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Rumors Untrue: Torbush to Stay at UNC

By BRIAN MURPHY
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Dick Baddour ended days of speculation with a simple sentence.

"The University of North Carolina will retain Carl Torbush as the head coach of the football program," UNC's director of athletics said to open Monday's press conference.

Following the statement, Torbush's players, friends and fellow coaches stood and applauded in the Koury Natatorium's Bowles Room.

Such a scene seemed impossible Friday when many local and national

media reported that Torbush had been fired and would coach his final game Saturday against Duke.

But the Tar Heels' 38-0 victory and an impassioned plea from players following the contest obviously had an impact on the final decision, which Baddour said was made Sunday.

"I've been fired since Friday," Torbush said. "You all sold all those papers on Thursday and Friday. So this is probably not going to be as exciting as

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it was on Thursday and Friday."

But after the last few days, Torbush said he could live without any excitement. The coach, who will still work under his original five-year contract, said he was taking the next five days off.

Torbush said that when he returned from the Thanksgiving holiday, he would begin critiquing and evaluating his staff. He and Baddour said the composition of Torbush's staff next year was completely up to him.

Much of the talk concerning Torbush's staff centers on offensive coordinator Steve Marshall. But Torbush said the entire staff would be examined.

"We'll evaluate every part of the program, and we do that every year," Torbush said. "When the time comes to discuss those things, I'll be the first one to discuss it."

Torbush and his staff have been under fire much of the year. The Tar Heels began the season 1-1 and then dropped seven games in a row.

After the season's fifth game, an overtime loss to Georgia Tech, Baddour issued the coaching staff a vote of confidence. But embarrassing losses to Houston, Maryland and Division I-AA Furman seemed to change Baddour's

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UNC football coach Carl Torbush (left) smiles alongside Director of Athletics Dick Baddour after Baddour announced Torbush's return.

Police Arrest Student in Morrison Fire

By LAUREN BEAL
Staff Writer

University Police charged a UNC junior with one count of first-degree arson after another fire forced students out of Morrison Residence Hall early Monday morning.

Morrison resident Daniel

Suspect's Friends Say Police Pegged Wrong Man
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Timothy Sarrell, 19, is being held at Orange County Jail under a \$250,000 secured bond. The political science major from Arden was arrested in connection with a 4:15 a.m. blaze Monday, the



Daniel Sarrell

fourth fire in five days at Morrison.

The Monday morning fire originated in the sixth-floor TV lounge, according to police reports. Students were evacuated for nearly an hour while the Chapel Hill Fire Department extinguished the fire and cleared smoke from the sixth and seventh floors.

University Police Chief Derek Poarch said the use of surveillance techniques led to Sarrell's arrest. He would not comment on specifics of the investiga-

tion. "I will just say there were several different surveillance techniques being used."

While Sarrell was charged with only one count of arson, Poarch said investigators were continuing to look into connections with the previous three fires.

"Investigations are continuing," he said. "(Sarrell) is certainly a suspect."

As Sarrell awaits his Orange County Superior Court date, University officials will also review his case.

Sue Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said cases involving possible danger or threat to the student or others were handled by the Emergency Disciplinary Action Committee.

Committee members have the authority to take a course of action, which could include suspension, against the student pending a hearing, Kitchen said. She said the committee generally tried to make a

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UNC Award To Finance Services

The \$88 million grant sets the record as the largest award in the history of UNC and of the system.

By KATE MACEK
Staff Writer

University officials announced a historic \$88 million federal government award to a UNC international health program Monday — almost two months after they received the money.

"It just took us this long to put it together," said Dr. James Lea, the director of the International Training and Health program and of the UNC School of Medicine's Office of International Affairs.

The award sets the record as the largest in the University's 206-year history and the history of the UNC-system.

The U.S. Agency for International Development and the University's program for INTRAH will work together on the five-year cooperative agreement, UNC School of Medicine officials said Monday.

The groups will use the money to implement the Primary Providers Performance Improvement in Reproductive Health Project II, which is aimed at educating and training health care providers in developing nations about family planning and reproductive health, PRIME Executive Director Dr. William Jansen said.

The UNC Medical School received the money on Sept. 30. PRIME II's implementation will begin in January.

PRIME I, which began in 1994, cur-

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Landlords To Combat Ordinance

A new plan might affect local residents by targeting the number of unrelated people living in one house.

By BECKY JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Students sharing a house with multiple roommates in Chapel Hill could find themselves under scrutiny and even charged with breaking the law if proposed ordinances are approved.

Chapel Hill Town Council is considering plans that would require landlords to purchase licenses for all rental properties. Plans would also limit the number of nonrelated people who can live together from four to two in the Northside neighborhood.

At a Town Council meeting Monday night, several landlords spoke out against the proposal. They claimed that licensing and inspection would cause a logistical nightmare and drive up housing costs.

