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9 NEA officials resign, cite artistic restraints

WASHINGTON — Nine of the 11 members of a National Endowment for the Arts literary panel have resigned to protest an alleged attempt by Congress to restrict freedom of artistic expression in the endowment's new \$174 million budget, the dissenters said Tuesday.

In a letter informing NEA chairman John E. Frohnmayer of their resignations on Monday, the panelists denounced restrictions that Congress imposed on the endowment's grant-making authority in the fiscal 1991 budget year, which began Oct. 1.

"We question the constitutionality of the language," they wrote. "We deplore the implied threat of censure and attempt to constrict freedom of artistic expression and the rights granted by the First Amendment."

They protested a congressional requirement that the NEA chairman "shall ensure" that grants are made "taking into consideration general standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the American public."

Marines to stage first amphibious exercises

WASHINGTON — U.S. Marines will conduct their first amphibious assault exercise in Saudi Arabia since being deployed to the Persian Gulf, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

Defense Department spokesman Pete Williams declined to say where in Saudi Arabia the exercise would be held or when it would start.

The Washington Times reported that the exercise would be 10 miles from Iraqi-occupied Kuwait and quoted unnamed U.S. officials as saying it was "provocative" to hold the maneuvers that close to the border.

"I don't see how you could in any way describe them as provocative," Williams said about the maneuver. "This is Saudi sovereign territory. It isn't like parts of the country have already been red-lined away. It's all Saudi Arabia that we are talking about."

Mild earthquake hits South Carolina coast

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A mild earthquake Tuesday rattled South Carolina's coast, causing no major damage or injuries, authorities said.

The earthquake, which measured about 3.5 on the Richter scale, struck at 10:22 a.m. and was centered about 10 miles north of Charleston, according to the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Va.

In 1886, the same area was hit by the most destructive earthquake to hit the eastern United States. That quake, which measured 7.7 on the Richter scale, killed 60 people, destroyed 102 buildings and damaged 8,000 others.

Several law enforcement agencies received telephone calls from people who said they felt Tuesday's earthquake. The only reported damage was a broken water pipe leading into a factory that makes portable bridges for the Army.

"People were sitting upstairs in their chairs when they started shaking," said Glenda Elrod, an employee of Kctron Inc. "We all said 'What was that?' Then we realized that's what caused the pipe to break." The plant employs about 65 people.

— From Associated Press reports

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NAACP may pursue federal action

By LEE WEEKS
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The state NAACP office probably will file a racial discrimination complaint with the federal government within the next few weeks on behalf of University police officer Keith Edwards.

Alan McSurely, Edwards' lawyer, said Tuesday it was not a question of filing a complaint, but with what federal agency. "It's more now deciding which

federal agency should hold the hearings."

Kelly Alexander, president of the North Carolina branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said he would not confirm McSurely's statement because an official announcement at this juncture would be premature.

Alexander said he planned to make a public statement about the NAACP's

course of action regarding Edwards' lawsuit against the University at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, at the Hargraves Center on Robeson Street in Chapel Hill.

Information sometimes is publicly divulged before the people involved in the decision-making process are ready to reveal such details, he said.

"His (McSurely's) comment may ultimately turn out to be correct," he said.

Edwards, a female African-American University police officer, has filed numerous internal grievances against the University alleging racial and sexual discrimination in the police department's promotion practices.

Edwards has a legitimate case against the University, Alexander said. "In reviewing the Keith Edwards file, and in that particular case, it does appear that Mrs. Edwards has been discriminated

against," he said.

Edwards said she had every reason to believe that her grievances would be heard by a federal government agency.

"From what he (Alexander) told my lawyer last night, there is going to be an investigation," Edwards said.

McSurely said Alexander would make a public announcement before

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Winnie Mandela speech canceled

By ELIZABETH BYRD
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UNC's Human Rights Week will continue without its most prominent speaker, anti-apartheid activist Winnie Mandela, whose appearance was canceled Tuesday.

Zenobia Hatcher-Wilson, director of the Campus Y, which is sponsoring Human Rights Week, said members of the week's planning committee had heard rumors last week that Mandela would have to cancel her appearance.

Mandela's office in Johannesburg, South Africa. It was not a decision the North American office made, she said. She did not know the specific reasons behind the decision, Tiseo said.

