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## Hard Times

A poor economy sends people to the Inter-Faith Council shelter.  
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## Happy Thanksgiving!

Enjoy your break and get some sleep. Stay strong — the end is near!

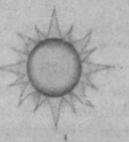
## No Question

Women's hoops take down Western Carolina, 100-44.  
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## Weather

Today: Sunny; H 77, L 70  
Turkey Day: Sunny; H 66, L 58  
Friday: Showers; H 74, L 22



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# Professor to Speak at Winter Graduation

English Professor Trudier Harris has been chosen to deliver the December Commencement speech.

By NIKKI WERKING  
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The where, when and who for the winter Commencement have been set, officials announced at Thursday's Board of Trustees meeting.  
Senior Class President Ben Singer

said Monday that the Dec. 20 Commencement will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Smith Center, and the speaker will be English Professor Trudier Harris.

Officials from the Offices of the University Registrar are estimating that there will be about 1,330 degree-seeking graduates.

Harris has lectured widely on her specialty — African-American literature and folklore — and has spoken throughout the United States, Canada, Jamaica and Europe.

Harris also has published several

nonfiction books on the same topic.

Among these are "Exorcising Blackness: Historical and Literary Lynching and Burning Rituals," "Fiction and Folklore: The Novels of Toni Morrison" and "Black Women in the Fiction of James Baldwin," which won the 1987 College Language Association Creative Scholarship Award.

Harris grew up in rural Alabama with eight siblings, working in cotton fields with her family, according to an online biography on the UNC Web site.  
She taught at The College of William

and Mary for six years prior to her work at UNC.

Several awards, including the first annual Award of Distinction from Ohio State University in 1994, and, more recently, the William C. Friday/Class of 1986 Award for Excellence in Teaching, have been bestowed upon Harris.

Although Harris has not yet prepared her Commencement speech, she said she is excited to have the chance to speak.

"I am humbled by this great opportunity," Harris said.  
"But it is also a great responsibility,

and I must prepare something worthy for this event."

Singer said he also is looking forward to Harris's Commencement speech.

"I think she'll offer an inspiring speech," Singer said.

"She came highly recommended by faculty, the chancellor and students.

"I think a lot of students will be excited for a woman speaker, since the (Commencement) speakers are typically male."

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# Marines May Be Deployed

Although no decision has been made, one official said as many as 1,500 Marines might go to Afghanistan.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Marines now aboard assault ships in the Arabian Sea are likely to be sent into Afghanistan, possibly this week, to join Army special operations troops already there, a senior U.S. official said Tuesday.

The official stressed that no final decision has been made and that it was uncertain how many Marines might be sent in and what missions they would perform. They might provide security at sites inside Afghanistan where other U.S. forces are operating, or they might expand work by the Army special forces in blocking roads and searching for clues to the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden in southern Afghanistan.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said as many as 1,500 Marines might go. It was possible that a small advance team would slip into Afghanistan first to arrange for the arrival.

The U.S. hunt for terrorist leaders has already met with some success. The Nov. 14 airstrike on a building south of Kabul that killed al-Qaida's military chief, Mohammed Atef, also killed 50 other al-Qaida members, several senior Taliban officials and an undisclosed number of Taliban fighters, said another U.S. official, also speaking on the condition of anonymity.

There are two Marine Corps task forces, known as Marine Expeditionary Units, now aboard Navy ships in the Arabian Sea. One task force is headed by the USS Bataan; the other is led by the USS Peleliu. The Marines are trained in a variety of missions, including quick-strike ground assault.

The Pentagon also is planning to send additional troops into northern Afghanistan to work with other foreign forces in protecting a land route for humanitarian relief, other officials said.

U.S. Central Command is still working out details, including how many U.S. troops may be needed to repair and secure roads, even as it steps up the search for bin Laden and senior members of his al-Qaida terrorist network.

The United States has several hundred special operations troops inside Afghanistan, mainly to work with anti-Taliban forces, to identify targets for U.S. warplanes and to scout for clues to bin Laden's whereabouts.

