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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### U.S. Beefing Up Security Forces in Guantanamo Bay

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Pentagon will send 3,000 soldiers to Panama and to Guantanamo Bay to increase security as it prepares to transfer thousands of Cuban refugees to the naval base on the southern tip of Cuba, officials said Wednesday.

About 1,200 soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., will go to Panama, while 1,800 soldiers from the 9th Infantry Regiment at Fort Lewis, Wash., will head to Guantanamo Bay by the end of the month, said a Pentagon spokesman, Army Maj. Rick Scott.

Panama has said it wants the refugee camps there closed by March 6, and U.S. officials expect to move most of the Cubans housed there to Guantanamo Bay well before that time.

### Private Plane Crashes Into Front Yard in Lumberton

LUMBERTON — A small plane crashed near the airport in Lumberton Wednesday, injuring the pilot.

The plane crashed in the yard of a home on West Fifth Street, according to Maj. Jesse Britt of the Robeson County Sheriff's Department.

A witness who had been traveling on Interstate 95 saw the plane losing speed as it crossed above the highway. It sheared power lines on the way down, creating a shower of electrical sparks.

The plane crashed into a parked car, but no one on the ground was hurt.

Fred Wycloff, 74, of Charlotte was taken to Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, where he was in serious condition.

### Chechen President Calls For Peace Amid Fighting

GROZNY, Russia — Dzhokar Dudayev, the fierce Chechen president who went into hiding when Russia began its ground assault on his capital, reappeared Wednesday, subdued and admitting his forces couldn't win.

Speaking to reporters, Dudayev called for peace talks with the Kremlin but made no specific proposals. In the past, he has demanded that Russian troops leave before peace talks begin.

While Dudayev spoke in a building on Grozny's outskirts, heavy fighting raged in the shattered heart of the city. Both sides blasted each other with artillery and rockets near the presidential palace that once was the center of Dudayev's independence drive.

### U.N. Tries to Implement Agreement in Yugoslavia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — U.N. officials, trying to keep renewed fighting from destroying Bosnia's flagging two-week-old truce, mediated talks Wednesday between enemies who refused to meet in person.

Government and Serb rebel commanders waited in separate rooms at Sarajevo airport while the U.N. commander, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, shuttled between them, trying to talk them into abiding by conditions of the cease-fire.

Fighting in northwestern Bosnia and Serb demands for government withdrawals from a strategic peak south of Sarajevo have undermined previous talks.

A U.N. military spokesman, Maj. Herve Gourmelon, said the commanders would discuss the continued fighting in the north-west Bihac enclave.

### Palestinians Hurl Rocks at Troops in Settlement Clash

KUFR DIEK, West Bank — Jewish settlers widened their expansion campaign in the occupied West Bank on Wednesday, prompting Palestinian protesters to stone Israeli troops after one fired a stun grenade into the crowd.

The clash near the Jewish settlement of Alei Zahav was the latest in an escalating battle between Israelis and Palestinians over West Bank land.

The settlers have launched an expansion campaign aimed at delaying the troop redeployment in the West Bank required under the Israel-PLO autonomy accord.

Redeployment negotiations are progressing slowly and are behind schedule, but Israel was expected to hand 70 percent to 80 percent of West Bank land to the Palestinians in a gradual troop pullout.

## Weather

TODAY: Mostly cloudy; high mid-60s.

FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy; high mid-60s.

# BOG May Delay Nondiscrimination Policy

BY NANCY FONTI  
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The Board of Governors Governance Subcommittee will decide today whether to include a revised policy forbidding discrimination based on age, sexual orientation and handicaps on all UNC-system campuses on the agenda for Friday's meeting of the Board of Governors.

The revised policy, which would expand to forbid discrimination based upon age, handicaps and sexual orientation in addition to race and religion, was originally scheduled for consideration last October, but the BOG postponed consideration of the resolution until this month.

The current nondiscrimination policies vary among the 16 UNC campuses although there is a policy in place for the entire system that forbids discrimination based on race and religion.

"I think there is a lot of support for the

amendment on the board," said Joseph Stallings, who chaired the BOG's Nondiscrimination Policy Subcommittee, which considered the amendment.

