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UNC BOILS PURDUE

Tar Heels bound for Final Four

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DALLAS — Look out, LeBron — Ivory's back.

Many fans might remember the fiery UNC point guard flexing her muscles at the Cleveland Cavaliers star, Latta's friend since they met at the McDonald's All American game in 2003, during the Tar Heels' Elite Eight victory against Tennessee last season. Now she'll have the same chance after UNC beat Purdue on Tuesday night, 84-72.

For the second year in a row — and just the third time in school history — the North Carolina women's basketball team is headed to the Final Four, where the Volunteers await redemption.

"I don't think it's hit me yet," Latta said, proudly sporting a freshly cut net around her neck. "I think when I get on the plane or get back to Chapel Hill I'll just bust out crying or something like that."

But to get to Cleveland, this year's site, No. 1-seed North Carolina (34-3) had to get through a talented and red-hot Purdue (31-6) team bent on getting revenge for a last-second NCAA Tournament loss to UNC last season.

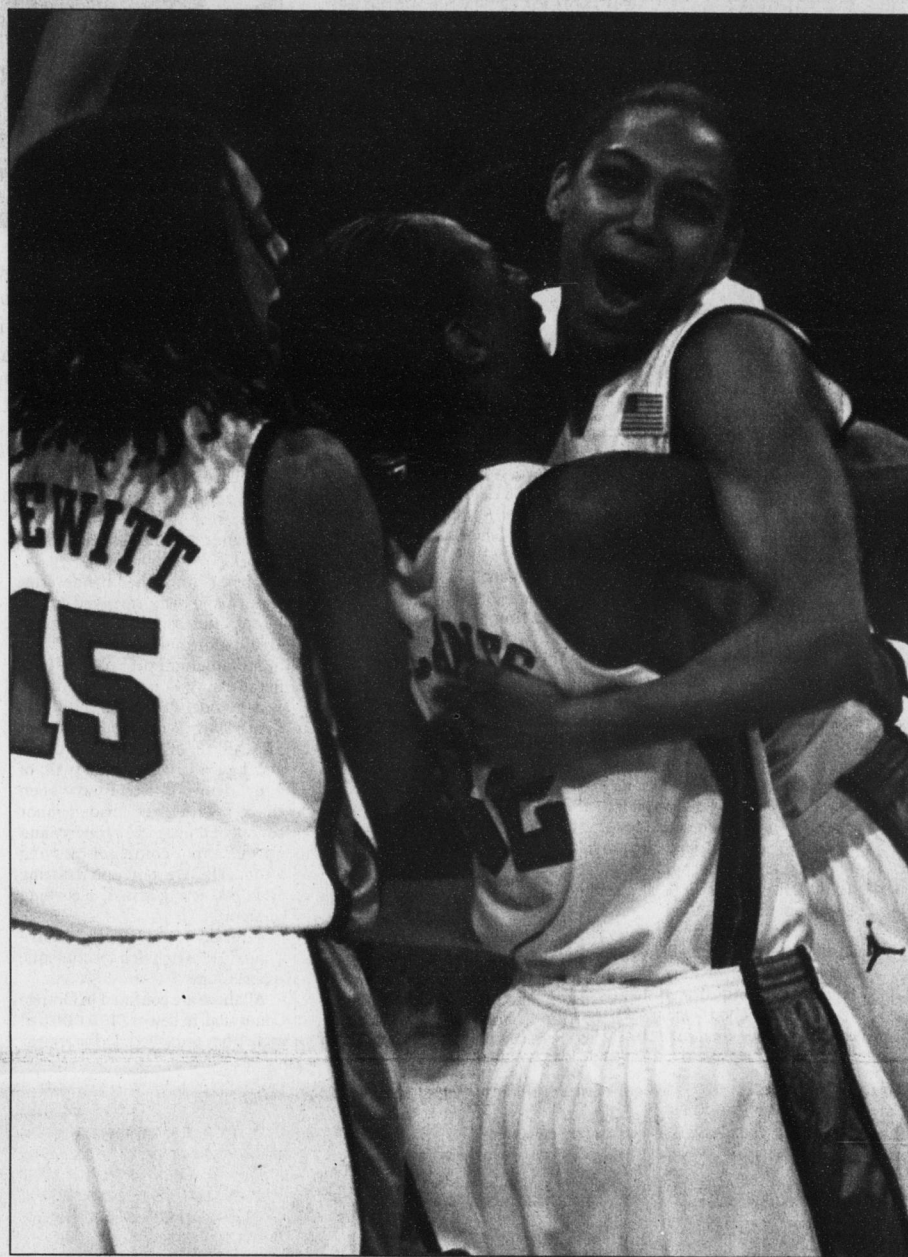
Like the game against George Washington on Sunday, the contest was back-and-forth for the majority of the first half. But the Tar Heels went on a 12-0 run near the end of the period and entered the break up by seven points.

