

The Daily Tar Heel

Bush reaffirms dedication to Iraq

PRESIDENT VISITS N.C.

■ **Democracy**
Stabilizing Iraq will help the nation embrace democracy.

■ **Deployment**
No more troops will be sent unless they are asked for by commanders on the ground.

■ **No deadline**
Setting one would "send the wrong message" to Iraqi soldiers about U.S. commitment.

BY WHITNEY ISENHOWER, STAFF WRITER

FORT BRAGG

One year after the United States officially handed over sovereignty to Iraq, President Bush reaffirmed his commitment to freedom and vowed to continue fighting terrorism.

Bush defended his decision to employ U.S. troops to stop terrorism and implement democracy in Iraq on Tuesday night in Fort Bragg in a speech commemorating the hand over. The President spoke to about 700 ranked soldiers and airmen from the N.C. military base.

"Our mission is clear," Bush said. "We're hunting down the terrorists."

"We're helping the Iraqis build a free nation that is an ally in the war on terror."

Bush called on Americans to remember the terrorists' influence on the world and the promise he made to keep the nation safe.

"After 9/11, I made a commitment to the American people this nation will not wait to be attacked again," he said.

"There is only one course of action against them — to defeat them abroad before they attack us at home."

But some, including U.S. Rep. Walter Jones, R-N.C., recently have urged Bush to pull troops out soon and set a deadline for their removal.

"I recognize that Americans want our troops to come home as quickly as possible," he said. "So do I."

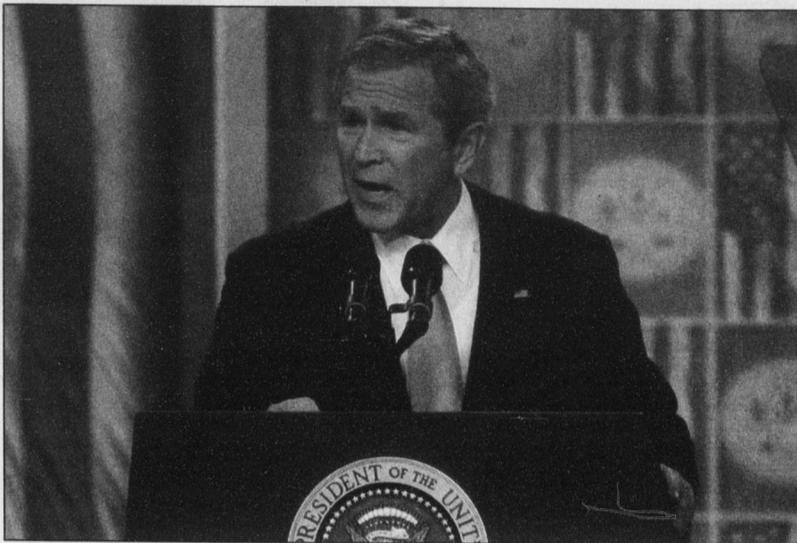
But Bush said a deadline would be a serious mistake.

"Setting an artificial timetable would send the wrong message to the Iraqis who need to know that America will not leave before the job is done."

He added that a deadline could give troops the impression that officials aren't serious about rebuilding democracy in Iraq, and could encourage enemies to wait for U.S. forces to leave.

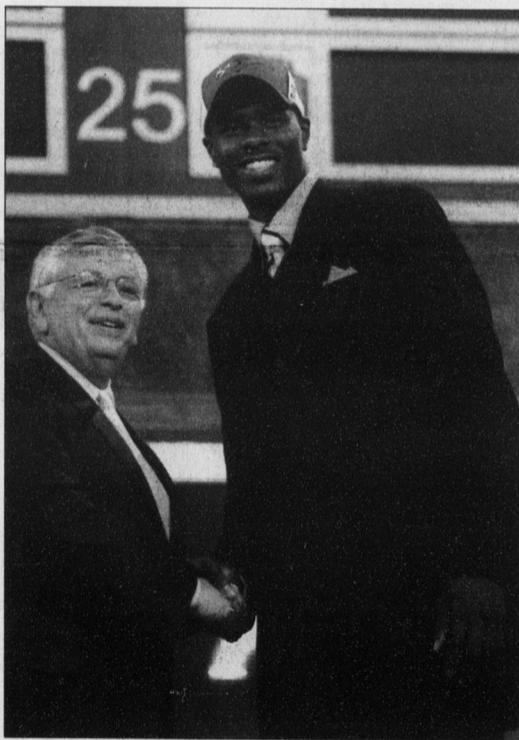
"We will stay in Iraq as long as we are

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President Bush speaks to a crowd of about 700 ranked soldiers and airmen Tuesday evening about his dedication to finishing the war in Iraq. He said setting a deadline for U.S. troops wouldn't help the Iraqis.

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Marvin Williams is congratulated by NBA Commissioner David Stern after he was chosen Tuesday by the Atlanta Hawks as the No. 2 pick.

Players make history with 4 lottery picks

BY BRIAN MACPHERSON
SENIOR WRITER

NEW YORK — Marvin Williams, a freshly minted Atlanta Hawks hat atop his 6-foot-8 frame, had a more pressing concern than the throng of microphones and tape recorders in his face in the Madison Square Garden press room.

