Due to the staff's exhausted use of ideas in the April Fool's edition of the Tar Heel, there will be no news for this spot. Sorry for the disappointment.

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Fans greet Tar Heels with pride

By OPHELIA DAVIS Staff Writer

The Tar Heels received a warm-hearted welcome in front of Carmichael Auditorium Tuesday from more than 350 ardent fans who wanted to show the players that "Tar Heels are still No. 1 in our hearts" as they returned home from the NCAA tournament.

The greeters seemed not to mind that the team was returning home in a No. 2 position, but remained proud that the Tar Heels had played in the Final Four.

As the players got off the bus, the fans, clad in Tar Heel t-shirts and Carolina blue paint, cheered the team on with chants of "Here we go Tar Heels! Here we go Tar Heels!"

"I wanted to see the entire team and even though we didn't win the NCAA, they'll always be number one in my heart," said Opal Darden, a UNC senior.

Wendy Donaldson, a freshman dental hygiene major, said she came out to Carmichael to show the team that they still had her full support. Many of the fans brought along posters that read "We love you Tar Heels" and Carolina

blue pom-poms to intensify the welcome. Kathy Everett, a sophomore education major, said "I was so happy for them and I just wanted them to know that we still love them."

Dicky Sparrow, a freshman business administration major, said that she came out to greet the players because the team had done a great job and she wanted to show that she was still behind them despite the loss.

Melody Harris, a sophomore recreation major, said she was excited and proud as the team

got off the bus one by one. "I was a little sad because they look sad,"



Al Wood greets Heels fans upon return from NCAA championship ... more than 300 people came to Carmichael to welcome the team

said Sandra Shaw, a sophomore nursing major. But she said she wanted to show the players the students were not disappointed in the team's performance.

Many of the fans said they had celebrated on Franklin Street on Monday night to forget about the loss and to show their support. Franklin Street was brought to life by hundreds of fans despite the 63-50 loss to the Indiana

Butch Pope, a fan from Winston-Salem, said that she had come to Chapel Hill on Monday night to watch the game with friends and she had come back Tuesday to let the team know that the fans still love them.

Marred by fights and shooting

Postgame celebration wild, unruly

By STEVE GRIFFIN Staff Writer

The Franklin Street celebration that followed the UNC basketball team's defeat in the NCAA finals was marred by several outbreaks of violence, including a shooting incident, police said.

A shooting incident near the Pittsboro St. and West Cameron Avenue intersection around 11:30 p.m. left two men injured. One of them required treatment at North Carolina Memorial Hospital. A number of fights broke out in the

crowd. Millard Hugo Taybron of Durham was charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon for firing a .22 caliber revolver at two men. The two were identified by police as Eston Reeves, of Chapel Hill, and Greg Paul Leitner, a Florida resident stationed at the Portsmouth, Va., naval base.

None of the three were students. Leitner, age 20, suffered a wound in his left

roulder. A bullet entered his back and exited from his chest just above his third rib. Reeves, age 21, did not require medical attention.

Leitner was listed as being in serious condition by a hospital spokesperson. Taybron is still being held by police.

Chapel Hill Police Chief Herman Stone expressed concern over the evening as a whole. "It was very rough, and a lot of people got hurt. The crowd was too large and was drinking too much."

Stone reported that 25 to 30 serious fights broke out on Franklin Street. He estimated that 20,000 to 25,000 people converged on the street during the course of the evening.

A number of people received cuts of varying

Several people on Franklin Street complained of fireworks going off very near people. Other people placed lighted firecrackers in bottles and cans, causing debris to fly when the fireworks exploded.

"It was the largest crowd I have ever seen downtown. It was also the most unruly."

The police present, for the most part, managed to avoid injury in the evening's skirmishes. One officer was hit by a thrown bottle and' another had his hat knocked off by airborne debris, but these were the only incidents directly

involving police, Stone said. The police tolerated violations of several laws, especially those concerning public drinking, but were instructed to see that no private property was damaged. Several people were

stopped from tearing down signs by the police. Stone contrasted Monday's celebration with those of the past. "There were no fights reported last Saturday. In 1977 we had a few problems, but none of the brawls typical of (this) Monday night. In 1957 the gathering was just a festive

atmosphere, with practically no trouble at all." See VIOLENCE on page 2



Chapel Hillians lay out in the unusually warm, summerlike weather. As spring strikes the Hill every year, the thought of classes somehow gets stuck in the farthest corner of students' minds.