The second half featured runs from each team, but UNC always was able to hold off Purdue.

The Boilermakers cut the lead to as few as three points once, and four points several times, but UNC had answers.

Mostly, that answer came in the form of Larkins, named the Dallas Regional Most Outstanding Player. The junior forward dominated the paint, finishing with 29 points and 10 rebounds. Ivory Latta even got back to her high-scoring ways, chipping in 21 points.

"I know Ivory kept telling me,



North Carolina junior point guard Alex Miller jumps into the arms of teammate Rashanda McCants following UNC's victory sealing back-to-back Final Four berths. The Tar Heels next will face fellow No. 1-seed Tennessee on Sunday in Cleveland.

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The family of Jason Ray, the UNC student who was a Rameses mascot for three years, will hold a viewing and visitation from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Concord First Assembly in Concord.

The funeral will be 11 a.m. Saturday, also at Concord First Assembly.

The church is at 150 Warren C. Coleman Blvd. in Concord.

An on-campus memorial service scheduled for today has been postponed.

Ben Folds returns to Chapel Hill

Pop-rock pianist remembers time spent in local venues

BY MARGARET HAIR
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If there's one thing that stands out to those who knew rock pianist Ben Folds when he was playing around town in the mid-'90s, it's the baby grand he brought to nearly every show.

Considering the musical climate at the time — mostly post-punk with grungy guitars — the bulky piano would be hard to forget.

"That wasn't just Chapel Hill, that was the world, so we didn't fit in at all," Folds, 40, said of the music scene at the time.

"When you start and you don't fit in, it's just a liability. But if you continue to stick by your guns, it ends up being an asset."

"It was a good shtick," said Joe Caparo, a friend of Ben Folds Five who was namedropped on the group's first album.

"People could identify with it ... they were pretty hard to miss," Caparo said.

Tonight, Folds will play a much larger piano for a sold-out crowd in Memorial Hall, returning to the town that claims him as one of its most successful musical acts.

The concert, co-sponsored by Live Nation live music company, Cat's Cradle and the Carolina Union Activities Board, is part of a 10-date tour of college campuses.

The performance will be the first time Folds has taken to a stage in Chapel Hill or Carrboro since Sept. 10, 2001, when he played at Cat's Cradle to promote his first solo effort, *Rockin' the Suburbs*.

So, why so long to come back?

"I've been wanting to do that for a long time, but it just

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UNC unveils campus plans

Have three options for Carolina North

BY ANDREW DUNN
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Three plans of development for Carolina North were unveiled Tuesday during the first of a series of public forums sponsored by the University.

More than 90 students, faculty and community members heard the three different conceptual approaches to developing UNC's proposed satellite research facility.

"Carolina North is about the University mission of education, research, public outreach and, of course, service," said Jack Evans, executive director of the project. "What you will see is very much a work in progress."

All three plans focus on developing the area formerly occupied by the Horace Williams airport.

They also each focus on preserving the environment, leaving open space and promoting convenient mass transportation.