Stallings said he expected the BOG to pass the amendment by this summer.

"I want it (the policy) to pass, but it is almost more important to have a full discussion of the amendments," Stallings said. "It is important to have an enlightened and informed consensus rather than to rush to vote."

Although he said he did not expect the decision to pass unanimously, Stallings also said he had not yet heard any board member say that they would vote against the new policy.

"The purpose of the policy is to ensure that individuals within the university system are judged based on merit and not based on criteria that have nothing to do with performance within the university system," Stallings said.

However, not all members of the BOG feel the policy is valuable.

"I do not know of anybody within the University being discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation, and therefore I think the policy is unnecessary," said James Martin, former N.C. governor and current BOG member. "I'd like to find out more about what it means."

Martin said he would decide how to vote on the issue after the meaning of the term "sexual orientation" was made clearer

by other members of the BOG.

Stallings said the resolution should also be passed to establish a uniform policy for the 16 campuses of the UNC system. The policy would ensure that a policy preventing discrimination based on sexual orientation would be present on the six campuses that currently have no such policy, he said.

The new policy would also govern the general administration of the UNC system, Stallings said.

Chancellor Paul Hardin initiated the University's policy forbidding discrimination against sexual orientation.

"I don't think it is our business to interfere with this at other schools," Hardin said. "The policy has worked very well here, and I believe in it."

But when Hardin steps down in June, the University's new chancellor might not establish a new nondiscrimination policy. "The policy in place is the chancellor's

standing policy," said Calvin Cunningham, a member of the Association of Student Governments of the UNC system. "This is a policy which Paul Hardin issued... when Chancellor Hardin leaves, this policy leaves with him."

"This resolution will make the policy systemwide and not subject to the whims of the new chancellor," he added.

Cunningham also said the revision to the policy was widely supported by students, faculty and staff throughout the UNC-system campuses.

"(The ASG) voted unanimously to support the resolution — and that is rare," Cunningham said.

Although UNC-system President C.D. Spangler would not comment specifically on the proposed policy, he said that he supported the policy's principles.

"I'm not going to comment on the policy

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# Swat! UNC's Late Rally Extinguishes Pesky Yellow Jackets

BY STEVE ROBBLEE  
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Score one for Jeff McInnis in a matchup with one of the ACC's premier point guards.

No. 4 North Carolina knocked off No. 22 Georgia Tech 86-75 in large part because of McInnis' defense against Georgia Tech (9-5, 1-2 in the ACC) point guard Travis Best, holding him to 11 points on just 4-of-14 shooting.

"Jeff's very good defensively, and he took pride in playing what may be the best point guard in America," said UNC head coach Dean Smith. "We've got a good one, too."

As usual in the recent history of the North Carolina-Georgia Tech series at the Smith Center, the Tar Heels (11-1, 2-1) jumped out to an early lead — 41-25 at the half — and then the Yellow Jackets raced back.

Tech used a 9-0 run early in the second half to cut the margin to within seven, and then gradually cut the lead to 68-67 with 4:11 left before McInnis and Rasheed Wallace teamed up for six consecutive UNC points. On the last of those baskets, as the shot clock wound down, McInnis went one-on-one with Best and hit a running 15-foot jumper with seven seconds left on the shot clock.

The basket all but broke the backs of the Yellow Jackets as Tech was forced to put UNC on the line the rest of the way.

"In the first half it was bad," said Georgia Tech head coach Bobby Cremins. "It looked like we were totally out of sync.... I thought McInnis made a couple of big plays, and Wallace, of course, inside. But I was really proud of the comeback."

