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Forum to Allow Student Input on Qatar

By KRISTA FARON
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Chancellor James Moeser and faculty members will field questions and weigh opinions today about the University's possible creation of a business school in Doha, Qatar.

The forum, sponsored by student government and the Campus Y, will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Gerrard Hall and is open to the public.

Moeser said he hopes the forum will answer students' questions about the possibility of establishing a satellite cam-

pus in the Middle Eastern nation.

He said the issues raised at the event will figure prominently into his decision about developing the undergraduate business school. "The essence of the forum is to have an informal give-and-take," Moeser said. "It's an important opportunity to get feedback from students."

Student Body President Justin Young said students should take advantage of the chance to learn more about UNC-Chapel Hill's initiative. "I hope students will get the opportunity to ask questions and get more information about the proposal," he said. "I think the forum will

raise awareness and allow us to convey our concerns."

Some faculty members and students have been critical of the proposal because of concerns about safety, reports of human rights violations in the country and the program's compatibility with UNC-CH's academic mission.

Student leaders also have criticized the administration for not considering student input in the proposal's development. They were upset that no students were included in the delegation that traveled to Qatar this month. Young, a voting member of the UNC-CH Board

of Trustees, asked to be included on the trip, but his request was denied. The final group was composed of about 40 faculty members, three members of the BOT and two members of the UNC-system Board of Governors.

But Student Body Vice President Rudy Kleystueber said he is confident Moeser will be receptive to student opinion today. "I do expect he will come with open ears. Make no mistake, the administration wants this to happen, but they are very open to students' concerns."

This afternoon's forum panel will include Moeser, business professors

Jennifer Conrad and Bob Adler, and James Thompson, chairman of the Department of English, all of whom traveled to Qatar. After an introduction by the chancellor, the faculty panelists will deliver brief presentations on their opinions of the program's viability and legitimacy.

Campus Y President Raj Panjabi said this is a good opportunity for students to share possible objections to the initiative in Qatar. "Hopefully the decision has not already been made."

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U.S. Troops Offer Help In Kabul

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has cautioned against thinking the hunt for bin Laden is nearly over.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - American special forces slipped into the Afghan capital of Kabul to offer "advice and counsel" to triumphant opposition forces, and small numbers of U.S. troops are operating against the Taliban in southern Afghanistan, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

Rumsfeld was careful not to boast about the string of Northern Alliance military successes in northern Afghanistan against the Taliban, a stern Islamic militia that has ruled most of the country for five years.

He cautioned against concluding that the Taliban's retreat from the north means the hunt for Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network is almost over. He said U.S. officials don't know where bin Laden is hiding.

With the capture of Kabul and other northern cities comes the potential for gaining information on the movements of bin Laden and other leaders of al-Qaida and the Taliban, U.S. officials said.

U.S. forces accompanying Northern Alliance commanders are searching for Taliban items like computer disks, maps and documents that might contain useful intelligence, one official said.

They probably also are interviewing Taliban prisoners and commanders who defected to the alliance.

A reporter asked Rumsfeld if he feared bin Laden would launch a new terrorist attack out of desperation.

"The idea that we could appease them by stopping doing what we're doing, or some implication that ... we're inciting them to attack us is just utter nonsense. It's kind of like feeding an alligator, hoping it eats you last," he said.

U.S. bombs fell in Afghanistan for a 38th day, and Rumsfeld said that in the aftermath of the Taliban's collapse in the north, the United States has two short-term goals besides hunting down the terrorists.

They are opening a "land bridge" to Uzbekistan in the north and repairing airports near Mazar-e-Sharif and north of Kabul, so that more humanitarian aid can be brought in.

Rumsfeld raised the possibility that leaders of the Taliban or the al-Qaida terrorist network might flee across the Afghan border into Iran to the west or Pakistan to the south and east.

He cited three possibilities, any of which he said would lead to the eventual demise of both groups. "They can flee and reorganize in the south. They can flee and melt into the countryside or they can defect. If they reorganize in the south, we're going to go get them. If they go to ground, we will, as the president said, root them out. And if they decide

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Republicans File Suit on Districts

Staff and Wire Reports

State Republicans filed a lawsuit Tuesday challenging state redistricting maps that recently received final approval from the General Assembly.

The lawsuit states that both the House and Senate plans are unconstitutional because they split counties and gerrymander districts to protect Democrats.

New state Senate districts, which split 51 counties, were made final last week. The House boundaries split 70 counties, and also received final approval in a party-line 28-13 Senate vote Tuesday afternoon. New redistricting plans will influence control of the legislature in the next decade.

"They have trashed the constitution of North Carolina," said state GOP Chairman Bill Cobey. "They have violated their oath of office, plain and simple."

But Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, said the lawsuit has little legitimacy. "The lawsuit is a public relations event designed to generate publicity," Rand said.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday morning, asks a judge to declare the plans unconstitutional and order that new, more valid

plans be created for next year's elections.

Johnson County Superior Court Judge Knox Jenkins Jr. immediately issued a temporary order blocking the maps' use in next year's elections and set a hearing for Nov. 23 for a permanent restraining order.

"What we want is fair districts for the people," said Rep. Art Pope, R-Wake, one of the plaintiffs.

