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Wild and crazy

UNC fans take their celebration of the Tar Heels victory over Houston to downtown Chapel Hill Saturday. Two fans get involved in painting themselves and the streets Carolina blue, left. For another, above, baring his school spirit was all part of the excitement.

Fans celebrate amid blue madness

By ALAN CHAPPLE
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Pandemonium (pan de-mo ne-am). More than 15,000 yelling, cheering and dancing Tar Heel fans packed onto a block of Franklin Street, celebrating the victory by the UNC basketball team in the semi-finals of the NCAA tournament last Saturday afternoon.

The celebrating and madness that the University and town expected and prepared for came to life vividly after the final seconds ticked off the game clock in New Orleans, launching the Tar Heels into the championship game for the second time in as many years.

Throng of beer-drinking fans poured onto Franklin Street, which was blocked from traffic between Henderson and Columbia streets, and within minutes the town's main drag was the scene of a huge party.

"Bourbon Street's got nothing on us," said a woman watching several people covering Silent Sam with toilet paper. "All of those people who went to New Orleans wasted their money. This is where the real party is."

The jubilant, but relatively orderly crowd participated in draping the trees lining Franklin Street with toilet paper and painting themselves, others and the street with light blue paint while concentrating on drinking and pouring amounts of beer that did justice to the self-professed beer-drinking capital.

According to police on the scene, there were few arrests and little in the way of violence or damage to property.

"There was no damage to buildings and really nothing out of the ordinary happened," said one Chapel Hill police officer.

"The only problem was just a few fights."

But while the celebration remained peaceful, it was far from monotonous or boring.

A naked fan celebrating in the middle of the street, a New Wave guitarist playing his instrument and a man with a boa constrictor wrapped around his neck were among those who captured the attention of the thousands crowded on Franklin Street.

"This is great, this is the wildest thing I've ever seen," said one woman whose face and hair were covered with Carolina blue paint.

"If you thought last year was wild, you ought to see what is going to happen tonight," shouted down one fan who was perched in one of the trees. "And just wait and see Franklin Street on Monday when we win it all. This place is going to rock."

As the cold night weather settled in, the bulk of the crowd dispersed, leaving Franklin Street covered with empty beer cans, paint cans and a few die-hard fans, who continued to dance and douse each other with paint.

The Chapel Hill police ended the celebration after 8:30 p.m. to begin the massive clean-up operation. By 10:30 p.m. most of the paint was washed from the pavement and the garbage collected so that the street was re-opened to automobiles.

Because of the celebration, several stores selling beer reported constant business and highly increased sales. Additionally, a number of restaurants, especially those which delivered or were open late, said they were swamped with customers during the entire evening.

Chaos on Bourbon, Franklin

Tar Heels defeat Houston 68-63; to play Hoyas for championship

By CLIFTON BARNES
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NEW ORLEANS — UNC coach Dean Smith will get another crack at the national championship crown tonight at 8:12.

His Tar Heels stopped Houston, 68-63 in Saturday's semi-finals to earn the right to play Georgetown (a 50-46 winner over Louisville) for the finals.

"Since we are here, it would be fun to go away with it once," said Dean Smith, who has not won a championship in six trips to the Final Four. "Then you writers would stop talking about it all the time."

Senior guard Jimmy Black does not like to hear that kind of talk either.

"I'm tired of people saying he gets to the finals and then chokes," he said. "I'm putting special emphasis on winning it for the coach."

For Smith to get to his fourth final game, and the second straight, North Carolina had to beat the run-and-gun Houston Cougars here Saturday before the 61,000 fans in the Superdome.

For a while it appeared that the Cougars might not score as the Tar Heels jumped out to a 14-0 lead five minutes into the game — mostly behind the play of Sam Perkins and Michael Jordan.

"I didn't think we'd ever score," said Houston coach Guy Lewis. "I don't think there's ever been a Final Four where a team didn't score, but it looked like it would be."

The Cougars had said all week that the key would be scoring first and controlling the tempo.

"We were overanxious to get the first basket," said Cougar Larry Micheaux, who scored 18 points.

"We tried to get two points too early and that's what helped Carolina set the tempo," Houston guard Lynden Rose said.

"They controlled the tempo and getting behind early was probably the key," Rose said, who led the squad with 20 points.

"We started off very cold and we were always trying to catch up."

Once Houston did score, they did so quickly and pulled even at 29-29 on a Micheaux layup. But Perkins sent the Tar Heels into the dressing room with a 31-29 halftime lead on a pair of free throws.

"I thought we were in great shape then, considering we hadn't played worth a darn," Lewis said. "But the start of both halves killed us."