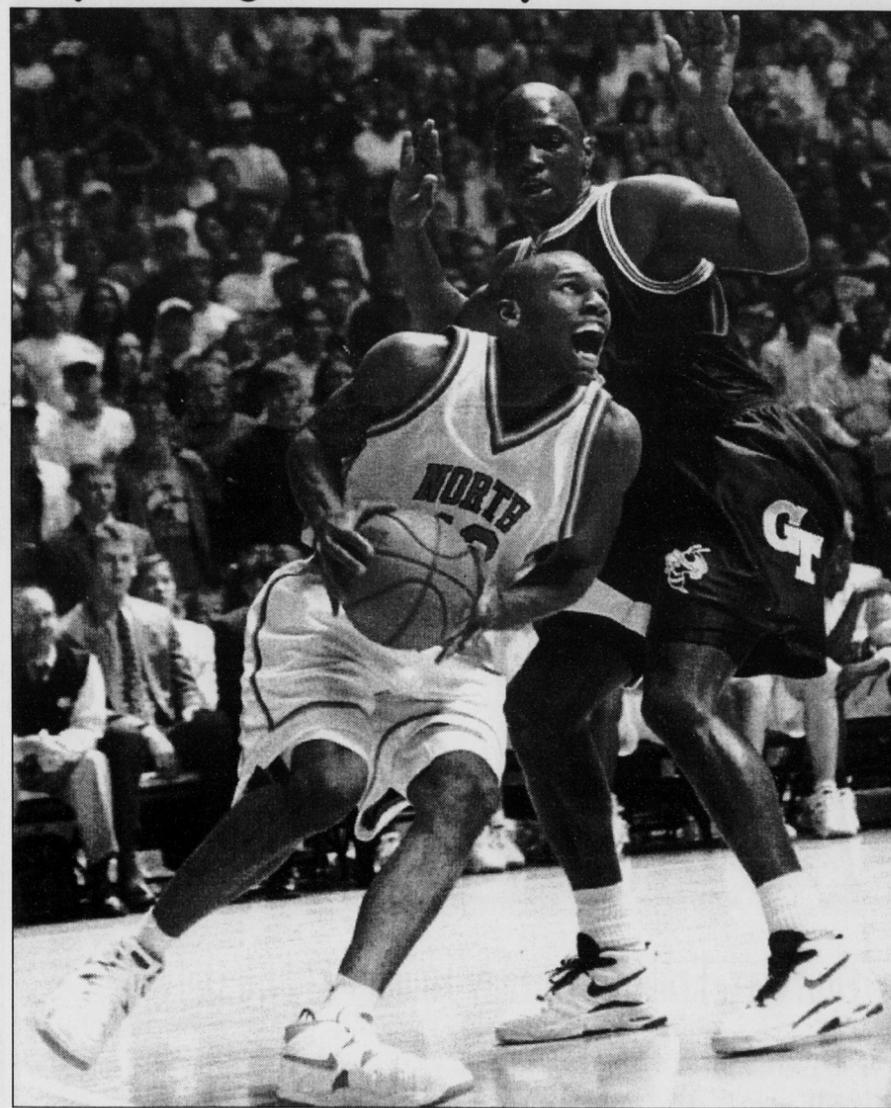
Best said: "I don't know what happened. Sometimes we just get off to slow starts."

In the first half, UNC stymied Tech's dynamic duo of Best and power forward James Forrest and held them to just seven points against the Tar Heels. Without freshman Matt Harpring's 12 first-half points, Tech would have been in an even deeper hole.

But Forrest — and to a lesser degree Best — helped Tech storm back.

"We knew they were going to make a run," said UNC forward Jerry Stackhouse. "When you have guys like Best and Forrest, those guys are going to compete."

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Jerry Stackhouse blows by Georgia Tech's James Forrest to score two of his 23 points in Wednesday night's contest. Stackhouse led the team in scoring in the Tar Heels' nail-biting win over the Yellow Jackets.

DTH/KATIE CANNON

# Students Already Entering SBP Race

BY WILL SAFER  
STAFF WRITER

Two of the students running for student body president in the upcoming elections will not be running against each other. Instead they are running a joint campaign to serve as student body co-presidents.

Jen Fiumara and Jeff Berkaw say they are running together because they believe two can do the job better than one.

"If anything, it will be more efficient than the way it's done now," Fiumara said Wednesday.

Fiumara said she and Berkaw had checked the Student Government Code and had found nothing that would prevent them from running for the position together.

Elections Board Chairwoman Erin Lewis said she saw no problem with having joint candidates for the one position.

"The CAA has had co-presidents," she said. "Nothing in the code says they cannot do this."

