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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Storm of Century Cuts Off Monterey Communities

SAN FRANCISCO — Floods washed out all roads into the Monterey Peninsula on Sunday as waterlogged California struggled to recover from storms that battered two-thirds of the state.

At least eight people died in five days of flooding, and five more are missing after driving into a rain-swollen creek when an Interstate 5 bridge collapsed in central California.

In Monterey County, thousands of people left their homes overnight as the Salinas and Pajaro rivers inundated some of the nation's richest farmlands, the site of John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath."

The flooding cut off the communities around Monterey, about 100 miles south of San Francisco.

Sarajevo Shellings Worst Since Cease-Fire Signing

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — At least five people were killed by shelling or sniper fire this weekend in what one U.N. official on Sunday called the worst violence in the capital since a cease-fire took effect this year.

The city was placed on general alert after gunfire struck a plane carrying Yasushi Akashi, the top U.N. official in former Yugoslavia, Sunday morning.

Akashi, arriving in Sarajevo to seek renewed commitment to the Jan. 1 truce, appeared unperturbed. "Nobody can intimidate me with this kind of thing," he said, but he admitted he was not optimistic about extending the cease-fire beyond its May 1 expiration date. Among those killed during the weekend were two girls shot Saturday in a Serb-held neighborhood.

John Major Promises Aid To PLO, Trade With Israel

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister John Major, making only the second trip to Israel by a British leader, said Sunday that Britain would contribute to Mideast peace through closer trade ties to Israel and aid to the Palestinians.

He also took a verbal swipe at Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, who arrived Saturday in New York for a fund-raising trip that will include a meeting with President Clinton on St. Patrick's Day.

Major was asked why he would not welcome a meeting between Clinton and Adams, whose party is allied with the Irish Republican Army, if he was willing to meet with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Accompanying Major were 30 top British businessmen, including officials of companies that used to obey the Arab boycott of Israel.

Panetta Reacts to Media Treatment of CIA Nominee

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Speaking in the aftermath of another nomination that went astray, White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta on Sunday decried what he said was the tabloid atmosphere that punished those seeking public office.

Panetta's comments came a day after President Clinton moved to head off another nomination misadventure by naming Deputy Defense Secretary John Deutch to be the next CIA director. His first choice, retired Air Force Gen. Michael P. C. Cams, withdrew his nomination Friday after admitting the hiring of an immigrant worker.

Panetta denied this was another misstep among Clinton's nominations, including Zoe Baird for attorney general, Bobby Ray Inman for defense secretary and Henry Foster for surgeon general.

Government Drives Militia From Kabul, Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan — Government forces drove a rival Islamic militia out of Kabul's southern suburbs Sunday after nearly a week of ferocious fighting that has killed or wounded almost 1,000 people.

Presidential troops were reported to be advancing on the headquarters of the Taliban, a new force made up of religious students, at Charasyab, 18 miles south of Kabul.

Government fighter jets screamed overhead as ground forces fired hundreds of rounds of artillery and mortar fire at retreating Taliban fighters.

Pakistan Television quoted President Burhanuddin Rabbani as saying the Taliban had been pushed almost nine miles outside the capital.

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Weather

TODAY: Clear, sunny; high 72.

TUESDAY: Sunny; high near 70.

More OT — But No More Heroics

Childress' 37 Points Too Much For UNC as Wake Wins ACC

BY STEVE ROBBLEE
SENIOR WRITER

GREENSBORO — It was one of those games that North Carolina was supposed to win.

The Tar Heels had more ACC Tournament experience than Wake Forest. They were the former No. 1 team in the nation and had won the ACC Tournament 13 times, compared with Wake Forest's two titles. They were the team of great comebacks — including one at Wake Forest earlier this year.

The Tar Heels' comeback attempt Sunday came up short for only one reason: Wake Forest guard Randolph Childress.

Childress scored an ACC Tournament-record 107 points in three games — including 37 in the final — to push the Demon Deacons past the Tar Heels 82-80 before 23,311 at the Greensboro Coliseum. It was the Deacons' first ACC Tournament Championship since 1962.

