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## U.S. SLOWS PUSH TO BAGHDAD

### RECENT WAR DEVELOPMENTS

**U.S. PLANES BOMB BAGHDAD TARGETS**  
 BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. warplanes, including a massive armada of long-range bombers, pounded leadership positions in Baghdad, and missiles ignited a fire that raged before dawn Monday at the Iraqi Information Ministry. The blaze, yards away from a shopping mall named for Saddam Hussein's birthday, was put out after about 30 minutes. The attacks targeted leadership and command and control centers in Baghdad and were carried out simultaneously by multiple B-1, B-2 and B-52 bombers, the U.S. Central Command said. The command said it was the first time in history that the long-range strike aircraft targeted the same geographical area at the same time.

**TROOPS MIGHT FIGHT IN SHIITE HOLY CITY**  
 NEAR NAJAF, Iraq — The 101st Airborne Division encircled the Shiite holy city of Najaf on Sunday, preparing for a possible door-to-door battle to root out Saddam Hussein's fighters, but leery of damaging some of the faith's most sacred shrines. To the north, Army brigades crept closer to Baghdad, advancing 10 miles with little resistance, though battles with the Republican Guard loomed. To the south, Marines launched "search-and-destroy" missions to clear the road to Baghdad of Iraqi attackers. But it was at Najaf a city of 300,000, 100 miles south of Baghdad, that U.S. military leaders were faced with a difficult decision. It was unclear whether the U.S. strategy is to take Najaf or simply to cordon off the city. There are too many Iraqi fighters to bypass them or leave them unattended; they're a danger to supply lines on the way to Baghdad.

**3 N.C.-BASED MARINES CONFIRMED DEAD**  
 RALEIGH — Three North Carolina-based Marines missing in Iraq were confirmed dead, family members and the Defense Department said Sunday. The U.S. military said it had changed the status of Lance Cpl. Thomas A. Blair of Wagoner, Okla., and Lance Cpl. Michael J. Williams, of Yuma, Ariz., to killed in action. They were two of eight Marines missing since a March 23 battle near the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah. A third Marine, Lance Cpl. Patrick Nixon of St. Louis, Mo., also was killed, his father said.

**FRANKS: MORE TROOPS WERE NOT REQUESTED**  
 CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar — The commander of the U.S. war in Iraq denied Sunday that he had asked the Pentagon for more troops before launching the invasion but sidestepped a question about whether the war might last into the summer. Gen. Tommy Franks, speaking at a daily briefing of the U.S. Central Command in Qatar, was responding to published reports that the requests of U.S. generals for more ground troops were repeatedly denied by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Reports also quoted U.S. military officials as saying the lack of troops and weapons meant the war might last into the summer. —Compiled from The Associated Press