Reagan's humor lightens tragedy

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Ronald Reagan rebounded Tuesday from gunshot surgery "extremely well" and with a strong dose of humor as he resumed command of the presidency.

Vice President George Bush said Reagan looked robust as he took up presidential business from his hospital bed early Tuesday morning. Bush, meanwhile, assumed the president's day-to-day White House schedule.

Reagan was described by doctors as being in "excellent spirits," fewer than 24 hours after the assailant's bullet was removed from his left lung.

"The president continues on the road to recovery. He is doing extremely well," said Reagan's personal physician, Dr. Daniel Ruge.

During the day, the 70-year-old president was

Assassination attempt causes shock, sorrow

Disbelief and sadness were the primary reactions of Chapel Hill residents to Monday's attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan, according to an informal Daily Tar Heel poll conducted on campus and on Franklin Street.

"It was unbelievable, really. When I first heard, I thought it was a joke," said Kathleen Whitt, the manager of the Chapel Hill Laundromat. "Reagan has come out of this so well. He is a strong man to be 70 years old," she said.

Lucy McCauley, a sophomore from Wilmington, expressed shock. "When it first happened, I was shocked. It hurt to think that that type of thing is still going on. I thought my generation had gone bevond something like that."

She said she was afraid that if something happened to Reagan, Bush would have to take over.

"I was disappointed, almost disgusted to hear of the attempt on the President's life," said Kelly Eplee, a senior from Charlotte. "We finally got a man like Reagan, who is making an effort to do something, and then someone comes along and tries to waste him," he said.

Page Davis, who was working at an outside display on Franklin Street, recalled earlier presidential attacks. "After President (John) Kennedy and Robert Kennedy were shot, I thought something like this wouldn't happen," she said. "When I came down to Franklin Street Monday night, everybody was rioting. Even though I knew Reagan wasn't killed, I couldn't get into the crowd. It seemed inappropriate and bizarre."

"The attempt was not terribly shocking. However, that's not the way to eliminate what you think is bad," said Kathy Moore, a sophomore from Raleigh. "But now that Reagan knows what it's like to be shot, maybe he'll think twice before sending Americans to El Salvador," she said.

Some people also expressed sympathy for the family of the man accused in the assassination attempt - John Warnock Hinckley.

Loretta Almond, a Winston-Salem junior said, "I think it's sad it happened. I feel sorry for the family of the alleged assassin and the publicity that they will be receiving.".

"I was surprised. I really hadn't thought of anybody trying. I hate that it happened, but I'm glad Press Secretary (James) Brady didn't die," said Mack Snipes, a barber in Chapel Hill. "I'm more sorry for Hinckley's parents than for him. You know they love him," he said.

visited by his wife, children and six White House staff members, 15 visitors in all, while the vice president conducted White House business and also stopped by the hospital.

At the White House aides took pains to portray the government as functioning normally. Bush directed a Cabinet meeting and met with dignitaries.

White House communications were installed at the George Washington University Hospital, where Reagan was recuperating, seven blocks west of the

"We're fully prepared to take care of anything," said deputy White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes. "He's fully able to function as he would be anywhere in the world."

White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III said that shortly after the wounded president reached the hospital Monday, full communications were opened between the medical center, the White House situation room and the airplane carrying Bush back to Washington from Texas.

Baker insisted the administration was prepared at all times "for any contingency that might arise."

The chief of staff refused to say whether the United States had sought assurances from the Soviet Union or warned Moscow not to try to take advantage of the situation.

The bullets fired outside the Washington Hilton Hotel on Monday also hit White House press secretary James S. Brady, a Secret Service agent and a District of Columbia police officer. Brady, shot in the forehead, was described by Dr. Dennis O'Leary as having suffered "fairly extensive damage" to the right side of the brain.

"We believe he is going to live, but we have no idea where he is going to end up," said O'Leary. Later in the day, Speakes said he was "very optimistic" about Brady.

Baker said the president had been informed at 12:16 p.m. by his personal physician, Dr. Daniel Ruge, that Brady was critically wounded and that a Secret Service agent and policeman also had been

The president asked if the bullet that hit Brady in the head had entered his brain, Baker said, and when told it had, Reagan said, "Oh damn, Oh damn."

O'Leary, who is chief of clinical affairs at George Washington University Hospital, said Brady's progress "has really been extraordinary."

O'Leary said the bullet caused "some minimal amount of damage" to the left side of the brain, which controls Brady's mental processes, speech and motor movement on his right side.

