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## 7 Marines killed by friendly missile fire

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Investigators have found that seven Marines were killed by a missile fired by an American warplane during a fierce armor battle along the Kuwaiti border last week, U.S. military officials said Sunday.

The officials said four other Marines killed in the battle were hit by an Iraqi tank round, apparently the first U.S. ground fatalities from enemy fire.

A second incident involving the apparent death of a Marine by friendly fire remains under investigation, they said.

The report on the friendly fire incident said a Marine reconnaissance vehicle, known as an LAV, was involved in a head-to-head battle with Iraqi tanks along the border Tuesday night when a Maverick missile, fired by a U.S. warplane, hit the vehicle, killing the seven Marines.

Four other Marines aboard a second LAV were killed after it was hit by an Iraqi tank round, Johnston said. Two other Marines were wounded in the clash.

## White House projects largest deficit ever

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday will send to Congress a \$1.4 trillion spending blueprint for 1992 that will project the largest budget deficit in the nation's history while counting on America's allies to keep the Persian Gulf War from making that deficit even worse.

The administration also will propose sharp cutbacks in Medicare, including restraints on benefits received by more well-to-do recipients, to keep the government's tide of red ink from rising even higher.

White House Budget Director Richard Darman said Sunday the administration is forecasting that the Persian Gulf War will cost the United States \$15 billion, with another \$51 billion of the tab picked up by its allies.

Darman didn't provide any details on where the foreign money would come from. But Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, who has been heavily involved in the fund-raising effort, said the administration expected to receive \$41.5 billion from the allies to defray the costs of the fighting in the first three months of this year.

## 300,000 participate in rally supporting Iraq

RABAT, Morocco — At least 300,000 people took to the streets of the Moroccan capital Sunday in a raucous but orderly show of support for Iraq in the Gulf War.

The crowd, estimated as high as 500,000 by political opposition parties which organized the march, held aloft copies of the Koran, Islam's holy book, portraits of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, and pictures of Scud missiles.

Demonstrators burned American, British, French and Israeli flags and demanded that allied troops, including Moroccan soldiers, withdraw from the Persian Gulf.

Morocco has sent 1,200 troops to Saudi Arabia and another 500 to the United Arab Emirates as part of the coalition fighting Iraq.

— From Associated Press reports

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# Pit protesters attacked with water balloons, bottle rockets Saturday

By STEVE POLITI  
Staff Writer

Seven College Republicans wearing boheadresses attacked a group of student pro-peace demonstrators with water balloons Saturday night in the Pit. Later that night, UNC Committee for Peace in the Middle East members, who have been camping in the Pit since Tuesday, said two bottle rockets were fired above the tents, one landing inside a tent on a sleeping bag.

Charlton Allen, UNC College Republican chairman, said the College Republicans were responsible for the water balloon attack but were not responsible for the bottle rocket.

Ristin Cooks, a member of the UNC Committee for Peace in the Middle East who was not present Saturday night,

said the group had not decided whether it would file a complaint with police about the incident.

"The police are making an investigation, and we're aware of our rights legally," she said. "(Filing a complaint) is something we have to discuss as a group."

The water balloons had "SCUD" written on them and hit the pavement around the tents. None of the peace demonstrators were hit.

Lt. Joe Jackson of the Chapel Hill Police Department said the water balloon attack would legally be an assault, regardless of the intentions of the College Republicans or whether anyone was actually hit.

"If they threw balloons at hit someone, it's an assault," he said. "If

they threw balloons at someone, it's still an assault."