Jerry Stackhouse and Donald Williams kept the Tar Heels in the game and hit the big shots when North Carolina needed points in the final minutes. Stackhouse had 24 points, and Williams added 20 for the Tar Heels to keep the game close. Neither team led by more than seven points.

"It was obvious early on that neither team would run away with it," Wake Forest head coach Dave Odom said. "Our defense was better early, theirs was better down the stretch in the first half."

The Tar Heels dropped to 24-5 and will be the No. 2 seed in the Southeast Region. They will play Murray State Friday in Tallahassee, Fla.

The win gave Wake Forest a 24-5 record heading into the NCAA Tournament and earned the Demon Deacons the No. 1 seed in the NCAA's East Region for the first time in school history.

Wake Forest needed all 37 points from Childress to earn that No. 1 seed. He scored all nine of Wake's points in the overtime period, and his game-winning, tournament-



UNC Nabs No. 2 Seed

UNC will play Murray State, the 15th seed, Friday in Tallahassee, Fla. For men's and women's NCAA brackets, see pages 4 and 5. For more ACC coverage, see page 10.

record-breaking basket came with four seconds left in overtime.

Even then the Tar Heels still had another chance to win.

UNC had the ball at midcourt with three seconds left, down two points and still had one other problem — Wake Forest still had fouls to give. The Tar Heels had to get a shot off before Wake could foul. Stackhouse, who hit a 3 with 4.5 seconds left to send the game into overtime, would get a chance to win it in the final seconds.

"The play was to go to Jerry," UNC head coach Dean Smith said. "We knew they had a foul to give, which is highly unusual in overtime. And they were probably going to use it, so that's why we were really going for three. They didn't dare foul in the act of shooting."

"Jerry didn't get a real good look, but I thought he might."

Stackhouse's shot hit the rim, and Pearce Landry had a chance to tie with a tip just before the buzzer but missed.

Landry was in the game in part because Rasheed Wallace did not play after spraining his ankle with 7:41 left in regulation.

Without Wallace, the Tar Heels' post offense wilted.

"He's such a great scorer, first of all," said UNC forward Pat Sullivan. "Second of all, he draws two or three guys every time he touches the ball. It opens up a lot for the perimeter guys. After he went down, it was almost like we were one-dimen-

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Scooter Banks (34) and his fellow Demon Deacons prevented Jerry Stackhouse (42) and the Tar Heels from winning their second-straight ACC crown. Wake Forest, led by Randolph Childress' 37 points, won its first title since 1962.

UNC Women Paste Duke for ACC Title

BY JUSTIN SCHEEF
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ROCK HILL, S.C. — The North Carolina women's basketball team was determined to make a point at last weekend's ACC Tournament. Mission accomplished.

First, the team had lost four games in the regular season and some observers hinted that the team was not the same caliber as last year's national championship squad.

Second, the Tar Heels disagreed with the choice of Virginia's Wendy Palmer as the ACC Player of the Year. They thought UNC's Charlotte Smith deserved the award.

The Tar Heels proved themselves on both accounts as they won the tournament by smashing Duke 95-70, and Smith took home her second-straight MVP trophy by averaging 23.3 points and 11 rebounds in the three

games. It was UNC's second-consecutive ACC Championship and third overall.

"We came down here on a mission, to make a statement," said UNC head coach Sylvia Hatchell. "I hope we've done that. ... We just wanted to come down here and play the best ball we've played all year — just prove to people that we are a better team than some people were giving us credit for."

Smith said: "With the way everybody performed today, I'm really excited because everybody came out. Right now, I just feel like we're on the mountaintop."

The second-seeded Tar Heels (28-4) advanced to the tournament final by avenging a double-overtime loss to N.C. State 90-71 and cruising by Wake Forest 71-51.

No. 4 Duke (21-8) came back from 20 points down to upset top-seeded Virginia in the semifinals, 83-82 in overtime. Duke's Kira Orr hit two buzzer-beaters, one to send the game to overtime and one to win.

But the Blue Devils' magic ran out Sunday as a 17-0 Tar Heel run in the second half turned a 48-47 UNC advantage into a 65-47 bulge.

"It's always tough when a team gets hot like that," said Duke center Alison Day. "It just seemed like they could do no wrong, and we couldn't buy a basket."