"What you're thinking of doing is building up a big bureaucracy that's going to come crashing down," local landlord Eric Plow told the council. "It's going to cause a huge increase in cost that's going to be passed along to the renters."

The proposal is an attempt to appease town residents who have complained about noise, trash, overcrowding and parking problems created by students. But Steve Mills, local property owner, said licensing and occupancy restrictions would not help.

"This system will not solve the problems residents are complaining about," Mills said. "I have researched towns that have a licensing program. Noise, trash and parking are still problems."

UNC's Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Lee Conner said he spoke on behalf of students against limiting occupancy.

"Let's call this what it is," Conner said. "It's clearly discriminatory against people who aren't related."

While many council members lauded licensing as a way to hold landlords accountable and prevent substandard housing, a few landlords said student housing filled a niche for poor students who could not afford the prices associ-

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Living in a Material WORLD 1980-1989

By GINNY SCIABBARRASI
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In a time when conservatism was sweeping the globe, materialism and greed consumed the nation during the 1980s.

The word 'deficit' became a household word, but no one seemed to care, as emphasis shifted toward the individual. The gap between the rich and the poor grew dramatically as America ushered in "the me decade."

With the election of Ronald Reagan as the nation's 40th president, America snubbed typical politicians, choosing a hero from the silver screen to lead them into the next era.

Pop culture mirrored life, as the Material Girl became a role model and Michael Jackson blared from everyone's tape deck. Teen angst played out on the big screen, as "The Breakfast Club," "Pretty in Pink" and "The Goonies" became prototypes for the decade.

The explosion of electronics on the market, with products like the home personal computer, meant less time in the office. The videocassette recorder's arrival moved people from the theaters to their couches to catch a movie at their leisure.

But the space shuttle Challenger's explosion in 1986 served as a reminder that despite dramatic advances in technology, the country was still fallible and life was still fragile. The nation joined together, glued to TV sets, watching the tragedy that claimed the lives of nine astronauts unfold before their eyes.

An epidemic spread like wildfire through the gay community and quickly into heterosexual populations as well. Despite the growing numbers of people affected by AIDS worldwide, many still refused to acknowledge its presence.

The spread of the disease prompted UNC administrators to install condom machines in bathrooms campuswide in an effort to promote safe sex.

China imposed martial law and crushed thousands of students peacefully protesting in Tiananmen Square

"Greed is good. Greed is right. Greed works. Greed cuts through, clarifies and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit."

— Michael Douglas, "Wall Street"



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The 1980 election of actor Ronald Reagan, the nation's 40th president, swept in a new era of conservatism and economic growth that contributed to a national thirst for materialism.

in early 1989, but world politics shifted with the fall of the Berlin Wall later that year. This event marked the end of the 30-year Cold War and a victory for democracy.

The world witnessed a fairy-tale wedding in 1981 when Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer. One million lined the way to St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

Women continued to break traditional ties and move into the spotlight. Britain elected its first female prime

minister, Margaret Thatcher. In addition, physicist Sally Ride became the first American woman in space. Sandra Day O'Connor was the first woman to don the black gown of U.S. Supreme Court justices. Geraldine Ferraro, the first woman to run for vice president with a major political party, empowered women nationwide to political aspirations.

In Chapel Hill, riots ensued after the legal drinking age was raised from 18 to 21. Even state legislators voiced opposition to the new law. "It's a smoke screen," said Rep. Ivan Mothershead, R-Mecklenburg County. "If a man has the right to elect

the president of the United States, he certainly should have the right to pick up a Budweiser."

This was also an era for sports figures and rivalries to emerge. Joe Montana led the San Francisco 49ers to four Super Bowl victories, while gymnast Mary Lou Retton vaulted into America's hearts during the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, while Communist bloc countries stayed at home in protest.

A decade marked by Reaganomics and the 'moonwalk' was also defined by its tragedies that shaped the nation as it approached the last decade of the millennium.

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North Carolina coach Carl Torbush ... will be fired after the season finale.

Associated Press, Nov. 18, 1999

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Successful Beginning

The UNC men's basketball team tipped off its season with an 82-65 win in Hawaii against Southern California. The Tar Heels will play Georgetown or Memphis today in the second round of the Maui Invitational. See Page 9.

Tyfu Strikes the Stage

Named after a typhoon, the local hip-hop group Tyfu will perform tonight at Cat's Cradle. Tyfu is the first hip-hop band to sign with Carrboro's Mammoth Records. See Page 3.

History-Making Run

The North Carolina women's cross country team placed sixth in Monday's NCAA Championships in Bloomington, Ind. UNC's effort was the best in school history at nationals. See Page 9.

Today's Weather

Cloudy;
High 70s.
Wednesday, Cloudy;
High 70s.