The "fairly extensive damage" occurred on the right side of Brady's brain, his non-dominant side. Brady could move his right limbs on command, O'Leary said, and his eyes were open.

The bullet entered Brady's head beside the left eye and rested in the right rear portion of the skull. It was removed intact, O'Leary said. The hospital listed Brady's condition officially as "serious but improving."

The president also was told that the Secret Service agent and policeman who were hit was expected to

John Warnock Hinckley Jr., the 25-year-old Coloradan charged with trying to assassinate Reagan, was held at the Marine base in Quantico, Va., after a midnight court appearance at which he was described by U.S. Attorney Charles Ruff as "wandering, aimless, irresponsible." No bond was set.

Hinckley spelled out his intent to kill Reagan in an unmailed letter to the young co-star of a movie about a political assassin Justice Department sources said Tuesday.

The sources said investigators found a letter addressed to movie actress Jodie Foster. She was featured in the film "Taxi Driver," in which the male lead plots the assassination of a political figure.

According to the sources, Hinckley wrote to Foster: "I'm going to do it for you."

One Justice Department source, who asked not to be named, said that one of at least two unmailed letters written to Foster expressed Hinckley's desire to "go out and do something to get himself killed."

-Tar Heels exceed pre-season expectations

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... But fans still expect a lot from a basketball school like Carolina and the 1980-81 team's ability to continue Carolina's winning ways depends mainly on an inexperienced group of young players. Only one Tar Heel, Al Wood, has the kind of experience around which championship teams are often built.

- The 80-81 Daily Tar Heel Basketball Tubloid

The players who got off the team bus in front of Carmichael Auditorium Tuesday were not inexperienced. These members of the 1980-81 North Carolina basketball team

had been to the pinnacle of college basketball.

"It just came down to a one-game situa-

tion," Al Wood said. "We had only one game to win the title, and we lost that game."

That game was Indiana's 63-50 victory over the Tar Heels in Monday night's NCAA championship game at the Spectrum in Philadelphia. North Carolina's loss meant a lot of disappointment, of course, but there was still a lot of pride and a sense of accomplishment in the air as the team returned home to a crowd of about 250.

"Coach Smith really couldn't talk to us much right after the game," Wood said. "All the reporters grabbed him and there were so many people around.

"He did tell us though, that the whole season was a great effort and that he was proud

of us." "I guess we can be like Penn State football," Smith had told reporters at the Spectrum Monday night. "They're No. 2 every so often.

"At least we got here," he said in response to the questionwhich inevitably came up after the UNC coach's record in NCAA final games fell to 0-3. "There are a lot of teams who never see the Final Four."

To be exact, there were 260 teams who tried but failed to make it to the Final Four. Some never had a chance to be there. Smith's team was widely thought to be among that group when the season began.

"Everybody thought that this was going to be our rebuilding year," Wood said. "But everybody on the team knew we had a chance to be good."

The chance was undeniably there. But there were problems. Jimmy Black was in an auto accident last summer and was very fortunate to escape with his health - let alone his basketball ability - intact. James Worthy was coming back off ankle surgery and was never

really a sure bet until the season began.

Besides, there would be need for help from freshmen if the Heels were to be successful. Sam Perkins and Matt Doherty looked promising, but were untested.

As the season progressed, more problems came up. Wood suffered a nagging shoulder injury that hampered but didn't sideline him. Doherty and Pete Budko were sidelined with injuries which kept them out of several games.

But despite two December non-conference losses, two heartbreaking losses to Virginia, a blowout defeat by Wake Forest in Chapel Hill and two other losses, Carolina was there at

And in that end, Carolina missed again in the attempt to win a national title with Smith as coach. Black had said Sunday the team "wanted to win real bad for the coach," but Indiana won it for Bobby Knight and Smith CHIEF III SCOVEN ARAIN.

Certainly, there was bitter disappointment in the Carolina camp after the game last night. The players still looked a little solemn as they arrived at Carmichael yesterday. But as they came back out from the equipment room and got back on the bus to go to Granville, most had begun to smile again.

"We can't let it get us too far down," Doherty said. "Coach told us that it was a good season, all in all, and that he was very proud of us."

"I'm giad to see that the guys are loose today and enjoying all of this," said Wood, who finished his UNC career with 2,015 points third on the all-time list. "You just can't roll over and die.

"I love the game and I'm happy I had the opportunity to play in the Final Four. It's not the end of the world. There are worse probfems than losing basketball games."