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## Noose tightens on Baghdad

**FIERCE FIGHTING RAGES SOUTH OF CAPITAL AS U.S. CONTINUES ASSAULT ON ELITE GUARD**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. forces battled Iraqi defenders in fierce street fighting 50 miles south of Baghdad on Monday, pointing toward a drive on the capital. Army guards shot seven Iraqi women and children to death when their van refused orders to stop at a checkpoint,

officials said.

U.S. troops and tanks encountered rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire in a dawn raid against Republican Guard defenders of Hindiyah, a key city astride the Euphrates River. Other units fought to isolate Najaf to the south and prevent

attacks on U.S. supply lines.

"There are maneuvers going (on) to try to destroy those divisions that stand in our way" of Baghdad, Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal said at the Pentagon. He added that more than 3,000 precision-guided bombs have been dropped on Iraq in the past

few days out of 8,000 in the entire war.

In the northern part of Iraq, commanders said, an assault on a compound controlled by an Islamic Iraqi group turned up lists of names of suspected militants living in the United States.

And heavy bombing was reported during the day, from areas near the northern oil fields to downtown Baghdad to Republican Guard defensive positions south of the city.

Bombing south of the capital, probably against Republican Guard positions, resumed at daylight today.

On the 13th day of Operation Iraqi Freedom, British officials claimed that 8,000 Iraqis have been taken prisoner so far.

But a defiant Iraqi foreign minister said invading forces face the choice between death or surrender. "Every day that passes,

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## UM case set to go before top court

*Ruling could be months away*

BY STEPHANIE CHIULLI

STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments today in a highly controversial case that could alter permanently the role of race in higher education.

For about two hours, the nine Supreme Court justices will grill lawyers from both sides on a lawsuit that challenges the use of affirmative action in university admissions.

The case stems from two lawsuits filed by white students against the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor that allege they were denied entrance to the university because they are part of a racial majority.

It will be several months before the court rules on the case, but a ruling for the plaintiffs will at least force UM — and universities with similar admissions systems — to alter their policies. A broad enough ruling could force all universities nationwide to stop using race as a factor in admissions.

Hundreds of organizations, ranging from universities to Fortune 500 companies, have voiced their opinions on the case through briefs filed with the court.

The overwhelming majority of these briefs have supported Michigan.

The most prominent brief filed in opposition to the Michigan system has been that of the U.S. solicitor general on behalf of President Bush. Bush has said that he is specifically opposed to Michigan's policy but that he would support other methods of ensuring diversity in higher education.

The university's admissions process is based on a point system, with certain numbers of points allocated to students in certain categories, such as interests and grade-point average. A student who belongs to an underrepresented minority earns 20 points, while a perfect SAT score is worth 12 points.

UM's undergraduate and law programs are composed of between 13 percent and 14 percent minority students, not including the university's Asian population.

Reid Cox, assistant general counsel for the Center for Individual Freedom, located in Alexandria, Va., said the ruling in this case could have a significant impact on race relations. "If the Supreme Court rules against the affirmative action program, it will continue to say to the American public that the Constitution imposes only one standard of equality on everyone," he said.

Kurt Levey, an attorney working on the case, said he wants to restore the original meaning of the civil rights movement.

"We hope to restore the civil rights movement to its original meaning," said Levey, also the director of legal and public affairs

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## AREA PREPARES FOR WORST-CASE SCENARIO

BY JOHN FRANK

CITY EDITOR

In a post-Sept. 11 era, preparedness is key.

And based on some accounts, so are duct tape, canned foods, bottled water, bomb shelters and gas masks.

But local emergency officials want people to know they shouldn't worry or overreact. General preparedness and awareness are vital, however.

"Most of terrorism is psychological," said Nick Waters, director of the Orange County Department of Emergency Management Services. "You have to understand that. So even the bioterrorism attacks are nothing more than what the public health sector deals with daily."

"Like anthrax — anthrax was a mind game," Waters continued. "That is why the anthrax scare was so successful. We let it be. We panicked about it."

Chapel Hill Police Chief Gregg Jarvis said he receives few calls from residents about terrorism preparations.

"I have talked to citizens, and the response generally has been that we are not going to overreact, duct tape our windows and doors," he said "It is important that citizens prepare and have a basic awareness, but it's not been our day-to-day highest concern."

Emergency management plans obtained by The Daily Tar Heel show that local emergency officials have updated most of them in the past three months.

Waters, who maintains the plans, said the documents change almost seasonally to reflect the changing climate of preparedness and security.

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ANALYSIS

### University, power plant pegged as potential targets

BY JOHN FRANK

CITY EDITOR

Looking in shop windows on Franklin Street, Chapel Hill's quintessential reminder of small-town America, the last thing on Marianne Mortensen's mind Monday evening was the fear of terrorism.