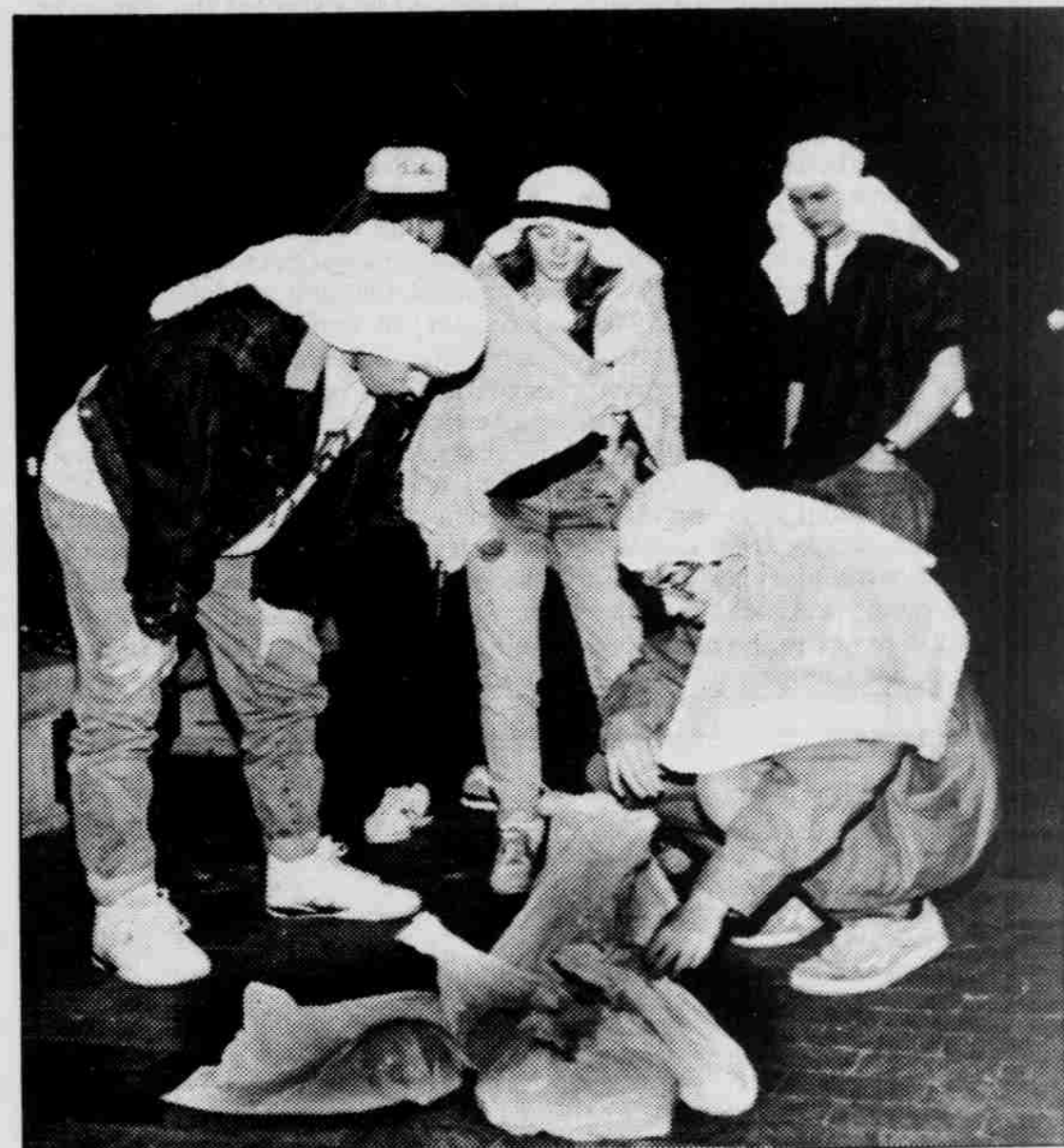
Allen said the water balloon attack could not be viewed as an assault any more than an argument could.

"This is no more an assault than any other protest on campus," he said. "The closest thing to an assault was when one of the peace protesters lunged at our guy with the gas mask trying to rip it off. What he did can be considered assault with battery."

Chris Horstman, a member of the committee, said the water balloon attack was uncalled for, and the attackers should have talked with committee members instead.

"We are trying to look at the same

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College Republicans prepare to strike Pit with water balloons

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# Fraternity disputes police report on fight

By JENNIFER DUNLAP  
Assistant University Editor

Conflicting stories have surfaced concerning a police report that a UNC student was attacked while he slept at the Alpha Tau Omega house early Friday morning.

Phil Gruber, a sophomore from Raleigh, was awakened and attacked by five or six men about 3:30 a.m., ac-

ording to a Chapel Hill Police report. He was treated at Student Health Services for cuts and bruises.

Gruber said Sunday night that he was not sure how many men attacked him. "I got jumped from behind. I never saw a punch."

He declined to comment extensively on the incident, but said, "What is in the police report is the exact truth."

But Andrew Patterson, a member of Alpha Tau Omega, said Gruber hit him without being provoked.

Gruber, a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, was attending a mixer at the Alpha Tau Omega house.

Al Stubbs, Alpha Tau Omega vice president, said although the mixer ended at 2 a.m., fraternity members didn't mind Gruber sleeping in their house.

Tim Gregg, Alpha Tau Omega president, said two of Gruber's fraternity brothers had carried him upstairs around 12:30 a.m.

Gregg said Gruber went into Patterson's room, where he removed his shoes and demanded a place to sleep. Patterson said he told Gruber he could sleep downstairs.

After looking around the fraternity

house for his coat, Gruber started a fight by punching Patterson, knocking him to the ground and giving him a black eye, Patterson said. "I was totally dazed for a couple of minutes."

Then Gruber began fighting with two other Alpha Tau Omega members who had helped him look for his coat,

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Bush addresses families to boost morale at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro Friday

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# Bush visits military families at 3 bases

By GLENN O'NEAL  
State and National Editor

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE — President Bush greeted family members of troops stationed in the Persian Gulf Friday, promising victory and continued support from Congress and the American public.

"Because they are and you are doing the hard work of freedom, the cause of freedom will prevail," Bush said to the partisan crowd of 3,000. "I'm absolutely certain of that."

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base near Goldsboro is the home of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, portions of which are currently involved in the air war over the gulf. As of Friday, two members of the fighter wing are prisoners of war, and two are listed as missing in action.

The president also visited Cherry Point Air Station in Havelock and Fort Stewart in Savannah, Ga., Friday as part of his one-day, morale-building trip. His visit to Seymour Johnson was marked by patriotic music, hundreds of waving flags and a barbecue picnic with the families.