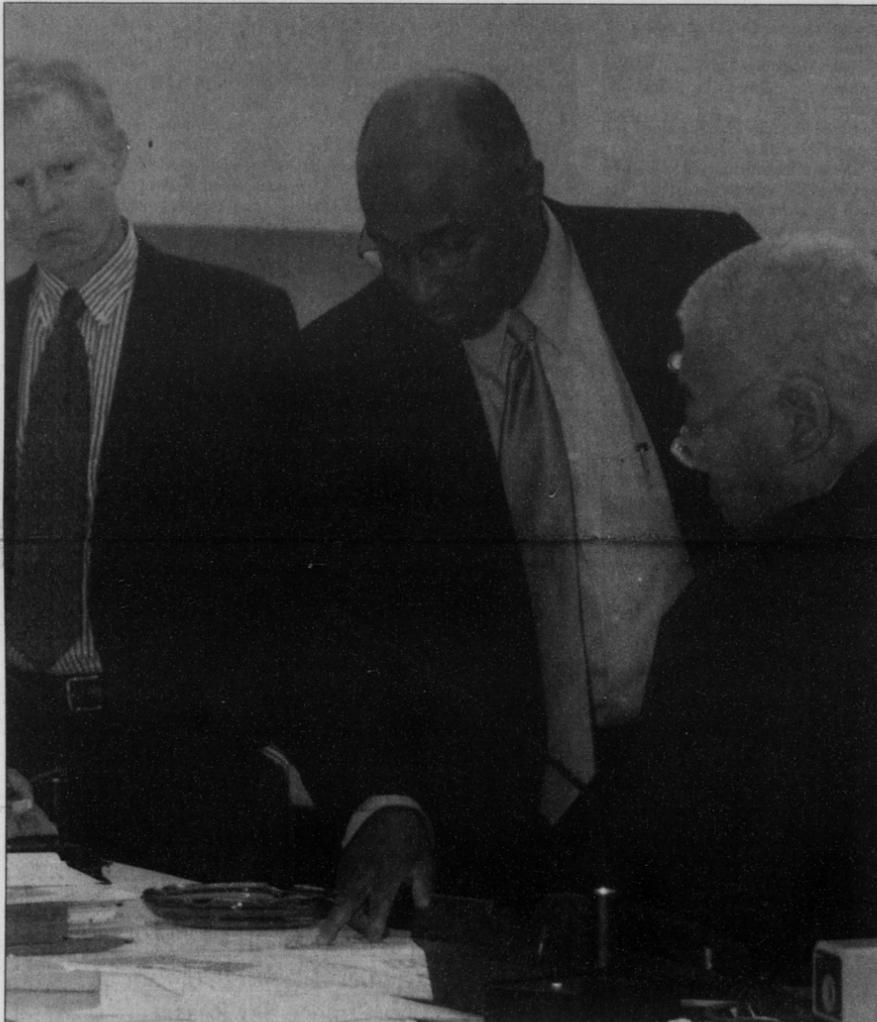
The plaintiffs include Cobey, Pope, Senate Minority Leader Patrick Ballantine, R-New Hanover, House Minority Leader Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, and a Beaufort County voter.

The lawsuit names House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight, D-Dare, Gov. Mike Easley, Attorney General Roy Cooper and state elections officials as defendants.

Sen. Howard Lee, D-Orange, a member of the redistricting committee, said he was not surprised by the lawsuit.

"We fully expected some to file a lawsuit, we assumed it would be the Republican party," Lee said.

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DTH/JESSICA NEWFIELD

N.C. House Congressional Redistricting Chairman Thomas Wright, D-New Hanover, (center) discusses possible changes to the Democratic congressional redistricting plan Tuesday with Rep. Toby Fitch, D-Wilson.

House Delays Redistricting Talks

By LUCAS FENSKÉ
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RALEIGH - The N.C. House Congressional Redistricting Committee adjourned Monday night after members voted against discussing a new redistricting plan because most members said they did not have time to examine it.

The latest plan was distributed to members 40 minutes after the meeting was supposed to start because staffers

were still drawing it.

The 19-21 vote against the Democratic proposal ran mostly along party lines, with the exception of Rep. Alma Adams, D-Guilford, Rep. Toby Fitch, D-Wilson, and Rep. Mickey Michaux, D-Durham, who joined Republicans to stop debate on the plan.

All three are members of the Group of Eight, made up of dissident Democrats who earlier prevented Democrats from passing the state budget

and N.C. House redistricting plans.

During the meeting, Committee Chairman Thomas Wright, D-New Hanover, said he wanted members to discuss the bill and possibly vote on it.

But most of the members said Wright was acting too fast by not allowing time for public comment and for members to propose amendments.

"I just saw this plan a few minutes

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Officials Approaching Planned Hike Differently

By RACHEL CLARKE
Staff Writer

The last time the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees passed a tuition increase it was acting on the recommendation of a committee formed to study the problem of noncompetitive faculty salaries.

But now, Chancellor James Moeser hopes to create a committee to examine where the money from a tuition increase would go - an increase that he already

has publicly supported.

Moeser announced his intent to propose to the BOT a five-year campus-initiated tuition increase in his State of the University address Sept. 5.

Moeser said Monday that a committee would form after Thursday's BOT meeting to craft a tuition increase proposal, which will be presented to the BOT for a vote in January.

In the meantime, Provost Robert Shelton said he will present information

about the last two tuition increases and about how UNC-CH's tuition matches up with tuition levels at comparable public universities to the BOT on Thursday.

"I thought it was inappropriate to present a proposal before we have all the data available to give people background," he said. "We need to take a deep breath - figure out where we are."

The last campus-initiated tuition increase to be approved by the BOT came in October 1999. In that case, a

faculty salary committee was formed first to examine salaries on campus and to rate their competitiveness, and the committee recommended the increase.

But this time, the committee will be formed after Moeser's decision that a tuition increase is needed - a reversal that Shelton said makes sense. "The order this time seems logical," he said. "The idea has to start somewhere."

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DTH/PATTY BRENNAN

SEAC protesters support the use of recycled paper in products at Staples on Franklin Street on Tuesday. The protest was part of a nationwide movement to reduce the number of trees used for paper products.

November is the most disagreeable month in the whole year.

Louisa May Alcott