Two members of current Student Body President George Battle's Cabinet — Assistant Chief of Staff Calvin Cunningham and Stacey Brandenburg, co-secretary for academic affairs — are also running for student body president.

Fiumara said she expected some opposition to Berkaw and herself running a joint campaign. She also said she hoped students would be interested in the prospect of a shared student body presidency.

"They (the students) have a right to question whether we can work well together," she said. "We are running as co-SBP's because we think we can do the job better."

Some students said they thought there could be potential problems if two students were to share the top executive branch position.

"There could be some problems," said Student Congress Rules and Judiciary Committee member Amy Cummins, Dist. 22. "The duties seem to complicate a position held by two people."

Cummins said problems could arise over who would sign documents and how bills would be passed or vetoed.

"Bills need the SBP's signature," Cummins said. "Would just one count or would they need both?"

The student body president is also an ex officio member of all standing committees as well as of the Board of Trustees. It is unclear if the co-presidents would have to choose one committee on which to serve, if both could serve on all committees, or if the two would be able to alternate the duties.

Cummins indicated that there could also be questions about the order of succession or what the procedure would be if someone wanted to impeach the president. "Could one be removed, or would it have to be both?"

Cummins said that these issues would not necessarily be problems for the candidates but that some students could have

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## Editor's Note

The Daily Tar Heel needs you! DTH editors are looking for reporters, graphic artists, designers, copy editors, cartoonists and photographers for Sunday through Thursday shifts.

Enthusiasm and motivation are a must; no other experience is necessary, except for the graphics and photography desks.

Applications are available in the DTH office, which is located in the back of the Student Union in Suite 104.

All applications are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Please read the directions carefully and submit all additional information requested. Writing samples must be included to be considered for a position on a writing desk.

Contact desk editors for the photography, graphics, design, cartoon and copy editing desks for more information about what is required to apply.

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# Hardin: Edwards Refused To Settle

Edwards: Offers Required That She Resign Her Post At University Police

BY ADAM GUSMAN  
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Chancellor Paul Hardin said Wednesday that the University had offered Keith Edwards, the University police officer in the eighth year of a grievance against UNC for discrimination, a settlement in the case but that she had declined.

"It takes two sides to settle a case," Hardin said. "There have been continuing efforts to settle the case."

Edwards said Wednesday that any discussion of a settlement involved her resigning from the University Police department and promising never to apply for another position there. "I'm 44 years old, a black woman," Edwards said. "I've built up a 20-year retirement, and they want me to give it all up."

Edwards said she would not accept any settlement that required her to resign from the University Police department.

The chancellor declined to comment Wednesday on the merits of the case, but Hardin did say that after each court ruling in the Edwards saga he had brought the two sides together — Edwards and her attorneys, and the state — to try to reach a settlement.

"At every punctuation mark in this long case, I have brought the two sides together to try and reach a fair settlement."

Edwards said she was last contacted by UNC about a possible settlement in September. Most of the money from the settlement would have gone toward paying her legal fees, which are now estimated at more than \$150,000, Edwards said. She would have been left with less than two years' salary, she said. "We've never heard another word (from the University). If the University were serious about a settlement, they would have contacted us again."

McSurely said the University's refusal to consider any settlement without his client being forced to leave the department made further discussion on the matter difficult. "Keith's peers say that she's an excellent cop, and it's absurd that she should have to resign to end this case," McSurely said. "She was born and raised in Chapel Hill and could be a great asset to the University," he said. "Chancellor Hardin has said so himself."

McSurely suggested that Edwards could even take on extra responsibilities working with crime prevention issues and community outreach. Edwards said that she was offered \$65,000 in 1989 but that that settlement would have included no admission of wrongdoing from the University so she nixed the possible deal.

McSurely said the University often offered settlements to avoid the stigma of discrimination. "If anyone ever gets themselves a good lawyer and pushes it hard, then the University offers them enough money to settle, and thus they can brag to everybody that they've never discriminated against anybody."

Special Deputy Attorney General Tom Ziko wrote a letter Tuesday to C. Thomas Sobel, chairman of the State Personnel Commission, asking the SPC to award University Police officer Keith Edwards

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Every day is a new beginning ... and a chance to blow it.

Cathy Guisewite