"We are on course, and we are on schedule," Bush said. "And as each day passes, Iraq's war machine — thanks to many of your loved ones — is being systematically destroyed by our allied military forces."

Both Gov. Jim Martin and U.S. Representative Martin Lancaster, D-3rd District, agreed that the war was going well. Gov. Martin said the president was doing a good job in supporting the military's decisions about how to fight the war. "He's doing it just right as far as I can see."

Lancaster, whose district includes Seymour Johnson, said that patience among the American public and the military would be the determining factor in realizing the goals of Operation Desert Storm.

The president acknowledged the difficult nature of the mission and told the family members that sacrifices would still be necessary, but added that the allied forces would succeed.

"And when we do, we will have taught Saddam Hussein and all others like him that there is no place for law-

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# Union buys metal detectors for more than \$3,000 in fees

By GILLIAN MURPHY  
Staff Writer

The Carolina Union recently used more than \$3,000 of student fees to purchase three metal detectors in response to violence associated with open parties in the Student Union's Great Hall last semester.

The Carolina Union purchased two hand-held metal detectors for about \$150 each and a walk-through metal detector, which has not arrived yet, at a cost of about \$3,000, said Jon Curtis, assistant director of the Carolina Union.

A third hand-held detector was borrowed from N.C. Central University, he said.

Using metal detectors is a new ad-

dition to the policies governing use of the Great Hall. Everyone who now attends Great Hall parties must be searched with a metal detector.

Four security officers must be present at all open parties in Great Hall. At least one must be a University police officer. The previous policy for using Great Hall required a minimum of one security officer at events that ended after 2 a.m., and a minimum of two security officers at events involving alcohol.

Friday night Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., sponsored an open party in the Great Hall. Five uniformed University police officers were present

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## Election Update

Two letters of endorsement for SBP, RHA, DTH, and CAA candidates, and one for each senior class president/vice president team should be turned in to the DTH letter box by no later than noon today.

One letter endorsing each referendum on this year's ballot will also be printed if received by noon Feb. 5.

The editorial board will hold interviews with SBP, RHA, DTH and CAA candidates and will hear presentations on this year's referenda on Feb. 9 before making endorsements.

For more information about letters and to set up an endorsement interview, call Kelly Thompson at 962-0245.

# U.S. fighters launch counter-strike on Iraqi missile sites; B-52 downed

From Associated Press reports

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — American "Scud patrol" jets, in a swift counter-strike, pounced on two Iraqi missile launchers Sunday and may have knocked one out. But the Air Force also lost a big one — a B-52 down in the Indian Ocean.

Three of the giant bomber's crewmen were plucked safely from the sea, and a search continued for the other three, the U.S. command said. It said a mechanical problem was probably to blame.

American military sources say the Air Force has begun mounting "counter-Scud patrols," warplanes flying over areas where Iraq's ballistic missiles are believed based, ready to swoop down when a launch is detected on radar. One of the patrols apparently scored on Sunday.

Just minutes after Scuds were launched toward Israel and Saudi Arabia, U.S. planes descended on two launch sites, the U.S. command said. It said the pilots reported secondary explosions at one target — indicating a hit.

One of the Iraqi missiles, fired at Riyadh, was intercepted by U.S. Patriot defense missiles, but debris fell into a

residential area of the Saudi capital. The Saudi Press Agency said 29 people suffered minor injuries.

Two other missiles struck central Israel or the occupied West Bank, but no injuries were reported. The U.S. command said one Scud may have landed in Jordan, but Jordanian officials disputed that report.

American strategists have made the hunt for Iraq's elusive mobile Scud launchers a top priority. Although militarily insignificant, the missiles are keeping Saudis and Israelis on edge and threatening to drag Israel into the Gulf War.

As ground fire died down for the moment on the northern front lines, the Desert Storm allies pressed their relentless air war.

The U.S. command said the air campaign had passed the 40,000-sortie mark — some 10,000 more missions than were flown against Japan in the final 14 months of World War II.

Most major bridges in the Kuwait region have now been destroyed or badly damaged, the command said, and the Iraqis have had to throw makeshift pontoon spans across rivers — new easy targets.

Air strikes Sunday rocked Iraqi targets from Kuwait to Baghdad.

Late in the afternoon, a missile — probably a U.S. cruise missile — slammed into downtown Baghdad, sending up a column of white smoke, according to an Associated Press report from the Iraqi capital.

Fresh reports came in of air attacks on civilian vehicles on the road from

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## Troop Support

The Daily Tar Heel wants to know about students, faculty, staff or their family members who are serving in the Middle East and want more mail.

Please drop off the person's name, address in the Middle East and, if possible, a front-facing or profile picture to the DTH office in the Union. Please write the person's name on the back of the photograph.

The DTH will print the information for students interested in writing letters to service personnel in the Persian Gulf. Pictures may be picked up at the DTH office after they run.

The perfect lover is one who turns into a pizza at 4 a.m. — Charles Pierce