

National and World News

UNC golf teams find success

FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

President Bush endorses McCain

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — John McCain got a White House embrace from President Bush on Wednesday, along with the party perks that go with sewing up the Republican nomination.

Kucinich back in Ohio senate race

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Dennis Kucinich, the liberal Ohio politician who has made two failed White House bids, won the Democratic primary Tuesday in a battle against the toughest, best-financed challenger in his 12-year congressional career.

Chavez accuses Colombia and its U.S. allies of creating conflict in the region

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez charged Wednesday that Colombia and its allies in Washington are responsible for the intensifying crisis in this region, and said perpetual conflict with the United States is inevitable.

Iraqis dispute death sentences

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Iraqi government is refusing to execute the Saddam Hussein henchman and cousin known as "Chemical Ali" unless the death sentences of two other Saddam-era officials also are approved.

Navy sailor leaked ship movements

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A former Navy sailor has been convicted of leaking details about his own ship's movements to suspected terrorism supporters.

BY ANNA KIM STAFF WRITER

North Carolina's men's and women's golf teams this week went as far and wide as San Jose, Calif., and Tallahassee, Fla. But both trips brought home encouraging finishes for the Tar Heels.



UNC's Kevin O'Connell shot a team-best 66 in the second round of the UNC men's first spring tourney.

The men traveled for their first match of the spring season to the Seminole Intercollegiate, hosted by Golden Eagle Country Club. The intercollegiate concluded Monday with the final two rounds because of Tuesday's inclement weather.

But freshman Kevin O'Connell packed in more than enough highlights for Monday's match. O'Connell's outstanding second-round performance included six birdies and no bogies, carding a six-under 66.

In the third round, he rounded out his performance, posting an even-par 72 to secure a third-place tie on the individual leaderboard in just his fifth tournament of his college career.

"He's one of the best players in college golf," UNC coach John Inman said. "And he's had a chance to win a few of the tournaments, and I think that time is coming for him."

Senior Barden Berry also contributed in a solid outing, firing a three-under 69 in the final round. He finished tied for 11th.

"Barden Berry really helped us in the last round," Inman said. "Things weren't going his way early but he really stuck with it and turned it around."

Berry and O'Connell helped lead the UNC squad to a final round score of 290, and the Tar Heels notched a fourth-place finish nine shots off the lead.

"I was pleased that we had a good chance to win the tournament," Inman said. "It's the first tournament back, and so we're just trying to get our competitiveness back."

The women's team traveled to the SJSU Spartan Invitational and finished in sixth place with a team-total of 915 strokes.

"We're getting better and better each week," UNC coach Sally

Austin said. "But we just can't seem to all play well on the same day." Austin cited the team's inability to consistently shoot par for what she believed was a weaker performance than the Tar Heels are capable. But she was encouraged by improvements in the golfers' performances.

"I really feel like we're right on the verge of shooting some really low numbers," she said. "We're so close to getting it done."

Junior Sydney Crane anchored the Tar Heels, firing a one-over 73 in the final round to secure a tie for fifth place on the individual leaderboard.

After having suffered a wrist injury in the fall, Crane is finding her swing and her confidence, Austin said.

"Sydney is maturing and growing," Austin said. "And it is fun to watch her do that."

The men's golf team will be back in action Sunday in the General Hackler Championship in South Carolina, and the women's golf team will compete against LSU in the Cleveland Golf Classic starting March 14.

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Sudoku

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Sudoku grid with numbers and empty cells.

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Wednesday's puzzle

Solution to the previous week's puzzle.

Terrace shows

The Johnston Center is once again hosting campus acts every Thursday. See pg. 9 for story.

Movie review

Diversions review modern fairy tale, "Penelope," starring Christina Ricci. See pg. 6 for story.

Chemical cleanup

UNC will start a cleanup of chemical waste on the Horace Williams plot. See pg. 3 for story.

Music review

Bluegrass group Chatham County Line pleases on its album, "IV." See pg. 7 for story.

Weighing in

Wrestler Keegan Mueller has had a winding journey to his success. See pg. 1 for story.

CLEANUP

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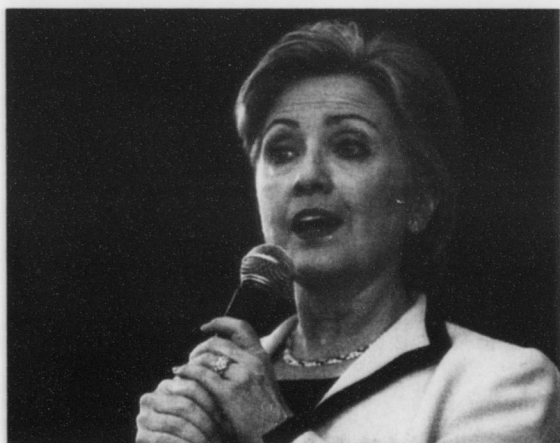
down the sink in the '70s because it wasn't safe," said Rodney Swiney, WRScompass' site project manager.

Groundwater cleanup began in 2006 and is expected to continue for the next 20 to 30 years until it reaches state standards, Daw said.

The cleanup efforts will not interfere with UNC's immediate construction plans for Carolina North, which will begin in 2009 at the earliest.

Future construction on the site could be limited, Daw said, because waste might have seeped into the water table beyond the area that will be cleaned. That would not allow buildings with basements to be constructed on the site but would allow for surface construction such as parking lots.

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DTH FILE/JULIE TURKEWITZ

Sen. Hillary Clinton, who won the Democratic presidential primaries in Ohio and Rhode Island on Tuesday, speaks in South Carolina in January.

PRIMARIES

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mirror those of Ohio, the advantage there has been given to Clinton.

She performed well among Ohio's older voters and better than normal among its white males, demographic groups that figure strongly in Pennsylvania, Peterson said. As a senator from neighboring New York, Clinton also has the advantage of familiarity.

Both states have seen a decline in their once powerful manufacturing industries and are struggling to diversify their economies to compensate for the shift, Peterson said. "Her economic positions probably speak reasonably well to working-class people," he said, explaining that Clinton could have an

edge with those concerned about outsourcing.

But with more than a month left until the primary and with Obama's reputation for galvanizing voters, Clinton's advantage in Pennsylvania could be overcome.

"There's a lot of time between now and when the vote takes place for the voters to learn about the candidates," Peterson said. "There's room for fluidity."

Pennsylvania rarely plays a role this large in the presidential campaign, but in this year's race, anomalies are becoming the norm.

"Pennsylvania's about to become a significant actor in this little drama," Peterson said.

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REGAL CINEMAS advertisement listing movies and showtimes.

The Lumina advertisement listing showtimes and prices.

Varsity advertisement listing showtimes for 'Starting Out in the Evening'.

Chelsea advertisement listing showtimes for 'In Bruges'.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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Religious Directory listing various churches and their services.