

# The Daily Tar Heel

## ALLIES SURROUND BAGHDAD

### RECENT WAR DEVELOPMENTS

#### 18 KILLED IN FRIENDLY FIRE ON KURDISH CONVOY

IRBIL, Iraq — U.S. warplanes struck a convoy of allied Kurdish fighters and U.S. Special Forces during a northern battle Sunday in one of the deadliest friendly fire attacks of the war. At least 18 people were killed and more than 45 wounded, including senior Kurdish commanders, Kurdish officials said. U.S. Central Command said its "early casualty reports" on what appeared to be the same incident gave lower figures: one civilian killed and six people injured, including a U.S. soldier. But the command said the investigation was not complete.

Among the wounded were a brother and son of Massoud Barzani, head of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, which runs half the Kurdish zone. The incident also showed the heightened intensity of combat along the northern front, where joint U.S.-Kurdish ground offensives backed by air power have been battling Iraqi forces.

#### BRITISH FORCES ADVANCE TOWARD BASRA'S CENTER

NEAR BASRA, Iraq — Led by more than three dozen tanks and armored cars, British forces battled toward the center of Basra on Sunday in their biggest incursion yet into Iraq's second-largest city. British officials said they had managed to set up base at a former college inside Basra's city limits but did not yet control the city of 1.3 million. The Defense Ministry said three soldiers were killed Sunday, bringing the total number of Britons killed to 30. Group Capt. Al Lockwood, spokesman for British forces in the Persian Gulf, said the advance was designed to "reassure the people of Basra that we're there and we're coming to liberate the city." British and Iraqi forces have been locked in a battle for control of the southern Iraq city since the war began. Until Sunday, coalition forces had largely limited their efforts to raids and sorties from the outskirts of town.

#### POST-WAR GOVERNMENT COULD TAKE 6 MONTHS

WASHINGTON — Setting up a new Iraqi government likely will take more than six months once coalition forces take full control of the country, a Bush administration official said Sunday. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said the interim government the United States will run with coalition partners and Iraqi opposition leaders is designed to be a bridge to whatever government the Iraqi people choose and is not designed to dictate the country.

#### RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS HIT IN GUN FIGHT

MOSCOW — A convoy of Russian diplomats leaving Iraq came under fire Sunday, injuring at least four people, the Foreign Ministry said. A journalist said the group, which included the Russian ambassador, was caught in crossfire between coalition and Iraqi forces. The incident came as Moscow and Washington, D.C., seek to ensure that relations will not be ruined by the U.S.-led war, which Russia firmly opposes. The U.S. and Iraqi ambassadors were called to the Russian Foreign Ministry, but Russia did not indicate whether it believed coalition or Iraqi forces were responsible. U.S. Central Command said initial field reports indicated that the incident took place in Iraqi-controlled territory and that no coalition forces were in the area.

### U.S. TROOPS CONTROL ALL ACCESS TO CAPITAL

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chipping away at the vestiges of Saddam Hussein's power, U.S. forces encircled Baghdad on Sunday and began flying into the capital's airport. British forces in the south made their deepest push into Iraq's second largest city.

A hulking U.S. C-130 transport plane landed at the Baghdad international airport, carrying unknown cargo but weighted with symbolism and tactical importance. The arrival presaged a major resupply effort by air for U.S. troops, dependent until now on a tenuous line stretching 350 miles to Kuwait.

U.S. officials declared Baghdad cut off from the rest of Iraq.

"We do control the highways in and out of the city and do have the capability to interdict, to stop, to attack any Iraqi military forces that might try to either escape or to engage our forces," said Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Intense fighting took a growing toll on combatants and civilians. Injured Russian diplomats and a convoy of the United States' Kurdish comrades in arms were among unintended victims caught in crossfire and friendly fire Sunday.

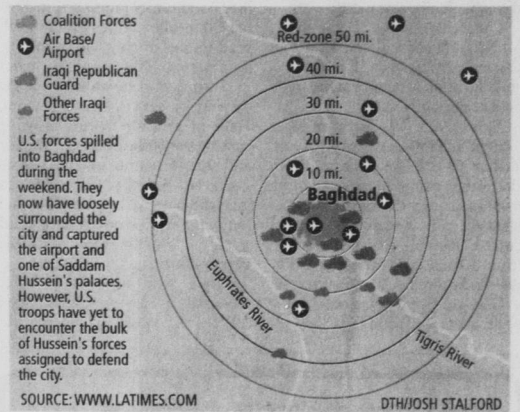
Kurds said 18 of their own died in the mistaken U.S. air strike.

Assorted prizes fell into allied hands, some after hard fighting, but U.S. forces had yet to confront Baghdad's last-ditch defenders on a large scale.

Inside a VIP building at the airport, troops found a lavish hideaway believed to have been used by Hussein, Associated Press Television News reported.

