

# Doctors: Pinochet Unfit to Stand Trial

Associated Press  
LONDON — Doctors ruled that Gen. Augusto Pinochet was unfit to stand trial, the government announced Tuesday, opening the possibility that the former Chilean dictator could win his battle against extradition to Spain.

The Home Office said a medical team who examined Pinochet on Jan. 5 unanimously agreed that he was too ill to face trial for alleged human rights abuses, "and that no change to that position can be expected."

The statement said Home Secretary Jack Straw felt he should not allow Pinochet to be extradited. But it said he would not make a decision until hearing arguments from parties to the case.

The statement did not go beyond declaring Pinochet unfit, saying that details of his condition were disclosed to the former Chilean leader but kept "confidential" otherwise. However, The Sunday Times reported in London last weekend that the doctors had found Pinochet was suffering from a viral infection, diabetes, heart disease and the

effects of two mild strokes. His diabetes reportedly has caused a loss of sensation in his hands and feet.

The decision could lead to Pinochet's release on humanitarian grounds, halting efforts to try him in connection with the disappearances and killings of thousands of Chileans during his 17-year rule.

The statement read that Straw "is minded ... to take the view that no purpose would be served by continuing the present extradition proceedings and that he should therefore decide not to extradite."

The statement also said Straw would hear arguments from Spain and other parties to the case before making a final decision. Human rights groups including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch also have been invited to submit comment.

The news was greeted with protest and support in Chile. Officials with the Organization of Relatives of Missing Detainees, a group dedicated to dissidents who disappeared after being arrested under the Pinochet dictatorship, said they were disappointed.

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"There's no way we want to keep those other banks out," he said.

The last subject of Baxter's letter was the University's sole right to approve all designs of the service center. "(Marketing) will only be in accordance with (University) terms," Baxter said.

According to Building Services Director Jim MacFarquhar, the construction of the service center will not be completed before renovations of the Student Union begin and the ATMs in the Pit are discontinued.

Because Wachovia is not scheduled to have an ATM in the new ATM circle being completed this month behind Davis Library, the bank's ATM will be moved to the ATM location adjacent to Student Stores, said Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor of auxiliary

services.

Last November, the Faculty Council put pressure on UNC officials to change the contract in wake of accusations that UNC was "selling out" to corporate America. UNC also holds contracts with Coke, Microsoft and Nike Corp.

Kenan-Flagler Business School Professor Robert Adler said commercialism on campus was still an issue.

"The executive committee of the Faculty Council is trying to come up with a policy on commercialism," he said. Baxter continued to stress that Wachovia would attempt to limit its commercial influence on campus.

"The last thing we want to do is be unwelcome or disrupt the way things work on campus," Baxter said. "That's not good for business and it's not the way Wachovia operates."

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# Rathskeller Renovations Retain Tradition

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After closing shop for nearly two and a half weeks during the holidays, the newly formed management team of the Rathskeller says it is confident the restaurant will continue to serve as a local tradition for generations to come.

Two Franklin Street businessmen, a UNC alumnus from Wilmington and a

local restaurateur reopened the Rathskeller to the public on Jan. 5 after it was closed for repairs and cleaning.

"We used the time to do some minor repairs," said Bryan Wilson, one of the new managers. "But the basic goal is to keep it open for another 52 years."

Wilson said that despite the slight changes, the new management would continue to keep the traditional menu and atmosphere of the Rathskeller.

"We don't want to change much about the Rathskeller," he said. "That's what is so great about the Rat — people come back and it's still the same."

Kenny Mann, executive chef and food consultant for the restaurant since 1949, said despite the change in management, he expected the restaurant to uphold its unique tradition in town.

"Even though times have changed, we still get along like family here — even the new kids," he said. "I'm expecting awesome things from the new guys."

Robert Humphreys, executive director for the Chapel Hill Downtown Commission, said the new management would maintain the historic tradition

surrounding the Rathskeller.

"I think any time new people take over a historic business like the Rat they pretty much try to keep things the same so people aren't disappointed," Humphreys said.

Among the new changes being made, restaurant owner and UNC alumnus Francis Henry said he hoped to attract more students in order to keep the history of the Rat for future generations.

"It may be the last (traditional) place in town, but we're trying to keep it alive," he said.

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cry," Hale said. "There's no evidence connecting these letters with my group — besides, there are hundreds of our churches around the country."

Potok said the letters could have been the work of another group imitating the WCOTC. He said the senders left several sets of fingerprints on the letter, but still doubted the ability of investigators to catch the perpetrators.

"Unlike with e-mail, it's pretty unusual to catch people who mail these things: anonymously," Potok said.

Hale did admit that members of the

WCOTC could have sent the letters, but doubted it. "I have a religion that some people find undesirable," Hale said. "But we don't promote violence."

Scott said N.C. A&T was treating the affair with the utmost caution.

"We stepped up police presence, and we'll do everything we need to do to keep this campus safe," she said.

But Scott said more police would only go so far in solving the problem.

"This is the kind of thing you have to pray that some higher power will end," she said. "There's too much good to be spoiled by this thing."

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