

ELECTION

winner in Florida is truly the person who got the most votes," Lieberman said.

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said Gore's address offered nothing new to the nation.

The Texas governor moved quickly to take on the work, if not the title, of president-elect.

Running mate Dick Cheney criticized the Clinton-Gore administration for refusing Bush access to \$5.3 million in government transition funds and a federal office building set aside for the presidential changeover.

Cheney said, "This is regrettable because we believe the government has an obligation to honor the certifiable results of an election."

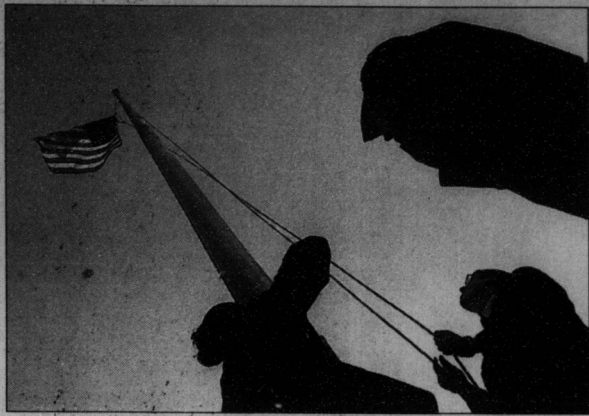
SMITH CENTER

of the team from the 1999-2000 season also was missing.

The photograph had been hanging on the wall of Varsity Hall in the Smith Center and is estimated to be worth about \$350, reports state.

The third item discovered stolen was an NCAA banner from the 1980s.

FLAGGED DOWN



Freshman Air Force-ROTC cadet Joseph Dratz lowers the American flag outside of the ROTC building Monday afternoon.

According to reports, the banner, which was white and blue, is valued at about \$300.

Capt. Mark McIntyre, who is investigating the case, searched the Smith Center for evidence.

As of Monday afternoon, McIntyre said there were no suspects.

McIntyre said the Smith Center was closed while classes were not in session, so University police are not sure which day the robbery occurred.

"It could have happened any time," he said.

McIntyre said there was some history of theft from the Smith Center. Michael Jordan's jersey was stolen in February 1998.

He said, "We have had some things stolen in the past from there, as well as other buildings on campus."

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FRANCISCO

totally blind. Francisco's road to recovery was delayed after funding ran out for his surgeries halfway into the process.

The delay in follow-up surgery caused his eye to re-perforate, and he underwent emergency surgery in November just to save his eye from degenerating beyond repair.

"He must have suffered some trauma where he had an actual hole in his eye and the inside was coming out," Wang said.

Chapel Hill High School students and teachers responded to a call for help from Francisco's teacher and mentor, Carole Klein, and raised more than \$17,000 to fund his final surgery.

"We were able to raise the money

that we needed in less than five weeks," she said. "It was a joy to do it, and I think many of the students have been inspired by Francisco."

Wang offered to perform Francisco's surgery for free - \$17,000 was just the amount needed to use hospital facilities and transportation.

"I knew that Francisco was facing great difficulty because of his chemical injury, and I knew that he had no other chance to see," Wang said.

The surgery that Francisco will undergo today is an intricate process that requires cutting-edge medical technology.

The procedure involves forcing the eye to regenerate limbal cells, which surround the cornea and do not replace themselves, by using amniotic membranes to trick the eye. The membrane's presence causes the eye to react as it would before birth, creating new cells.

The entire surgery will be done under

a microscope, and the procedure itself will take about 15 minutes.

Wang said he hopes Francisco's story will encourage people to recognize their responsibility toward those who cannot afford necessary health care services.

"One of the most challenging things is getting the public to recognize that we can and should help these people," he said.

Wang will remove the bandages from Francisco's eyes Wednesday afternoon. His sight in the right eye should be restored in two to three months.

Francisco said he hopes that his meeting eyesight will allow him to give back to the community that assisted him in his time of need.

"My friends have done a real good job," he said. "I want to say thank you to everybody."

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BEAMER

an outstanding coach."

Those candidates must not be some of the coaches who are being mentioned as possible replacements for Carl Torbush.

Southern Mississippi Director of Athletics Richard Giannini and Western Michigan Director of Athletics Kathy Beauregard said Monday they haven't been contacted about their respective coaches by anyone from UNC.

Giannini said last week it would take a special situation for Coach Jeff Bower to leave. He also said Bower has a self-imposed policy that restricts him from

talking to other schools until Southern Mississippi's season has ended. The Golden Eagles play in the Mobile Alabama Bowl on Dec. 20.

Beauregard said Rutgers, Missouri and Oklahoma State already have asked for permission to talk to Coach Gary Darnell. She said other schools could call and get immediate permission to talk to Darnell, whose contract runs through 2002 and includes a buyout.

Western Michigan plays Marshall in the MAC Championship game Dec. 2. Darnell served as the linebackers coach at UNC from 1976-77.