It didn't just seem like that, it was true. In the four-minute run starting at 15:08 of the second half, UNC made 6-of-8 shots while Duke missed all five of its shots and committed four turnovers.

"In our timeouts, we talked about defense because they were making all their shots, so they were able to set their defense, and they played a triangle-and-2," Hatchell said. "So we had to heat up our defense to make them miss a shot so we could get our transition game going."

And when UNC gets its fast break in gear, watch out. From that point on, Duke couldn't catch up.

"I kept waiting for us to make a run, waiting and waiting. I'm still waiting," said Duke coach Gail Goetseniors. "We've been able to dig a little deeper and make a run. It just wasn't there."

It just was UNC's day, as the dynamic

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Interim Chancellor Will Be Recommended If Needed

BY ADAM GUSMAN
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The University's chancellor search committee would not shy away from appointing an interim chancellor if necessary, search committee Chairman Johnny Harris said March 3.

Still, Harris said the committee would probably finish its task on schedule and submit two or three names to the Board of Trustees as potential successors for Chancellor Paul Hardin, who will step down in June.

"I still think we have enough time, but if an interim chancellor is necessary, then that's what's necessary," Harris said.

"Nobody on that committee is frightened of an interim chancellor. We're not going to be buttonholed into doing something we don't want to do."

The search committee has not pored down the field of potential chancellor can-

didates significantly in the last few months, he said. "We continue to have a number of people we are considering," Harris said. "I think we're in about the same place as December."

The search committee is still in the process of receiving nominations for the position, he said. "We received, within the past couple of weeks, five new nominations. There are some interesting individuals among them. We wouldn't have thought about one in particular (before the candidate was nominated)."

Harris cited factors that had complicated the search process. "This is a time of great turmoil in higher education," he said. "There is an increased pressure on higher education for alternative sources of financing. Where there is teaching and service and research in one place, such as at Chapel Hill, accountability is important."

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District Awaits Service Requirement Decision

BY JENNIFER FREER
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A U.S. District Court judge heard arguments last week in Greensboro from the Institute for Justice and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools debating the constitutionality of the district's community service requirement.

"The judge won't make a decision in the immediate future," said Neil Pedersen, superintendent of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. "He will make a decision by the end of the school year."

The school district's attorney, John McCormick, was not surprised by the judge's decision. McCormick said the decision was normal procedure.

Judge Frank Bullock Jr. heard the case, in which two Chapel Hill High School students claim the district's requirement of 50 hours of community service violates their constitutional rights.

Attorney Scott Bullock from the libertarian Institute for Justice argued against the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools on behalf of students Aric Herndon and John

Reinhard.

Students from ninth to 12th grades who enrolled in 1993 or after are required to select an activity from more than 200 preapproved agencies on and off campus, said Beth Ansley, director of the Service Learning program. After the completion of each activity, students write a reflection of their experience, she said.

In January, a U.S. District Court decided in favor of the Rye Neck, N.Y., school system that the program was constitutional.

"I am optimistic it will be decided in our favor," Pedersen said. "The judge seemed well-versed in the issue and interested. You couldn't tell from the judge's questions which way he was leaning. But, because of past decisions for the school board in this issue, I am optimistic."

McCormick said he thought the school board was within its rights to require the service-learning program.

"It's not a novel idea," McCormick said. "Twenty-five percent of schools in the country require or offer service programs. It's a clear educational benefit, and

the school system has the power to implement programs for educational benefit."

Pedersen said the Board of Education didn't plan to change anything about the two-year-old service program because of the court case.

Earlier in the school year, the board simplified the program's guidelines and record-keeping process, Pedersen said.

"I think we are doing the right thing," Ansley said. "The definition of service learning is teaching, learning and connecting the social issues in the process."

Pick the Next Editor

The Daily Tar Heel is giving you one last chance to be a member of the editor selection board.

The application deadline has been extended to noon Friday, so pick up an application today in Union Suite 104. Any student who is not an officer in an officially recognized student organization can apply for one of eight at-large spots. Contact Editor Kelly Ryan at 962-0245 with any questions.

Winning is overemphasized. The only time it is really important is in surgery and war.

Al McGuire