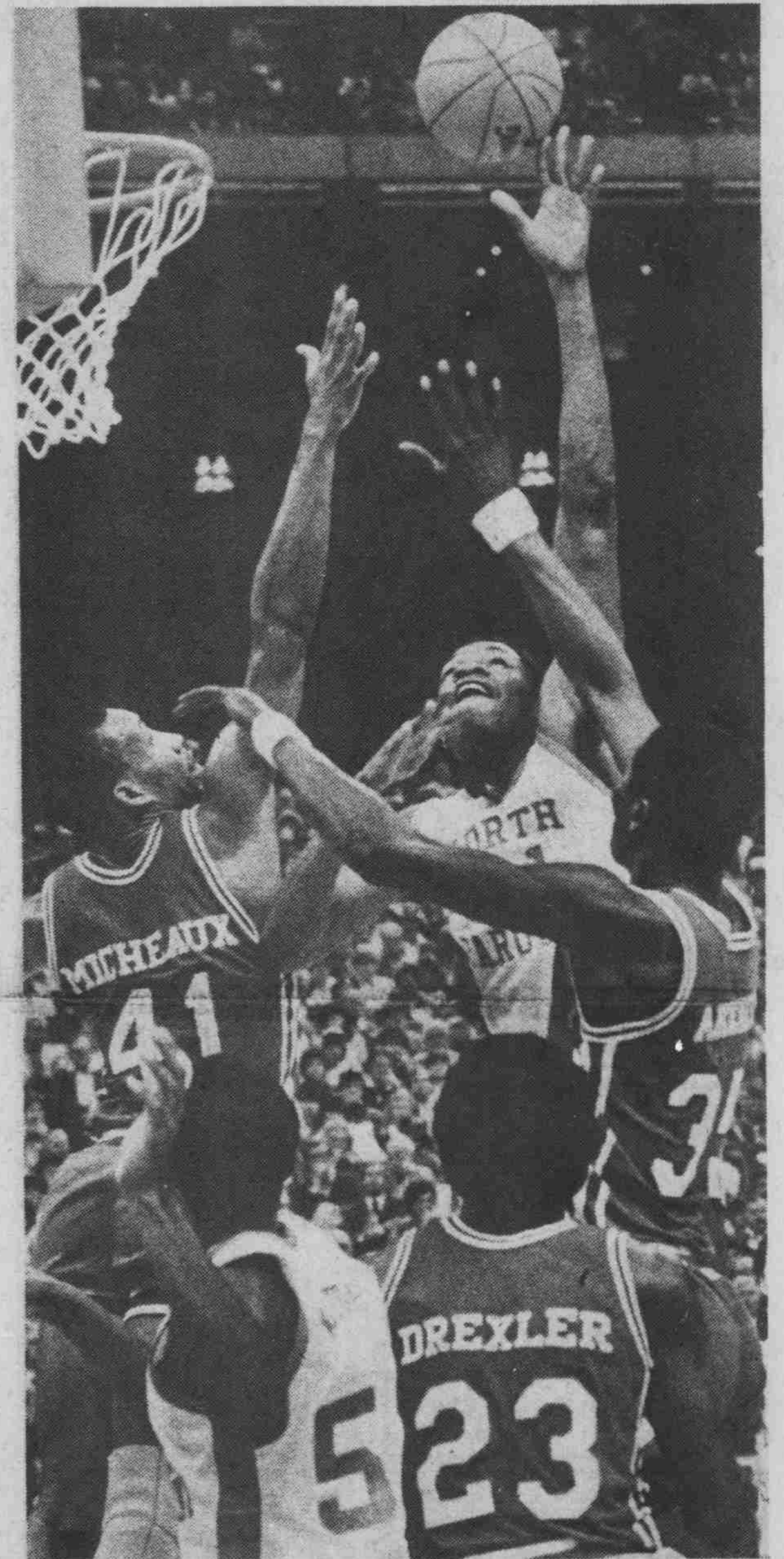
Within three minutes of the second half, the Tar Heels had a seven point lead, which fluctuated from nine to four before Smith went to the four corners with 7:20 left.

At the 6:45 mark, UNC's James Worthy slammed one to put the Tar Heels up 54-48.

The closest it ever got again was the final five-point margin when Rose scored at the buzzer.

"The slowdown worked to their advantage," Rose said. "We had to chase hard and we made some fouls by over-hustling."

In the delay, North Carolina hit 10 of 11 free throws. For the game the Tar Heels hit 59.1 percent of their field goals,



Sam Perkins hooks it over a host of Houston players ...the UNC center reached a personal high of 25 points

second best in semi-final history.

"I don't think this was our best game," Smith said. "We were going to test their ability to chase the four corners, certainly before they took a lead. We scored but I was disappointed; Houston was coming back and scoring."

But one key for the Tar Heels' defense

was Black's play on Rob Williams, who averages 21 points a game.

Black and his teammates held Williams to two free throws and no field goals in eight tries.