Southeast of Baghdad, Marines seized one of Hussein's palaces, poked through remnants of

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### RELAY FOR LIFE



DTH PHOTOS/LIZ WINTER

Above: Students dance up a storm in the Smith Center parking lot during UNC's second annual Relay for Life. During the 24-hour national event, students earned just over \$65,000. Below: Charlotte native and incoming freshman John DeVirgiliis hula hoops late in the night.

## Survivors walk to support cure

BY SARAH DERREBERRY STAFF WRITER

The defiant drumming of "I'm a Survivor" enveloped the Smith Center parking lot early Friday evening.

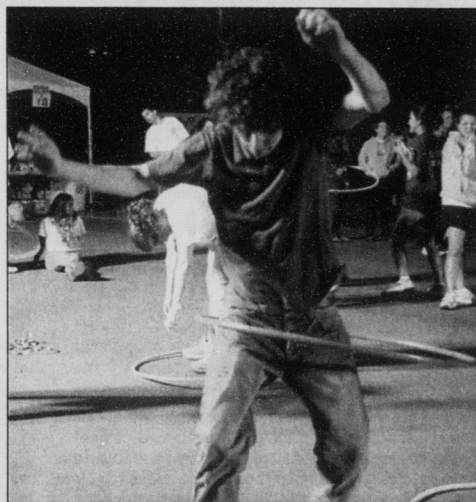
Why? Erin Escarsega's little brother, Roslyn Johnson's mom, Lyndall Shoffner, Ariana Wissick's uncle, Bev Foster's daughter: the survivors of cancer and those who survive in the memories of friends and family.

The music played, team members walked, and a circle of candles gently flickered for them, for a cure, for UNC's second annual Relay for Life.

During the 24-hour national event, members of almost 65 area teams took turns walking to encourage public awareness of cancer, said Kristin Dossary, co-chairwoman of UNC's Relay for Life.

"Our goal, first and foremost, is to raise awareness about how much cancer affects the University community and the entire community," she said.

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## Greek Freak draws many to UNC

BY ALEX GRANADOS STAFF WRITER

An audience of about 2,000 people turned out Saturday night to see one of the largest step shows on the East Coast hit the floor of Carmichael Auditorium with nonstop energy and motion from start to finish.

Brian Foxx, coordinator of Greek Freak and member of the sponsoring Mu Zeta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc., said it was better than last year's event, which he said was a disappointment to some people.

"We try to bring ... something not traditionally seen on a white campus." MATTHEW SHAW, ALUMNUS

"A lot of people were coming up to me last year and said it was bad," he said. "(This year's) show was more exciting than last year's, and people who didn't come definitely missed out." Stepping has its origin in African culture, and UNC alumnus Matthew Shaw, said the current version incorporates other styles of dance as well.

"A step show combines a lot of historically African rhythms, modern dance, gymnastics — a little of everything," he said. The combination of styles was evident in the teams that danced around the floor performing coordinated moves, including stomping.

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## 2 UNC alumni appointed to BOT

BY EUGENE SCOTT STAFF WRITER

Gov. Mike Easley appointed two UNC alumni to the University's Board of Trustees last week.

John Ellison Jr. of Greensboro and Robert Winston of Raleigh will replace BOT members Jim Hynes and David Pardue when their terms end this year.

Last week's appointments were the second and third appointments in the past two weeks. The governor appoints four of the board's 13 members, each of whom serves a four-year term, with the exception of the student body president.

The UNC-system Board of Governors appointed local developer Roger Perry to the BOT last month.

Ellison said he's quite optimistic about his newly appointed position and looks forward to taking

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### EARLY LEAD

These are recent contribution totals reported by candidates for the 2004 Democratic nomination for president. The following figures are in millions of dollars.

John Edwards	7.4
John Kerry	7
Richard Gephardt	3.6
Joseph Lieberman	3
Howard Dean	2.6

SOURCE: DTH RESEARCH

DTH/STAFF

## Edwards leads pack in early fund raising

BY JOE RAUCH STAFF WRITER

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., earned more campaign money than any other Democratic presidential hopeful, solidifying his stance as one of the front-runners in the crowded Democratic field.

But experts say Edwards' success in the primaries won't necessarily be linked to his early fund raising.

Edwards raised \$7.4 million during the first quarter, according to recently released campaign reports. He leads early Democratic fund-raising efforts along with Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

This total does not include the \$1.4 million still in Edwards' Senate re-election coffers.

"(Edwards) worked hard building a base in 2001-2002, and now he's reaping the rewards in fund raising," said Richard Mayer, professor of political science at Northeastern University.

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### ONLINE

■ Beaux Arts Trio amazes audience  
■ UNC doctors use mini cameras to explore intestines



### SPORTS

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UNC checks up losses to Tech to poor pitching, defense. PAGE 14



### INSIDE

**CAROLINA IN MY MIND**  
James Taylor to returns to Chapel Hill for bridge dedication. PAGE 3

### WEATHER

**TODAY** Rain/Thunder, High 62, Low 47  
**TUESDAY P.M.** Showers, High 64, Low 45  
**WEDNESDAY** Cloudy, High 55, Low 41

