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## Allred releases March Report

ADMINISTRATION REFLECTS ON YEAR'S WORK AS END NEARS

BY GREG MARGOLIS  
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Between two all red covers lies the written finale of Student Body President James Allred's term in office, which ends April 3.

On Tuesday the Allred administration released its March Report, detailing many projects and points of advocacy as accomplishments.

The 117 pages of reports from

executive officers represent a year of progress, as well as a tool and historical record for future leaders.

"It's very exciting because it's sort of a chance for us to evaluate all that we've done," Chief of Staff Christie Cunningham said.

**How they say they fared**

The Allred administration made

progress on several student issues, and it's no mistake that the March Report starts with a three-page assessment of the always-divisive tuition issue.

Despite Allred's lobbying, the Board of Trustees passed tuition hikes. Allred also didn't secure out-of-state tuition predictability.

But Student Body Vice President Brian Phelps said the administra-

tion's work on tuition still will benefit future administrations.

"I think we reached a turning point with tuition," he said. "Everyone involved came to the realization that the process was broken."

The report details Allred's work to overhaul services on campus,

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Student Body President James Allred used the report as a chance to offer advice to future leaders.

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Report also outlines the tenure of GPSF President Lauren Anderson

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### SWEET GOODBYE

SEND OFF THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AS THEY LEAVE FOR THE SWEET 16 AND TRY TO EARN A FINAL FOUR BID.

Fans should meet at 6:45 p.m. at the Smith Center, entry D. The team will leave 30 minutes later.

## 'WHOSE STREETS?' 'OUR STREETS!'

STUDENTS PROTEST WAR BY HUNDREDS ON ANNIVERSARY

BY CLINT JOHNSON  
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Hundreds of protesters walked out of class Tuesday and marched through campus and the streets of downtown Chapel Hill to demand the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.

Activists rallied in the Pit and then walked a loop around North Campus, blocking, among others, the intersection at Franklin and Columbia streets for several minutes. As they marched, they chanted slogans such as "Whose streets? Our streets!"

The protest was part of the March 20 Student Day of Action Against the War, timed for the fourth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq by U.S.-led coalition forces. More than 80 campuses and high schools nationwide scheduled walkouts, including N.C. State University, UNC-Asheville and Raleigh's Enloe High School.

"I walked out today to show this campus and this town, and, along with the other 80 campuses that walked out today, to show this country that the youth will not be silent, and we won't stand aside as people are murdered," UNC freshman Molly Rose Sweetser said. "And we're going to end this war."

At noon, the anti-war demonstrators gathered in the Pit, where a brief rally was held. Hundreds of observers listened to speeches and watched as the protesters carried signs, chanted and banged drums.

The walkout included representatives and members from multiple campus organizations, including the UNC chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, Black Student Movement and Student Action with Workers. Groups from Raleigh and Greensboro also were represented.

Sophomore Chris Williams was standing near the Pit as the rally kicked off.

"I think their message is slightly misguided. (The protesters) are for democracy, but pulling out of Iraq will result in civil war," he said.

He also said that Iraq is slowly being rebuilt and that Iraqis are grateful Saddam Hussein is removed.

At about 12:20 p.m., the protesters began to march through Polk Place toward Franklin Street. Dozens of students were on the grass in the quad and stopped to watch the procession. Some joined as the marchers passed.

On Franklin Street, several people stood on the sidewalks and watched as the demonstrators blocked the intersections and danced on the pavement.

"It reminds me very much of when I was at Carolina," said Mitch Simpson, class of 1972. Simpson is the pastor at University Baptist Church and came outside when he heard the protesters.

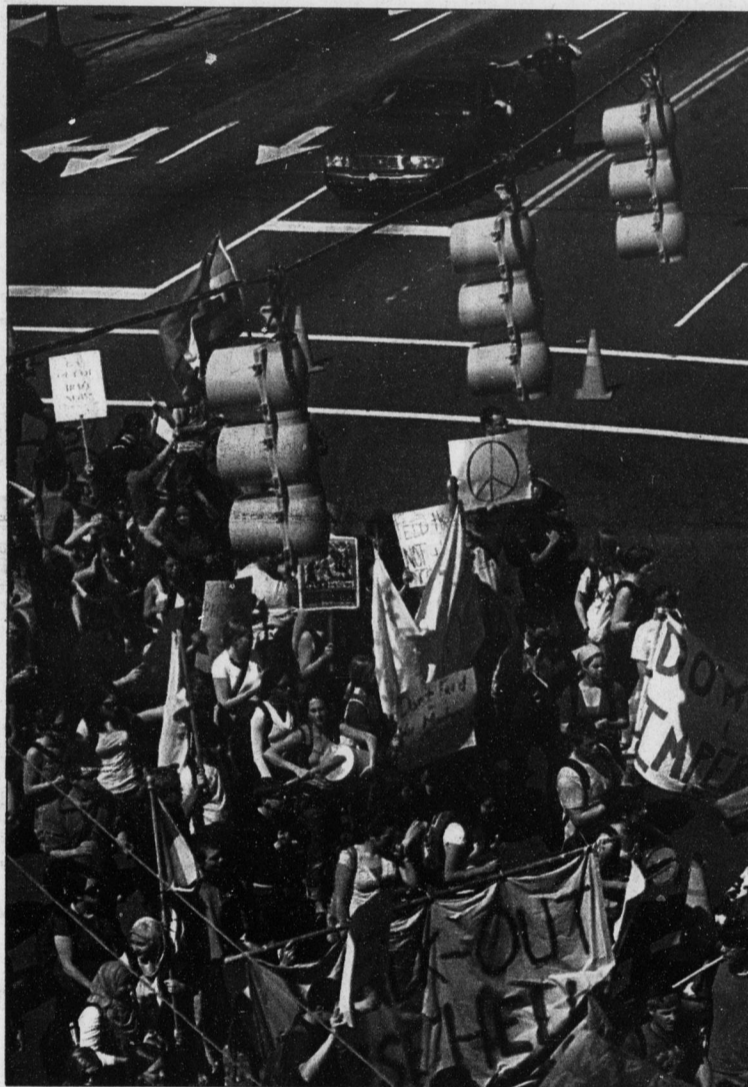
"You have to love the fact that we live in a place where we are free to do this."