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News Briefs

Salvadorans go to polls despite attacks

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)—Attacks by leftist guerrillas, including rooftop snipers, made voting impossible Sunday in El Salvador's fourth-largest city Usulután, and some towns around it. But people turned out in large numbers elsewhere, sometimes casting ballots within blocks of street gunbattles.

The voters were choosing a 60-member constituent assembly empowered to rewrite the constitution and name a provisional administration as a prelude to representative government.

The count at the first polling station to report gave Junta President Jose Napoleon Duarte's Christian Democrats 204 votes, or 43.8 percent. Officials at the station in San Miguel, 67 miles east of here, said 466 ballots were cast, and former Maj. Roberto d'Aubuisson's ultra-right Republican National Alliance got 123, or 26.4 percent.

Forty-six ballots were blank or invalid, and the rest were cast for minor parties. Centrists on the United States-backed ruling junta said general elections could be held in a year if they won. Leftists boycotted the vote, calling it a farce.

Duarte's centrist Christian Democrats and D'Aubuisson's party—known as Arena—were the major contenders, with four other rightist parties as possible coalition members if neither main party wins a majority.

Space shuttle ready for landing

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Space shuttle astronauts gave their ship an encouraging once-over Sunday and prepared for a Monday landing at a makeshift desert spaceport in New Mexico. Landing, set for shortly after noon, could come early to dodge expected midday winds.

A NASA weather forecast released Sunday evening called for decent conditions in the morning, but windier and dustier conditions after noon, MST. Landing at White Sands, N.M., is scheduled for 12:27 p.m. MST.

A decision on when to deorbit could come as late as six hours before landing.

Orange County's unemployment lowest in state

By TERESA BLOSSOM
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While higher unemployment hit 56 of North Carolina's 100 counties in February, Orange County had the lowest unemployment for the fourth consecutive month.

Orange County was the only county with a jobless rate of 4 percent or less. The unemployment rate went from 3.7 percent in January to 3.8 percent in February.

Ann Colenda, labor market analyst in Durham's Employment Security Commission office, said unemployment in the Triangle area has always been low.

"The predominance of government here, which includes hospitals and colleges, creates a fairly stable work force,"

she said.

Durham County's unemployment rate is 5.2 percent and Wake County's rate is 4.6 percent, Colenda said.

Manufacturing industries like textiles and furniture have been hit hardest with unemployment. Colenda said areas which rely on manufacturing react more to a recession and recover more slowly.

According to figures released Wednesday by the U.S. Department of Labor, North Carolina, the nation's chief textile state, lost 2,300 workers in January.

Both the state and national unemployment rates rose 0.2 percent in February, with the national figure going from 9.4 to 9.6 percent. The rise in North Carolina's unemployment rate from 9.1 percent in January to 9.3 percent in February shows that the state is feeling the effects of the

national recession, said analysts in the N.C. ESC.

Swain County had the highest unemployment rate at 22.4 percent. Dare and Tyrell counties were close behind with rates of 22.1 percent and 22 percent, respectively.

The largest increase in unemployment was in Vance County, where the joblessness rate rose 4.6 percentage points to 18.1 percent. The largest decrease in unemployment was in Montgomery County which saw its rate fall 5 percentage points to 10.7 percent.

Floyd Outland, research analyst with the ESC's Labor Market Information Division, said joblessness in the state reflected a nationwide increase in unemployment caused by the recession.

"The national recession has a lot to do

with it (the increase)," Outland said. "It's not a substantial increase, but anytime the rate is over 6 percent (we) start looking real hard at the economic situation. Things are not in good condition."

The 0.2 percent increase in unemployment in the state means that 270,000 workers are unemployed, up from 263,000 in January.

Mike Kiltie, senior economist in the State Budget Office said, "Compared to the decline (in employment) from September to January, the rate of decline has slowed significantly. But I don't feel too optimistic about employment."

Although unemployment is usually highest in the winter, Colenda said she

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Study says most one-car accidents involve alcohol

By SONJA PAYTON
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A new study released by the Toxicology branch of the N.C. Chief Medical Examiner's office shows that alcohol played a major causative role in more than two-thirds of the single-car accidents studied.

According to the study, drugs did not play a significant role in causing deaths on the highway.

Analysis of the blood of 600 North Carolina drivers killed in one-car crashes between 1978 and 1981 indicates that more than four-fifths of the victims had alcohol in their bloodstreams. Marijuana and other drugs were only found in small percentages.

Dr. Arthur J. McBay, chief toxicologist at the N.C. Medical Examiner's Office, said in a press release, "This study was designed to show the extent to which certain drugs contribute to the highway death toll.

"It wouldn't be worthwhile for the government to divert any resources to deal with the problem, for the small number of cases they would get," McBay said.

The results show that of the 600 samples tested, only three contained opiates (codeine, morphine or heroin). Only three of 430 samples tested contained phenylclidine (PCP) and 40 contained the active ingredient in mari-

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