All will have on-campus housing, a thoroughfare through the middle of development and park-

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Shag bands booked for senior event

Celebration to span two days capped with fireworks

BY KATE SULLIVAN
STAFF WRITER

The senior class officers are hoping the class of 2007 has a shag-a-delic farewell.

In lieu of a senior class speaker, Chairmen of the Board and The Embers will perform in a two-day-long beach-themed graduation celebration, senior class officers announced Tuesday night.

"This kind of event is kind of a last time to see your peers," said Meg Petersen, senior class president. "I think that's something you lose with a speaker event."

The celebration, which will be free, is slated to kick off May 10 with a performance by Chairmen of the Board, best known for their song "Carolina Girl," and will continue May 11 with an afternoon performance by The Embers, a Raleigh-based beach music group.

A baseball game and fireworks will end the evening.

Petersen said the two-day event will have a relaxed beach theme and give seniors time to kick back and be with friends one last time.

"We're working on making the event exciting," said Eric Schmidt, senior class vice president, adding that he wants the event to be inviting for everyone.

This year's senior concert celebration will cost about \$12,000 including stage and technical costs, Petersen said.

Schmidt said the General Alumni Association will foot some of the cost, saying their event will flow into a GAA-sponsored event that weekend.

"It makes for a nice flow into a whole senior weekend," Schmidt said.



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Chairmen of the Board performs at the Garner Beach Music Festival. They will put on a show for seniors.

He said there are plans in the works for a Thursday night barhop following the Chairmen of the Board performance.

The Office of the Provost will give \$5,000 for the event, Schmidt said.

The past two senior classes also have received about \$5,000 each from the Office of the Provost to bring a senior speaker to campus.

Dissatisfied with the selection of Rev. Peter Gomes, a Harvard University professor, as the Commencement speaker, the class of 2005 set the precedent for a senior class event by bringing comedian Mo Rocca to campus.

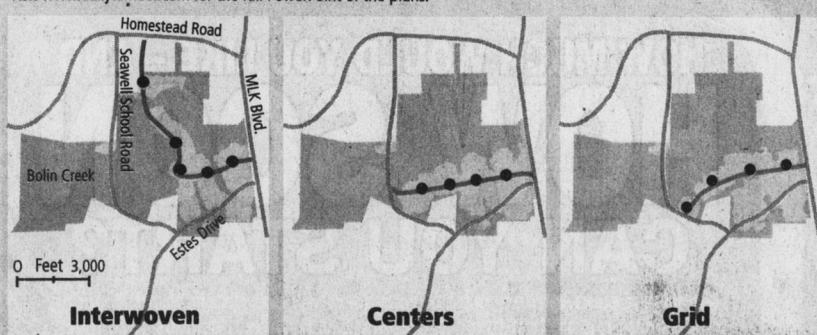
Last year's speaker, Jasmine Guy, who acted on the show "A Different World," was met with mixed emotions by students.

Because of the lack of enthusiasm for last year's speaker, Petersen said she and Schmidt were open to

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Contemplating the options

Three plans for Carolina North were rolled out and are up for public discussion. All keep development within 1,000 feet of the main road for each plan, leaving a wide expanse of undeveloped land around Bolin Creek. Visit www.dailytarheel.com for the full PowerPoint of the plans.



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A TRASHY HOME Commissioners vote to put waste station on Eubanks Road

MEASURING UP University's graduate school will undergo an external review

FUNDING CYCLE A local bike loan program gets a grant for operations

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FAMILY FUN TIME

The town is ready to start a summer concert series and a winter crafts fair, events aimed at replacing the ill-fated Apple Chill.



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'NO MEANS NO'

UNC students rally during a "Take Back the Night" event to raise awareness about sexual assault and encourage women and men to fight back.

this day in history

MARCH 28, 2001 ...

The Kappa Sigma fraternity house — vacant in preparation for sprinkler installation — catches on fire. No injuries were reported.

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