"Her schedule just wouldn't allow her to leave," she said.

"I know it must be disappointing. We had a similar experience here in Boston. A church full of 2,000 women was waiting for her to come, and in the end she just couldn't make it."

Hatcher-Wilson said she was not sure if Human Rights Week organizers would seek another speaker to replace Mandela.

Rumors surfaced Friday of last week, but we were told by people in the U.S. that she was still coming," she said. "It was just a matter of separating fact from fiction. I mean, I read she was in the United States last week when she wasn't."

The cancellation was finalized with a telephone call Tuesday from Themba Vilakazi, director of the Boston-based Fund for a Free South Africa, a subgroup of the African National Congress, Hatcher-Wilson said.

Shilpi Somaya, Campus Y co-president, said no one knew why Mandela had canceled the speech.

"We don't know at all," she said. "We've been on the phone to South Africa all day."

Mandela's spokesmen promised to fax Human Rights Week organizers an explanation for the decision, but nothing had arrived by Tuesday evening, Somaya said.

Mary Tiseo, a spokeswoman for the Fund for a Free South Africa, said the decision for Mandela not to visit the campus came from

Somaya said that although Mandela's absence would leave a hole in the week's schedule, her appearance was not crucial for the success of Human Rights Week. The week-long celebration was planned before Mandela initially confirmed her appearance in October.

"Winnie really was a last-minute addition," she said. "We didn't know until three weeks ago that she was coming. Human Rights Week will still be great without her."

Donald Boulton, vice chancellor of student affairs, said, "(Mandela's appearance) was kind of an added feature that came along out of the blue, and the blue just faded a little."

Boulton said he was unsure why Mandela canceled and did not know whether the Campus Y had lost any money because of the cancellation.

Hatcher-Wilson said Mandela also canceled an engagement at Bennett College in Greensboro, where she was to speak and receive an honorary degree.

Chinese activist hopes for more-democratic reforms

By ERIC BOLASH
Staff Writer

In the summer of 1989, Li Lu stood by and watched as a fellow student in Tiananmen Square stared down a tank in a non-violent protest against the Chinese government. But Li said he found hope in the example set by the soldier who drove the tank.

"It is so wonderful we have a picture of a Chinese student standing in front of a tank," Li said, referring to a photo taken during the student protests on



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June 4, 1989. "And I'm sure a lot of others did the same and were crushed. Whenever I think about those events it always gives me great courage — because the soldier in the tank stopped.

"It means the weapon of non-violence will win over the weapon of tanks."

Li, one of the keynote speakers for Human Rights Week, sponsored by the Campus Y, spoke to a group of about 300 in Hill Hall Tuesday night about the student demonstrations that he helped lead in Tiananmen Square.

Li spoke about the history of Chinese resistance against the government from 40 years ago to present, and he told the group about what he feels is his purpose as an exiled Chinese student in the United States.

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Li Lu speaks in Hill Hall Tuesday night for Human Rights Week

SEAC to march against N.C. highway funding

By CATHY OBERLE
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The Student Environmental Action Coalition will participate in a march with the Orange County Greens and Sierra Club today in an attempt to have the \$9.1 billion Highway Trust Fund repealed.

The Highway Trust Fund, which was passed in 1989, is a plan for the construction of new state highways in the next 13 years.

The march will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Capitol in Raleigh and will end at the Department of Transportation, where there will be a rally organized by the Triangle Network for Transportation.

Lisa Abbott, SEAC co-chairwoman, and the Rev. W.W. Finlator will speak at the rally.