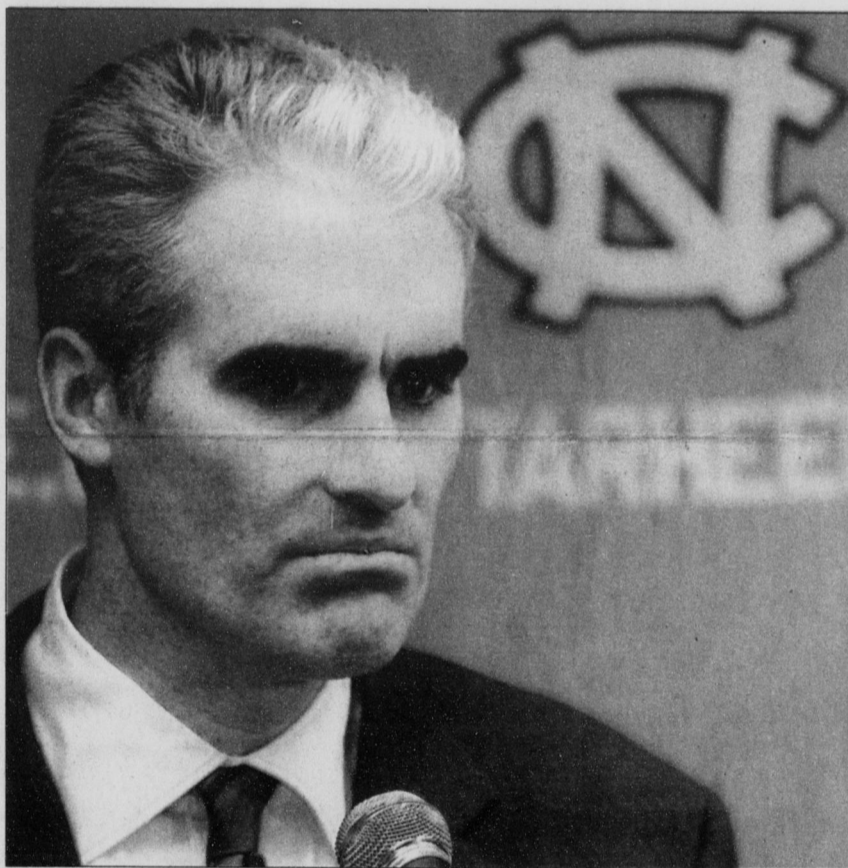
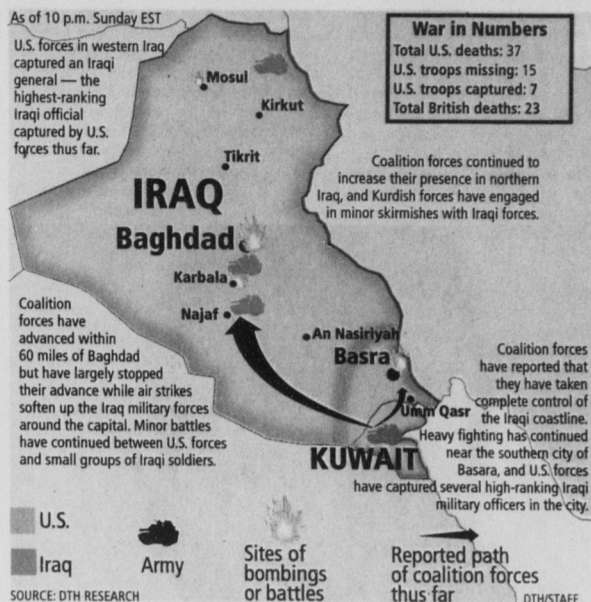
### COALITION AIRSTRIKES INCREASE AS GROUND FORCES ENCIRCLE HUSSEIN'S STRONGHOLD

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Allied soldiers inched toward Baghdad on Sunday and pressed their campaign against southern defenses of Saddam Hussein loyalists, trying at every turn to gain trust from Iraqi citizens and stay safe from those who may be combatants in disguise. The military campaign has increasingly become a confidence-building one, too, and not only in Iraq. U.S. war leaders, deployed on the Sunday airwaves, defended their strategy as a sound one and cast the painstaking pace of recent days as a virtue. "We have the power to be patient in this, and we're not going to do anything before we're ready," said Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. U.S. and British allies reported increased contacts with ordinary Iraqis on many fronts Sunday, a development measured — like the march toward Baghdad — in wary steps. The reason for the caution was clear: persistent danger from plainclothes killers and warnings from Iraqi officials that there will be more suicide attacks like the one that took the lives of four

Americans in Najaf. Iraqis said some 4,000 Arabs have come to Iraq to help attack the invaders. The Army's 101st Airborne Division surrounded Najaf on Sunday and was in position to begin rooting out the paramilitary forces inside the city, said Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Hill. In An Nasiriyah, where fighting has been fierce for a week, Marines secured buildings held by an Iraqi infantry division that contained large caches of weapons and chemical decontamination equipment. A Marine UH-1 Huey helicopter crashed Sunday night at a forward supply and refueling point in southern Iraq, said spokesman 1st Lt. John Niemann in Kuwait. Three people aboard were killed and one was injured in the crash that occurred while the helicopter was taking off. Questions about the war's pace grew in Washington, D.C. Democratic Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia said that the U.S.-led invasion is clearly facing more Iraqi resistance than anticipated and that the war plan will probably have to be adjusted to deal with that. "I consider them not to be trivial setbacks," he said on CNN's "Late Edition," but rather "in the category of

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UNC basketball coach Matt Doherty still is being evaluated by the Department of Athletics and University officials.