"We definitely know we have an outstanding coach here at Western Michigan," Beauregard said. "Right now

we're concentrating on our championship game. That's really all I'd like to say about it."

UNC's players, who learned in a meeting last Monday that Torbush had been fired, were told in a previously scheduled meeting Monday that Beamer had decided to stay at Virginia Tech.

Junior cornerback Errol Hood, who was not at Monday's meeting, learned about Beamer's decision shortly after the start of his press conference.

"Well, I guess it's back to the drawing board," Hood said. "I'm sure they'll find somebody great for this university."

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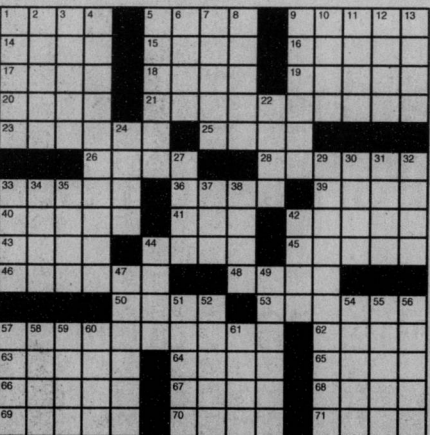
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HONOR COURT

Moeser said a major overhaul to UNC's Honor Court is not necessary, but open dialogue about potential improvements to the process is important.

"No system is without flaws," he said. "I'm not advocating anything at this point. I'm just asking questions."

One major issue Moeser hopes to address is whether the Honor Court should hear cases not involving academics. The chancellor said he is also concerned when there is not an opportunity for a student to have a speedy, individual hearing.

Students were tried in pairs in the computer science case.

In response to Moeser's questions, Faculty Chairwoman Sue Estroff, a professor in the department of social medicine, said officials will re-evaluate the University's student judicial process in coming months. "The University has to reinvent itself all the time," she said. "(UNC's) judicial system should maximize student participation, but it shouldn't exclude the faculty."

When a student is accused of violating UNC's Honor Code, peer students not only serve as prosecutors and defense counsels, but they also make up the Honor Court panel, which acts as a jury during a hearing.

Faculty members are not directly involved in students' hearings but do serve on panels that review appeals to Honor Court rulings.

Estroff, who raised concerns about the system at a Faculty Council meeting in mid-November, said Moeser asked her to organize a series of discussions in which faculty and students will examine UNC's system of judicial governance.

But she said concrete changes to

UNC's Honor Court will not happen overnight, adding that faculty and student discussion of the issue has no specific timetable. "Faculty members need to be more responsive and pay more attention to (the student judicial process)," she said. "It has not been enough on the faculty's screen."

UNC graduate Martin Warf, programs coordinator in the Office of the Dean of Students, assists the attorney general's staff and the Honor Court. He said faculty members need to increase their knowledge of how the Honor Court system works.

"There is a lot of ambiguity among faculty," he said. "It would be great to bring everyone to a standard."

Sue Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said educating faculty and students is vital to the effectiveness of UNC's Honor Court.

"A big challenge is how much people actually know," Kitchen said. "The judicial process has a solid foundation, but we ought to use this time to have discussions about it."

Kitchen, whose department often works with UNC's student judicial process, said the computer science case earlier this semester prompted administrators, faculty and students to look more closely at the Honor Court process.

Last summer, computer science Professor James Coggins turned in 24 students from his spring semester Computer Science 120 class for unauthorized collaboration on a programming assignment. Starting in late September, the charged students were tried in groups of two to three.

Two of the accused students chose to have an open hearing, which Kitchen said opened many people's eyes to the inner workings of UNC's judicial system. "It is a system with a fine tradition," Kitchen said. "But I don't know of any

system that doesn't ever look at getting better."

Bob Adler, a law professor in the Kenan-Flagler Business School and chairman of UNC's Committee on Student Conduct, said he welcomes critiques of the University's judicial process.

"The system is perennially under strict scrutiny - as it should be," Adler said. "We have to face the cynicism among faculty members, address it and then help reduce it."

He said the committee is responsible for maintaining UNC's Instrument for Student Judicial Governance, the handbook of the Honor Code and student judicial system.

But he said students and faculty often lack proper knowledge of what the handbook entails. "I hope for a greater understanding of the system by all parties," Adler said. "I'd like to have the faculty more involved in learning about the Honor Court so they can instill its values in their students."

Senior Laura Wriggelsworth, vice chairwoman of the Honor Court and a member of the Committee on Student Conduct, said any future discussions encouraged by Moeser will benefit the University's judicial process. "(The chancellor) is not familiar with our system," Wriggelsworth said. "I think it's great that he and the faculty are taking interest in it and want to facilitate discussion."

Estroff said healthy discussions are key to answering faculty and student concerns. "I anticipate this is a process that will go on for a while," she said. "We need to find somewhere in the middle where we can have a productive way (of handling things)."

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