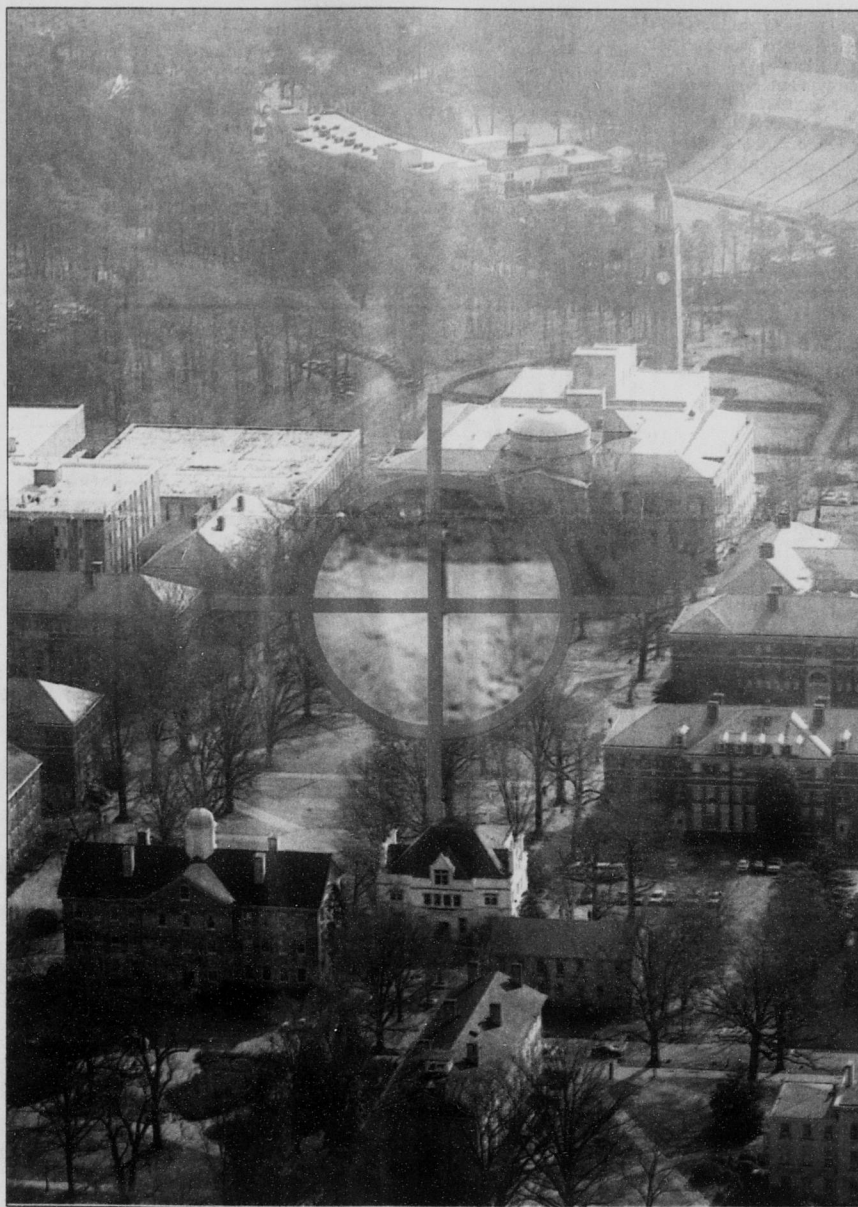
Like Mortensen, many area residents believe the idea of a Sept. 11-like terrorist attack in Chapel Hill seems remote, if not completely absurd.

"A terrorism attack?" she said. "No way. I can't imagine a scenario like that."

But local emergency officials and consultant reports caution that the area — especially Chapel Hill — has conditions that are appealing to possible terrorist plotters.

While Chapel Hill lacks high-profile targets such as the World Trade Center towers or the Pentagon, area officials can count off a dozen possible targets within 20

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The UNC campus and Chapel Hill could be potential terrorist targets under some planners' worst-case scenarios. The Orange County Department of Emergency Management Services has prepared plans to deal with possible attacks.

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DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

Freshman Sean May told the media Monday that he is "pretty sure" he will return to UNC.

## Doherty, Baddour hold private meeting

*Still no word on coach's future at UNC*

BY AARON FITT

SPORTS EDITOR

Day five of the Doherty Watch came and went without any indication who will be the North Carolina men's basketball coach next season, but Director of Athletics Dick Baddour did have a meeting with Coach Matt Doherty.

"Everybody knows they had a meeting," confirmed Thomas McKinney, the team's coordinator of strength and conditioning, outside the Smith Center on Monday.

The duration of that meeting is unknown. Doherty's gray BMW was parked behind the Smith Center's back tunnel all afternoon and into the evening, and Baddour's Acura remained in the parking lot during that period as well.

What was discussed in the meeting also remains a secret to the public — and seemingly to players and some members of Doherty's staff.

"I think drawing it out just puts a lot of pressure on us because we don't know

who's going to be here and who's not," said freshman center Sean May, who stopped by the Smith Center to pick up some belongings. "I just think they need to make a decision and let us know or even let us know if they're going to wait a while. Let us know something, because I'm sick of walking around with nothing."

McKinney also said claimed to have no information. "This is a tough day for Carolina basketball," he said. "Just not knowing is what's difficult."

At least eight players went into and out of the building but refused comment. Assistant coaches Fred Quartlebaum and

Bob MacKinnon also declined comment.

The one other development of the day was a slight softening of May's stance, which he gave Wednesday, that he "definitely" will be returning next season.

"I'm going home this weekend to sit down with my dad, think about some things," May said Monday. "Because at the end of all this, I have a lot to think about if Coach Doherty's here or if he's not. There's a lot to think about, period, but I'm pretty sure I'll return next year."

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Local churches struggle with questions of war. **PAGE 11**



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UNC community reflects on war's impact on humanity. **PAGE 15**

WEATHER

**TODAY** Partly Cloudy, High 66, Low 46  
**WEDNESDAY** Sunny, High 77, Low 49  
**THURSDAY** Sunny, High 81, Low 50