## TEAM AWAITS ANSWERS TO DOHERTY QUESTION

BY AARON FITT  
 SPORTS EDITOR

As speculation mounts about the future of North Carolina men's basketball coach Matt Doherty, players and University officials are hoping for a quick resolution but seem resigned to play the waiting game. Almost as soon as UNC's season ended Wednesday with an NIT loss to Georgetown, the rumor mill started churning furiously, and the Department of Athletics began the process of determining whether

Doherty will be retained next season. The two issues at hand: his coaching ability and his relationship with players. Chancellor James Moeser reportedly entrusted the decision to Director of Athletics Dick Baddour, who has yet to reach a verdict. Baddour met with all the players Thursday. Freshman Sean May said the players discussed their summer plans with Baddour, and others confirmed the meeting's low-key tone. "We just discussed the season,"

said forward Jawad Williams. Then, on Thursday and Friday, players met with Baddour individually, some meetings lasting more than an hour, according to a (Raleigh) News & Observer report. Most of the players have supported Doherty publicly, although some have been less vocal in their support than others. "It's no big deal," Williams said Sunday of the meetings with Baddour. SEE DOHERTY, PAGE 4

## Tepper selects officers for his administration

BY CAROLINE KORNEGAY  
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Student Body President-elect Matt Tepper made his final decisions for his officers late Saturday. Junior Rebekah Burford was chosen as student body vice president, junior Frances Ferris was selected for student body secretary, sophomore Alexa Kleystuber will serve as student body treasurer, and junior Alexi Nunn was chosen for the senior adviser position. Junior Ben Adams, who also served as Tepper's campaign manager, was selected as chief of staff last week. "I feel very qualified for the position and very confident it

will be valued," Burford said. This year, Burford served as Student Body President Jen Daum's chief of staff. Some of Burford's first priorities as vice president will be to fill all external appointments, start the application process for her Cabinet positions and build her relationship with Student Congress. Ferris said she is looking forward to the team effort of all the new appointees. "I'm pretty excited," she said. Adams said he is excited to start working on Tepper's platform ideas. "I'd like to especially get started," he said. SEE OFFICERS, PAGE 4

## University senior charged with rape

BY MEGAN DAVIS  
 STAFF WRITER

University police arrested senior Robert Allen Harris, 22, early Friday morning and charged him with felonies and misdemeanors including second-degree rape, first-degree burglary and assault on a female, according to police reports. The acts allegedly were committed against a female UNC student who is an acquaintance of Harris, reports state. Police responded at 4:10 a.m. to a 911 call after someone entered the victim's unlocked

South Campus residence hall room and assaulted her, reports state. Upon arrival, police noted that the victim had visible injuries consisting of bruises and scratches, and she was transported to UNC Hospitals, said University police Maj. Jeff McCracken. A warrant was issued against Harris, and he was arrested and detained at Orange County Jail under a \$10,000 secured bond shortly after. Harris could not be reached for comment Sunday. Harris, who lives in Morrison South Residence Hall, made his first pretrial court appearance Friday in Orange County District Court in Hillsborough. His bond was modified by the judge after a SEE ARREST, PAGE 4

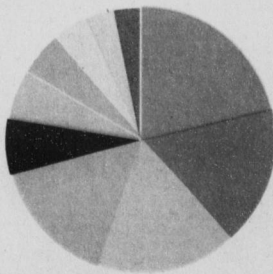
## Oil plays limited role in conflict

BY GILLIAN BOLSOVER  
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The topic of oil has permeated recent discussion of the U.S.-led attack on Iraq, but experts say oil only plays a limited role in the conflict. The Iraqi government controls the second-largest volume of oil reserves in the world. Before the war, the United States was the largest importer

of Iraqi oil. "Oil is extremely important, especially for the United States, because they like to have access to oil reserves," said Abbas Alnasrawi, professor of economics at the University of Vermont and author of several books on Arabian oil. But Alnasrawi downplayed the role of oil in the U.S. decision to attack Iraq. "Oil is extremely important, but I would not say it is the only reason," he said. Jerry Taylor, director of natural resources at the Cato Institute, a nonprofit public policy research foundation, said it was Iraq's use of oil revenues — not oil fields — that prompted Bush to attack Iraq. SEE OIL, PAGE 4

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**Top 10 Sources of Imported U.S. Oil\***

1. Canada (21.33%)	6. Iraq (5.91%)
2. Saudi Arabia (16.94%)	7. United Kingdom (5.19%)
3. Mexico (16.89%)	8. Norway (4.58%)
4. Venezuela (15.59%)	9. Angola (3.66%)
5. Nigeria (6.75%)	10. Algeria (3.17%)

\*The top 10 sources represent 79% of the oil imported to the U.S. Figures represent 2002 data.

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**TUESDAY** Partly Cloudy, High 66, Low 46  
**WEDNESDAY** Sunny, High 75, Low 47