"I'm sorry," he said, gesturing toward a television across the room as NBA Commissioner David Stern stepped to the podium to announce that the Charlotte Bobcats had selected Williams' North Carolina teammate Raymond Felton with the fifth pick of Tuesday's NBA Draft.

"There he is — there he is," cheered Williams, who had been selected with the second overall pick only minutes earlier.

If he'd waited a few minutes, he'd have had even more occasion to celebrate, as Sean May (13th overall to the Charlotte Bobcats) and Rashad McCants (14th overall to the Minnesota Timberwolves) rounded out a quartet of Tar Heels picked in the first round.

"I feel like I hit four holes in one," said North Carolina coach Roy Williams, who led the Tar Heels to the NCAA title in April. "And I've only had one in 54 frickin' years."

11.3 points per game coming off the bench for the Tar Heels this season, was

selected exactly where most experts projected — right behind Andrew Bogut, a 7-foot center who went first overall to the Milwaukee Bucks.

And in Atlanta, a team loaded at the small-forward position, Marvin Williams might end up playing a reserve role once again.

"I'd be a sub for anybody," he said. "It doesn't matter to me. I just want to win basketball games."

Felton came off the board next. The 6-foot point guard, the driving force behind the Tar Heels' run to the national championship, was the third of three consecutive point guards drafted early in the first round.

"I'm a winner," Felton said. "I hate to lose, and that's the attitude I'm going to bring to Charlotte. I'm coming in to win. I'm not coming in to lose."

Felton had developed a friendly rivalry with Deron Williams of Illinois and Chris Paul of Wake Forest during his college career as well as the pre-draft workouts.

Deron Williams went third to the Utah Jazz, who acquired the choice through a draft-day trade, and Paul went fourth to the New Orleans Hornets.

"Everybody has something different about their game," Felton said. "At the same time, we all bring the

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2005 NBA DRAFT

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UNC PLAYERS GOING TO THE NBA

 ATLANTA HAWKS	MARVIN WILLIAMS ROUND 1 PICK 2 6-9 230 FR Small Forward
 CHARLOTTE BOBCATS	RAYMOND FELTON ROUND 1 PICK 5 6-1 180 JR Point Guard
 CHARLOTTE BOBCATS	SEAN MAY ROUND 1 PICK 13 6-9 260 JR Power Forward
 MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES	RASHAD MCCANTS ROUND 1 PICK 14 6-4 200 JR Shooting Guard

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2005 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

132 DAYS UNTIL ELECTIONS

Nine offices are up for re-election in the fall. The filing deadline is August 5.

CARRBORO



Alderman Gist



Alderman Herrera



Mayor Pro Tem McDuffee



Mayor Nelson

CHAPEL HILL



Mayor Foy



Council member Harrison



Council member Kleinschmidt



Council member Verkerk



Mayor Pro Tem Wiggins

Carrboro mayor race still open

BY BRIANNA BISHOP
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With the candidates' filing date only a day away and four seats on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen up for election, residents might be wondering what's in store for this year's race.

That picture got a bit clearer Tuesday — it could mean a toss-up mayoral race between incumbent aldermen.

Alderman Mark Chilton formally announced his intent to run for mayor on the steps of the Carrboro Town Hall.

"I have been a listener, a mediator and a leader in my eight years

in elected office, and I will be a listener, a mediator and a leader as the mayor of Carrboro," he said from a prepared statement during his press conference.

Following his statement, Chilton, who began his career in elected office on the Chapel Hill Town Council as a UNC undergraduate in 1991, said he wanted to wait to make the announcement because the race could be between current aldermen.

Alderman Alex Zaffron said Tuesday that he is considering entering the mayoral race and will announce his plans by Friday.

Zaffron noted Mayor Mike

Nelson's role as an advocate on several key issues for the town and said he could continue that role.

"That role of advocacy needs to be there," Zaffron said.

This year's race became open-ended when Nelson announced in 2003 that he would not run for re-election.

"Ten years is a long time to do a job like that," Nelson said. "At some point you have to move on."

But he added that his work with the town of Carrboro has been a rewarding experience.

A challenge for the new mayor,

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Change likely in council race

BY CHRIS CARMICHAEL
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This November could see the addition of a few fresh faces to the Chapel Hill Town Council. Just exactly who those faces will belong to remains to be seen.

Incumbents and challengers can begin filing Friday for this November's municipal elections. Last week Mayor Kevin Foy kicked off the process when he announced that he will seek a third term as mayor.

But the decision was not an easy one. Foy said he had to balance a steady income in the private sector with life as a public servant.

"The primary thing in favor of running was that there are a lot of things still hanging around that I have initiated that I wanted to see through," Foy said.

While Foy intends to hold his post, one position was made available Tuesday when council member Dorothy Verkerk announced that she will not run for another term. In a press release Verkerk, an art history professor at the University, said political demands strained her ability to conduct research and advance her academic career.

"The decision was not an easy one, but once I had my priorities

set it became clear that politics needed to take a back seat to my family and my career."

In 2001 Verkerk came in second place, finishing behind only incumbent council member Edith Wiggins.

Wiggins has said she will conclude her nine-year term on the council this year but has not made a formal announcement.

The remaining council members up for re-election — Ed Harrison and Mark Kleinschmidt — have both said they intend to run again. Kleinschmidt is expected to file

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