



Joshua Wainwright of Charlotte waves a flag in the direction of his father, Capt. Kevin Wainwright, who was among the 4,000 deployed.

DEPLOYMENT

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ciation." Ending his remarks with a hardy "Hooyah!," Easley evoked the roar of soldiers and family members alike.

Despite impending deployment to countries thousands of miles away, many of those headed overseas said they are not only ready to serve, they are proud to do so.

Wanda Cook, whose husband, Sgt. Steven Cook, is a member of the brigade, said she is nervous for her husband but confident he will return. She and her husband have four children, who range in age from 12 to 18. "I've got faith that he's coming back," she said, smiling. "I'm pretty strong. I know how to take care of things."

"I'm very proud of him." Inducted into active federal duty last October, the members of the brigade have been training for months at several locations, including Fort Drum in New York and Fayetteville's Fort Bragg, said Master of Ceremonies Lt. Col. Tom Harris of the N.C. National Guard.

Donning fatigues, Myers, 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, also said he is proud of the members of the 30th Brigade and that the threat of terrorism is still extremely real.

"The only thing that stands between terrorism and our freedom is you," he said, adding that he expected the men and women

before him to carry lessons of community, character and compassion with them overseas.

Myers added that he knows the cost was great and thanked the families and employers of the soldiers for supporting the endeavor on which their companions are about to embark.

"You have the opportunity to change the course of history," he said. "I'm proud to stand in uniform with you. ... God bless you,

and God bless your families."

The ceremony concluded with the Brigade's commander, Brig. Gen. Dan Hickman, addressing the crowd with a confident tone.

"We'll be good, we'll be careful and we'll be back," he cried as cheers emitted from the thousands of onlookers.

As the band led the bevy of family and friends in a rendition of "The Army Goes Rolling Along," soldiers began to disperse and look

for loved ones.

Sgt. James Davis, who is not being deployed but knows many of the men and women who are, said he wished he were going and came to support those who are.

"I wanted to make sure they were taken care of, like a big brother," he said. "Whenever anything happens to one of us, it happens to all of us."

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Troops make their way out of the Crown Coliseum after Thursday's ceremony. The call-up of the unit, known as "Old Hickory" for its long history, is the largest in North Carolina for National Guard troops since World War II.

LAST PUSH

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who tallied 7.6 percent of the vote announced Thursday that he has thrown his support behind West.

"I think she has the drive and motivation to get things done," he said. "She's running for all the right reasons."

Laura Thomas received 3.3 percent of the vote and said she will not be endorsing anyone.

Former candidates Faudlin Pierre, Matt Compton and Matt Liles have not yet made an endorsement decision. The trio garnered 7.8 percent, 17 percent and 4.9 percent of the vote respectively.

With the added support of their former competitors, Calabria and West said they are ready to reach out to students on a more personal level, in whatever manner they believe to be most effective.

"We want to focus more on meeting students and getting them to go to our Web site," Calabria said. "We really want to scale down on dorm storms and handbills — the more annoying ways of campaigning."

West agreed that physical visi-

bility and meeting the voters are the best ways to gain support at this stage of the race.

"People know the issues by now," she said. "We just have to increase our manpower and get more people out there projecting our message."

"I'm trying to get out and meet as many people as possible to let them know I want to deal with everyone on a one-on-one basis," said West.

Runoff candidates receive an additional \$100 from student government to fund their campaigns — money that both Calabria and West said will refuel their campaign materials.

"We're going to use (the money) to pay for materials," West said. "Some stuff was torn down during the election, and we didn't have money before to replace it. Now we can."

Calabria said his funds will go toward making new signs, printing out handbills and badges.

"We've made it this far," Calabria said. "Now all that's left to do is just keep working hard."

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VIOLATIONS

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staff's timing.

"It wasn't an issue with the number of people that went in," she said. "It was a timing issue, and the 24-hour advance notice has always been in place."

The board also fined former student body president candidates Matt Compton, Matt Liles, John

Walker, Faudlin Pierre and Laura Thomas \$5 each.

Anderson said the number follows the historical pattern of campaign violations.

"It is about the same as in the past," she said. "It was hard to find a trend, especially because there were more candidates this year."

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Gless, senior associate dean of Arts and Sciences; chemistry Professor Edward Samulski; Richard Soloway, interim dean of the college; and Holden Thorp, director of the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center.

After a series of interviews and open forums, the committee submitted its recommendation, which Shelton and Chancellor James Moeser endorsed.

"The committee very clearly felt that all six could do a great job as dean, but of those six they felt that Bernadette stood out as the top choice," Shelton said.

He said he expects Gray-Little's

salary to fall between the range of \$200,000 and \$295,000, the respective salaries of the newly appointed deans of the School of Education and the Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Gray-Little will now serve as the dean of the University's oldest college and will be responsible for balancing the needs of faculty, staff, students, research and fund raising.

"It is important to the life of the University," Gray-Little said. "And historically the college has been very important to the University."

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other esteemed private institutions.

In the 2002-03 school year, 103 faculty members were given offers by other universities: 61 left and 42 accepted the University's counteroffers.

"We lost 60-plus, and we've been able to retain 40-plus," Shelton said. "That's a bad batting average for us."

He said the state's bad budget situation and the subsequent dearth of funding to UNC-CH means universities in search of top-notch faculty see the University as a viable picking ground for high-priced private institutions across the nation.

"They look hard at Chapel Hill, and they say, 'They're vulnerable right now, let's go after them,'" Shelton said.

Losing these faculty, who UNC-system President Molly Broad termed "linchpins of the system," can have a domino effect, Shelton said. "When you lose an individual, then people start looking around and asking what that means to them."

But board member Ben Ruffin, who said the University was "blessed" with endowments, donations and generous alumni, won-

dered if a campus-initiated tuition increase was enough to keep top-flight faculty from finding new homes.

"Can you use some of these blessings to close the gaps on the challenges?" Ruffin asked Shelton. "I don't think we can use campus-based tuition increases to address these needs."

Other needs of public universities might be adding up in a formula that adversely affects schools across the system, said Gretchen Bataille, UNC-system vice president for academic affairs.

Bataille said that overall, class sizes are increasing, sections are decreasing and faculty are leaving for better pay and benefits.

"The decisions really do reflect a trade-off that impacts quality," Bataille said. "There's only so much that can be done before the heart of the academic enterprise is eroded."

And in the minds of members was whether they could afford to not increase tuition this year — especially with a relatively vague gubernatorial promise issued by Easley last week.

The governor said he was against campus-initiated tuition increases and would try to find space in his budget for increased educational funding.

BOG Chairman Brad Wilson

said Easley's words won't be taken lightly, but the board can act only based on the things within its power, namely tuition.

"The only tools that the Board of Governors has to deter the impact of the erosion of quality is our tuition increase," Wilson said in an interview. "The governor's opinion is certainly valuable and important to the Board of Governors, and it will be given the weight and respect that a gubernatorial decision should be given. But we have a responsibility."

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Jim Phillips also spoke

of the constitutional provisions that dictate the board's actions. He said Easley's statement is a key indicator of what the state's chief executive thinks but added, "There have literally been years when the General Assembly threw the governor's request into the trash can."

"It's hard to know without any kind of assurance," Phillips said. "We can either deal with the issue ourselves or we can bet on the General Assembly."

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