Now that about three-quarters of Afghan territory is no longer in Taliban control — according to the Pentagon's estimate — the United States and allied countries are focusing more on accelerating the delivery of humanitarian aid.

Victoria Clarke, spokeswoman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, said the extra U.S. troops may include engineers for road repairs and explosives experts to clear mines and booby traps in the vicinity of Mazar-e-Sharif.

Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said U.S. officials don't know whether bin Laden is still in Afghanistan. Other U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, have said they believe bin Laden remains in the country.

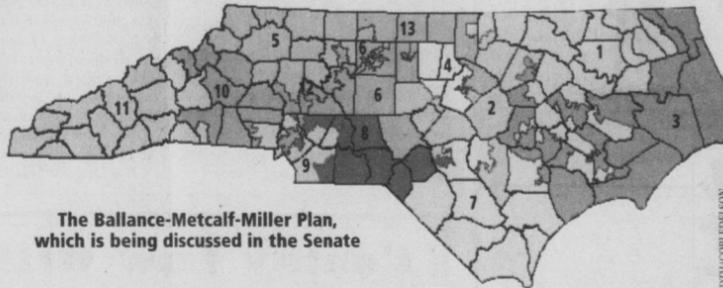
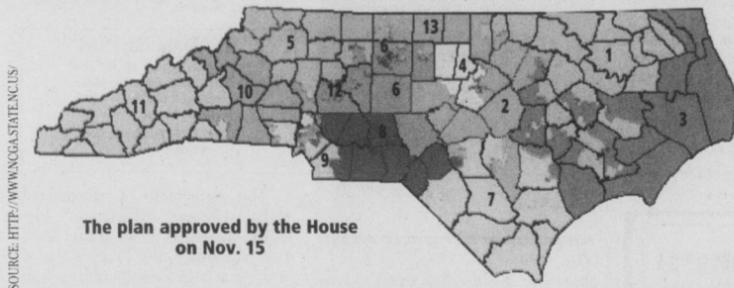
Stufflebeem said U.S. bombing continues to target caves and tunnels thought to be used by al-Qaida leaders.

The Air Force has sent three more AC-130 gunships to the area to work with Predator unmanned reconnaissance aircraft in targeting small groups of Taliban or al-Qaida leaders moving overland, a senior defense official said. The three gunships, operating from a base in Uzbekistan, are in addition to

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## Mapping It Out

The plan proposed by the Democratic co-chairmen of the Senate Redistricting Committee is based on the House plan but changes some districts located in the western portions of the state.



# Redistricting Discussion Proceeds Despite Lawsuit

By MIKE GORMAN  
Staff Writer

RALEIGH — The Senate committee met Tuesday to continue discussing congressional redistricting plans despite a Republican lawsuit challenging the delayed redistricting process.

The lawsuit, which was filed last week in federal court, also says the congressional redistricting plan should include at least two majority-minority districts.

Majority-minority districts contain at least 50 percent minorities with the goal of electing a minority representative.

Sen. Fletcher Hartsell, R-Cabarrus,

said the lawsuit's goal is to force lawmakers to comply with the redistricting requirements of the N.C. Constitution.

Hartsell said that among these requirements is the need to follow a one-man, one-vote proportion of representation.

But Senate Democrats said the suit is a waste of taxpayer money.

"Our folks feel there's no basis for the lawsuit," said Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange. "The map is racially balanced." Kinnaird said the suit likely would get dismissed quickly but a hearing would last for months.

The Republican Party filed the suit Nov. 13 against House Speaker Jim Black,

D-Mecklenburg, challenging how he refused to allow amendments to the plan.

The Senate Congressional Redistricting Committee discussed two alternative plans Tuesday, further delaying the redistricting process. The House approved a plan Thursday.

Hartsell proposed a redistricting plan designed by three school children from Concord. The plan, a result of Odell Elementary's "Project: DuNCecap," forms 13 congressional voting districts based on county lines. "Some people chuckle about it, but these kids address some important concerns," he said.

Hartsell said the plan ignores minor-

ity-majority issues, partisan concerns and voting patterns. Instead, the focus is on grouping neighborhoods together.

Hartsell said districts based on county lines allowed voters to elect officials who represent communities rather than ideas.