Officers from the Department of Public Safety and the Chapel Hill Police Department walked, biked and drove around the protesters to maintain order. As the demonstrators approached intersections, they rode ahead to section off traffic.

Randy Young, DPS spokesman, said the march was "civil and without incident." No arrests were made.

Peter Gilbert, a first-year law student and SDS leader, said that most of the police responded well

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Students and community members gather at the intersection of Franklin and Columbia streets to protest the Iraq War on its fourth anniversary. Police officers directed traffic during the march.

## Coach Davis having chemo

Cancerous growth in mouth removed

BY DANIEL MALLOY  
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North Carolina football coach Butch Davis is undergoing chemotherapy this spring after a small growth removed from his gum was found to be non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

The Tar Heels began spring practice Monday, and Davis, 55, has no plans to stop coaching the team, he said in an informal gathering with a small group of reporters Tuesday afternoon.

"I feel as healthy as I've ever been, as active," Davis said. "My plan is to put 100 percent total focus into this football team."

The chemo is just a precaution for Davis, because further tests in early March at the Cleveland Clinic's Taussig Cancer Center found no evidence of cancer in his mouth or anywhere else in his body, he said.

After consulting several doctors, the consensus, Davis said, was to do chemotherapy to ensure that all the cancer was removed with the initial growth.

"That's the hope," Davis said. "But there's never any certainty. The only certainty that you can ever have is, if you want to make sure, this is what you gotta do."

The coach seemed just as upbeat as in his introductory news conference Nov. 27. Davis was hired Nov. 13

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Coach Butch Davis said tests showed him to be in good health overall.

## Tar Heels survive to make Sweet 16

BY KRISTIN PRATT  
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PITTSBURGH — After soundly defeating Prairie View in the first round of the NCAA Tournament,

North Carolina head coach Sylvia Hatchell said she hoped there would be other easy games ahead.

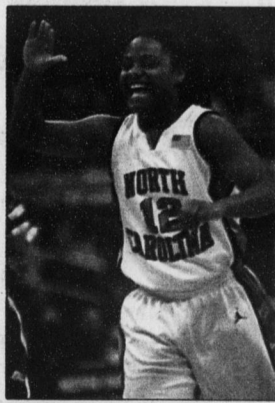
Tuesday's matchup against Notre Dame at the Petersen Events Center was anything but. Though they had to come from behind, UNC's expe-

rience and leadership helped the team to a 60-51 victory.

"Survive and advance," Hatchell said. "It was tough. I knew they were going to give us a great game and they did. I was proud of the young ladies right here, especially LaToya Pringle. I've said this the last few weeks, of course Ivory (Latta) and Camille (Little) and Erlana (Larkins), they carry us most of our game. ... But when we needed (LaToya), she stepped up."

Seniors Little and Latta have

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Senior point guard Ivory Latta pumps up a teammate during the team's win Tuesday night. The Tar Heels next face George Washington.

## Pit Preacher returns to campus

BY JORDAN LAWRENCE  
STAFF WRITER

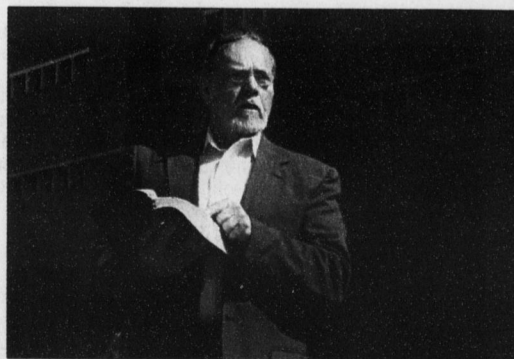
Gary Birdsong does not need the Pit to preach his message to University students.

Birdsong, notorious as the Pit Preacher, returned to UNC on Tuesday for the first time since being issued a warning for trespassing.

He spoke in the walkway between Lenoir Dining Hall and Davis Library because of his two-year suspension from using the Pit, the punishment for his warning.

According to a letter Birdsong received from UNC's Department of Public Safety, Birdsong will be "prohibited from entering the recessed

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Gary Birdsong, known to Chapel Hill as the Pit Preacher, gives his usual sermon Tuesday at his new locale outside Davis Library.

### special section

#### CAROLINA'S FINEST

Check out today's inserted section and see who your peers picked as the area's top eateries, late-night hot spots, retailers and athletes this year.

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#### TWO IN ONE

Schoolkids Records on Franklin Street downsizes to one store because of what the manager says is a bad climate for retail downtown.

### this day in history

MARCH 21, 1961 ...

The Student Party sweeps the University Party in executive branch campus elections on the strength of its housing-focused platform.

### weather

Cloudy  
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