing their eligibility."

Last year, only two underclassmen of the 12 drafted decided to use the rule. Minnesota's Voshon Lenard, drafted 46th overall by Milwaukee, and Georgia's Charles Claxton, taken by Phoenix as the 50th pick, both returned to school this year.

Milwaukee head coach Mike Dunleavy encouraged Lenard to return for his senior season instead of settling for a minimum contract of \$150,000. According to some people involved in the pro ranks, it's a no-lose situation for the NBA.

"You can look at it two ways: You can

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## SBP Staff Moves to End Probe

BY ADAM GUSMAN  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Members of the executive branch said they planned to file a complaint in the Student Supreme Court today seeking a permanent end to the Student Congress Finance Committee's investigation of their financial dealings.

Executive branch leaders said Tuesday that they thought a recently completed annual audit of the student government records had proved the soundness of their financial dealings.

"If an independent auditor says we're clean, then I trust him more than (finance committee Chairman) Tom Lyon or anyone else," Student Body Co-secretary Lee Conner said.

Student Body President George Battle said, "It only makes sense to have an auditor who is not part of the executive branch or of student government and is paid to do nothing but look at finances."

Lyon and Kevin Hunter, legal counsel to the finance committee's investigation, had searched through the executive branch's books themselves before the semester break.

Lyon said the questions raised by his investigation were unanswered by the independent audit. "It has nothing to do with our investigation, which has nothing to do with whether numbers match up," he said. "It has to do with the allocation and disbursement of funds."

Lyon said the Student Supreme Court had no jurisdiction over the finance committee because they did not pass laws but simply made recommendations to the full congress.

The complaint filed by the executive branch contains three major points: continuation of the temporary restraining order against the investigation, a permanent injunction forbidding such an investigation and a written opinion on the legality of a similar investigation in the future.

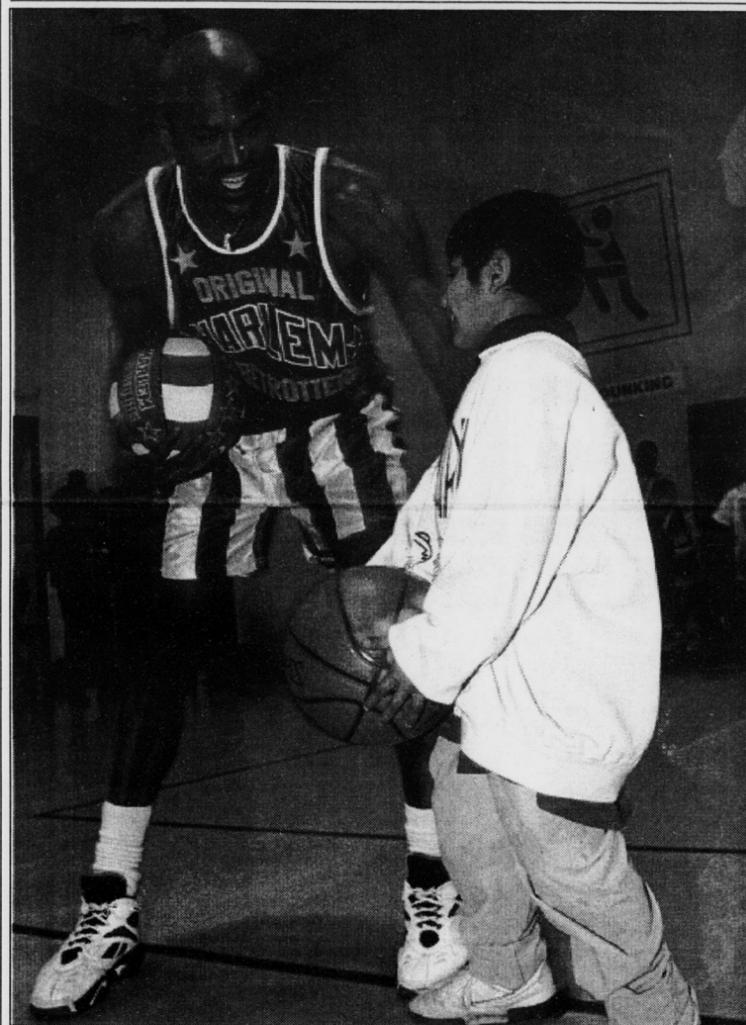
Several executive branch members said they thought investigations of the type Lyon's committee had organized were beyond the scope of the finance committee's powers.

"The finance committee is really out of their realm when they're not debating dollar amounts but processes," said Philip Charles-Pierre, Battle's chief of staff.

"When bills are signed and how bills are processed are matters that the rules and judiciary committee would investigate," Conner said.

Conner cited the role of the finance committee as defined by the Student Government Code: "The finance committee shall consider legislation pertaining to the generation and allocation of funds and the establishment of budgets."

Conner also disputed Lyon's earlier claim that the investigation was not a legal



Kelvin Hildreth of the Harlem Globetrotters helps Robert Cordo, 7, of Chapel Hill during a relay race at the YMCA on Tuesday. Hildreth taught ball-handling skills, which the children got to practice during the race.

## Hoopster Thrills Kids, Adults Alike

BY RYAN THORNBURG  
CITY EDITOR

The Harlem Globetrotters are in town. Not only to trounce their traditional rivals, The Washington Generals, but to encourage local youth "to score a slam dunk in life."

Kelvin Hildreth spoke to a group of about 50 youngsters from the Volunteers for Youth Program and the Chapel Hill YMCA's Pine Knolls Afterschool Program Tuesday night at the YMCA on Airport Road.