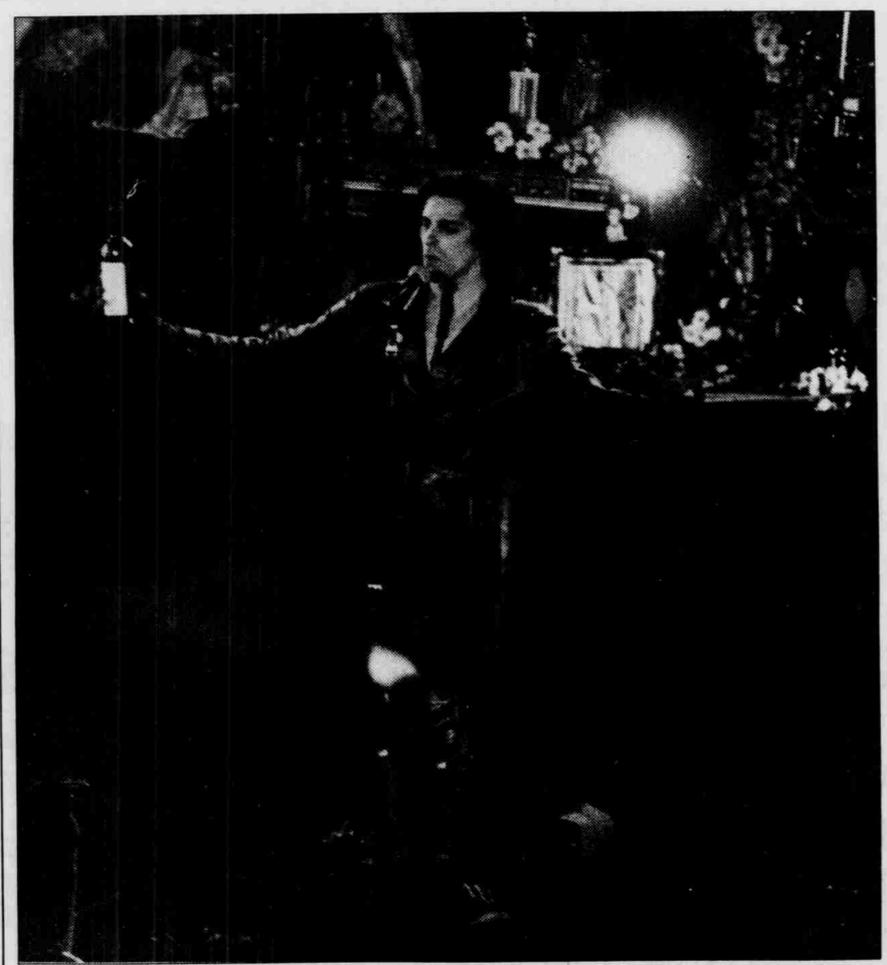
SEAC has attempted to publicize the issue locally, but the march and rally will be its first effort on the state level, Abbott said.

"We have been working on the local level to raise awareness," she said. "I hope (the march) will bring the issue to Raleigh, where the decisions have to be made."

Dan Coleman, an Orange County Greens member, said, "We want to bring attention to the problems with state spending priorities."

There should be a lot of community support for the march since the Orange County Greens and the Sierra Club are involved, said Alec Guettel, SEAC co-chairman.

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Habit-forming performance

Pery Farrell, lead singer of Jane's Addiction, performs enthusiastically to a sold-out crowd in Memorial Hall

Tuesday night in concert to promote the band's latest album, *Ritual de lo Habitual*.

Politics, art and censorship forum prompted by exhibit

By MICHELLE RABIL
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Students will have an opportunity to voice their opinions about censorship, art and politics at a forum tonight in the Carolina Union Art Gallery.

The forum, which will begin at 7 p.m., was prompted by the art exhibit now on display in the Student Union. The exhibit, "Extremely Visible. Art and artifacts of the Helms era," is a collection of works different artists created in response to U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms' attack on artists.

Sylvia Thyssen, chairwoman for the Gallery Committee for the Carolina Union Activities Board (CUAB), said the forum was open to anyone. The committee has invited community members, local artists and students to speak, but anyone can attend the forum and voice their opinion, she said. Artist Anne Rowles and Kay Alexander, music critic for *The Independent*, will be two of the participants in the forum.

"The exhibit is there to promote dialogue and understanding about what

is going on," Thyssen said.

The exhibit and the forum are important because they "address the implications for the general public in this attack on free speech in the arts," she said.

Speeches will be kept to a minimum to allow time for questions and discussion, Thyssen said. No one who favors censorship was invited to speak, but anyone who does is welcome to attend the forum, she said.

Sharon Sentelle, former chairwoman of the UNC College Republicans, said the forum was a good idea if it is not a one-sided attack on Helms. "The University has opened everyone to new ideas."

Xavier Toubes, a UNC assistant art professor and one of the artists featured in the exhibit, said, "Any situation that would create discussion is good for the students and the community. It's important that these voices are heard and supported."

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I have had just about all I can take of myself. — S.N. Behrman