Committee members also briefly discussed the redistricting plan drawn up by the Democratic co-chairmen of the Senate committee and presented by Co-chairman Sen. Frank Ballance, D-Warren.

Ballance said the Democratic plan largely was based on the House's. He said eight districts were untouched and added that the plan made only minor changes, such as moving precincts, to

the other five congressional districts.

Ballance pointed to Union County as an example. The Senate plan moves Union County from districts containing Charlotte suburbs to a more agricultural-based district.

But some Republican legislators said the proposal was flawed.

Sen. Virginia Foxx, R-Guilford, said she could not support either proposal. "Drawing a map to protect incumbents is wrong, and I'm not going to vote for any of these maps."

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# UNC Cancer Study Grant Renewed

Breast cancer research at UNC will be aided by the National Cancer Institute's recent \$12.5 million grant.

By TINA CHANG  
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Officials at UNC's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center say the recent renewal of a multimillion-dollar grant will allow them to approach breast cancer research in innovative ways.

The National Cancer Institute has awarded the Lineberger Center a \$12.5 million renewal grant for its Specialized Program of Research Excellence in breast cancer. The grant will provide the center with funds over the next five years, said Shelton Earp, director of the center.

Earp said the center applied for the grant in 1992, 1996 and 2000 and was awarded the funds every time it applied.

The grant will be used to fund eight different projects and areas of breast cancer research. Earp said some of the projects will include exploring novel types of cancer therapy, studying the genetic makeup of cancerous tumors and analyzing the genes of breast cancer patients.

Earp said the programs will try to find out whether certain people are predisposed to developing breast cancer, which cells are resistant to chemotherapy, how

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# Mooser Solicits Speaker, Retains Name for Now

By LIZZIE BREYER  
University Editor

Members of the May Commencement speaker selection committee confirmed Tuesday that an invitation has been extended to one potential speaker.

Although he declined to provide any information about the candidate, Senior Class President Ben Singer said Chancellor James Mooser has sent an invitation to one of seven finalists named by the committee.

"The person we are looking at definitely embodies what we want in a speaker," Singer said. "He is actually going to be a great speaker if he accepts."

The seven names were chosen by the committee, which consists of Singer, Student Body President Justin Young, Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Mikisha Brown, Senior Class Vice President Byron Wilson and five faculty members.

Singer said the committee tried to find choices that would be well-known to students and would be able to deliver a high-quality address.

"Most of the names on the list are recognizable — what we're looking at is someone who can deliver a great speech," Singer said.

To reach this point in the process, Singer said everyone on the committee voted for their top three choices.

Young said the process was complicated this year after entertainer Bill Cosby declined an invitation to speak, citing schedule conflicts.

"The list was somewhat jumbled after all the controversy," Young said. "Cosby

was the initial person, then we went back to the drawing board and made up a supplementary list."

From that list, 20 candidates were chosen, and the list then was narrowed to the seven presented to the chancellor, who extends formal invitations at his discretion.

"We rank our recommendations — a lot of times he goes with that, sometimes he doesn't," Singer said.

Young said the seven finalists would all be good choices, although he also declined to comment on any specifics.

"It's a pretty good mix — all of them are quality people," he said. "We try to stay away from politicians — we don't want to stray into the political realm or look biased."

"For the most part, you will know who they are."

Young did confirm South African novelist Nadine Gordimer, who won the Nobel Prize in literature in 1991, was one of the finalists.

But he said Gordimer probably was the least famous name on the final list.

"Nadine Gordimer is the one least recognizable — the rest of the names on the list are definitely recognizable, or, if you don't know who they are, you could find out easily," he said.

Singer said the committee has finished its work and now is just waiting to hear the results of the chancellor's decision. "At this point, the ball is in the chancellor's court," he said. "When he tells me what's going on, I will tell the seniors."

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## ALONG FOR THE RIDE



DITH/JON KIRBY

Angie Quinn and her daughter, Maia, shop at Weaver Street Market on Tuesday in preparation for Thanksgiving dinner. Maia helped pick out the perfect carrots and kept track of their budget on her Etch A Sketch.

True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it be lost.

Charles Caleb Colton