From 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Hildreth showed the kids and their parents a small sample from the Globetrotters' bag of tricks. "You call them tricks, we call them ball-handling skills," Hildreth said.

Carolyn Harris brought her 8-year-old son, Chris, to see the famous hoopster but said she was just as excited as he was to see a Globetrotter perform live. "I grew up with the Harlem Globetrotters," she said.

Harris said that her son was a big fan of the NBA but that he was not yet very familiar with the Globetrotters. Still, Chris could not wait for Hildreth's arrival, she said.

"All week he's been asking, 'Is today the day?'" Harris said. Chris wasn't the only one who was more familiar with Tar Heel stars of the last decade than with members of the Globetrotters, a team that has been around since 1927.

"On the back of your shirt, is that 23?" asked 7-year-old Kenneth Jones, referring to Michael Jordan's number.

Hildreth came to Chapel Hill not only to show off a new trick shot he's been practicing (a shot on which he needs more practice) but also to encourage children to stay in school and stay away from drugs.

"The real reason I'm here is not just because I do tricks," he said. "One of the true reasons I came to North Carolina is that I knew I could talk to young people. That's what I believe I was put on earth to do."

Scotti Cowan, resource development director for the United Way of Greater Orange County, said the Globetrotters often made community presentations when they played in a city with a United Way branch. She said the Greater Orange County United Way had set up the program with the Chapel Hill YMCA.

"The Globetrotters have a partnership with the United Way," Cowan said. "They believe in community service, and they believe in children."

Hildreth also spoke earlier in the day at Chapel Hill High School. He spoke to a group of freshman and sophomore students about why he was involved with the community and the United Way, Cowan said.

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## Future of UNC Land Use Discussed at Public Forum

BY DEAN HAIR  
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

The Public-Private Partnership of Chapel Hill sponsored a community forum Tuesday night to discuss the University's plans for its Horace Williams and Mason Farm tracts.

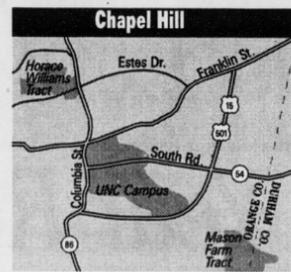
The comments regarding the 1,356-acre Mason Farm tract and the 970-acre Horace Williams tract were made at the Friday Center. The forum included members of the University administration, local governments and the public.

"The purpose of the planning effort is that UNC and UNC Hospitals have been growing and they are running out of room," said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor.

"The outlying properties are significant and need to be planned in an intelligent manner."

Last night's forum was the second in a series of six that are dispersed between each of the five phases of Michigan firm Johnson, Johnson and Roy Inc.'s land-use framework plan.

Richard Rigerink, project manager of JJR, believes the forums are very important means for the public and the Univer-



City to convey information to the consulting firm.

"We are beginning to pool information for the next phase," Rigerink said. "We are going to find developmental and nondevelopmental areas as well as locate sensible natural environmental areas to be identified as resources to be considered."

The University does not have any preconceived ideas about these properties, he said.

"There are no bulldozers sitting idle waiting to develop," Rigerink said.

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## Faculty Down on Upper-Level Dome Seats

BY CHRISTINA MASSEY  
STAFF WRITER

A new system for distributing basketball tickets to faculty and staff is shaking things up a bit for the slightly older basketball fans on campus.

While they won't be camping out in order to get their Smith Center seats, some faculty members have voiced complaints about the new system.

Under the new seating plan, faculty and staff tickets are distributed randomly rather than by position in the University as they were in the past, said Frederick Mueller, chairman of the faculty committee on athletics. "The formula for seating changed," he said. "Before, rank was considered in determining seats. For example, if you were a full professor, you had better seats than a secretary. Now, rank is no longer a part of the formula, and a full professor has equal seating status to a secretary."

The change in seating status has led to complaints from faculty members who lost their more desirable seats, Mueller said. "Some people who sat downstairs moved up, and some people moved farther back," he said. "As a result, some people have complained, especially those who lost their downstairs seats."

All complaints were directed to Daren Lucas, the Smith Center ticket manager, Mueller said. "I have heard no complaints

personally, but I do know that all complaints were sent to the ticket manager."

Lucas could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Townsend Ludington, a member of the faculty committee on athletics, said the change in seating status had been made primarily to benefit the staff. "We changed the seating in order to help the staff in their interests to have better seating," he said.

Mueller also said that the change had been made to give staff members more privileges. "We are trying to equalize priorities between faculty and staff," he said. Ludington said the new seating changes were not drastic, all complaints to the contrary. "We went back to the formula used five years ago, before seniority became the issue," he said. "By and large, people did not suffer to a great degree. In fact, some faculty members have the same seats as before, and to my knowledge only 15 to 20 people have actually complained."

Ludington said he felt the faculty committee had handled this situation as well as it could. "There is no perfect answer to this problem," he said. "We decided to let the staff have some of the same advantages as the faculty, and I think that was a good decision. Everyone has to bend a little and give a little, but people can still see the basketball game."

Jane Brown, chairwoman of the Faculty Council, said she thought very

few faculty members had received worse seats than usual. "As far as I can tell, only a few faculty were affected dramatically," Brown said. "There's always some movement every year."

Brown also said that she did not consider faculty seating at basketball games to be a serious issue in need of attention.

Jeff Elliott, associate athletic director, said the decision to alter faculty seating status was made last year by the faculty committee on athletics and the Smith Center ticket manager. "We rely completely on what the faculty committee on athletics tells us," he said. "They met with Daren Lucas, the ticket manager, last year and jointly decided to change faculty seating, causing some faculty members to sit farther from the court than before."

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What you eat standing up doesn't count.

Beth Barnes