

WORLD BRIEFS

FBI warns about al-Qaeda attacks in the United States

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The FBI is warning that terrorists might try to poison food or water supplies, and senior bureau officials said Thursday that al-Qaeda is determined to attack Americans at home even though the organization appears to have a relatively small U.S. presence.

The FBI has not detected any individuals or cells actively planning attacks such as those almost two years ago that killed some 3,000 people in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

Most al-Qaeda operatives in the United States provide logistical support such as travel documents, recruitment and fund-raising, said Larry Mefford, the FBI's chief counterterrorism official.

"My view is, it's very small but it does exist," Mefford said of al-Qaeda's U.S. presence. "Our concern continues to be what exists in the United States that we're not aware of."

Former N.C. agriculture commissioner indicted

RALEIGH — Former state Agriculture Commissioner Meg Scott Phipps, already facing state charges in an investigation of her campaign's finances, was indicted Thursday on 28 federal charges, including extortion, witness tampering and fraud.

Phipps, the daughter and granddaughter of North Carolina governors, was indicted on 10 counts of mail fraud, nine counts of wire fraud, four counts of extortion, one count of conspiracy, one count of bribery, one count of obstruction of justice and two counts of witness tampering, federal prosecutors said.

Phipps resigned in June after three former aides were indicted as a result of a federal probe examining whether her campaign solicited illegal campaign contributions from carnival companies. A month later she was charged in state court with perjury and obstruction of justice.

Twenty-three of the felony counts carry a maximum prison penalty of 20 years each. The remaining five carry prison terms of five to 10 years.

U.S. prepared to make some concessions to N. Korea

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Showing new flexibility, the United States is prepared to make concessions to North Korea in advance of that country's elimination of nuclear weapons programs, a senior State Department official said Thursday.

North Korea "would not have to do everything" before getting something in return, said the official, who briefed reporters on last week's six-nation meeting in China on North Korea's nuclear activities.

The official's comments suggested a softening of the previous U.S. position that North Korea would have had to dismantle its nuclear programs before the United States would be willing to offer concessions.

That stand was based on the U.S. perception that offering concessions in advance would reward North Korea for violating international commitments not to produce nuclear weapons.

U.S. officials want to speed Iraqi security training

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. officials want to speed up training for Iraqi security forces, including former members of Saddam Hussein's military and intelligence services, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday.

Making Iraq safe is a job for Iraqis, and no more U.S. troops are needed in the country, Rumsfeld said after meeting in the capital with top military and civilian officials of the U.S.-led occupation.

"Security is a problem, but it's a problem that, ultimately, the Iraqi people will deal with, with the help of coalition forces," Rumsfeld said at an impromptu news conference.

Rumsfeld arrived in Baghdad on Thursday afternoon for his second visit to Iraq in four months. He said coalition forces had completed more than 6,000 humanitarian projects since then.

"It is getting better every day. I can see a change since I was here," Rumsfeld said.

"That is not to say it is not dangerous. It is. But it seems to me that the trajectory we're on is a good one."

CALENDAR

Tuesday

5 p.m. — Applications are due for positions at The Daily Tar Heel during the fall 2003 semester. Drop off applications in Union 104.

Vice chancellor decision nearing

Further discussions are not planned

BY JENNIFER IMMEL
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The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Search Committee met Thursday to discuss the three final candidates for the position.

Laurie Mesibov, the committee's chairwoman, said members discussed each of the candidates, but she would not say if they made a recommendation.

She now will begin drafting a letter explaining what the commit-

tee discussed.

The letter will be forwarded to committee members for review in the next week, Mesibov said.

The letter then will be sent to the Office of the Provost, assuming the committee's members are satisfied with it.

As of Thursday, no follow-up meeting was scheduled for the committee to discuss the candidates further.

The committee has reviewed

dozens of candidates during the last six months, Mesibov said, and has narrowed them down to three.

Open forums were held in late August and early September to give students, faculty and staff a chance to meet each of the candidates and forward their feedback to the committee.

Penny Rue, dean of students at the University of Virginia, was the first candidate to hold a forum Aug. 19.

Rue is a UNC alumna who said she's excited to get back to the University.

Three days later, Bruce Roscoe, dean of students at Central Michigan University, was on campus.

Roscoe said he admires the historic feeling of the University.

The final candidate, Bonita Jacobs, vice president for student development at the University of North Texas, arrived last week.

Jacobs said she is impressed with the interest students expressed concerning the position.

The position of vice chancellor for student affairs became vacant when Sue Kitchen stepped down

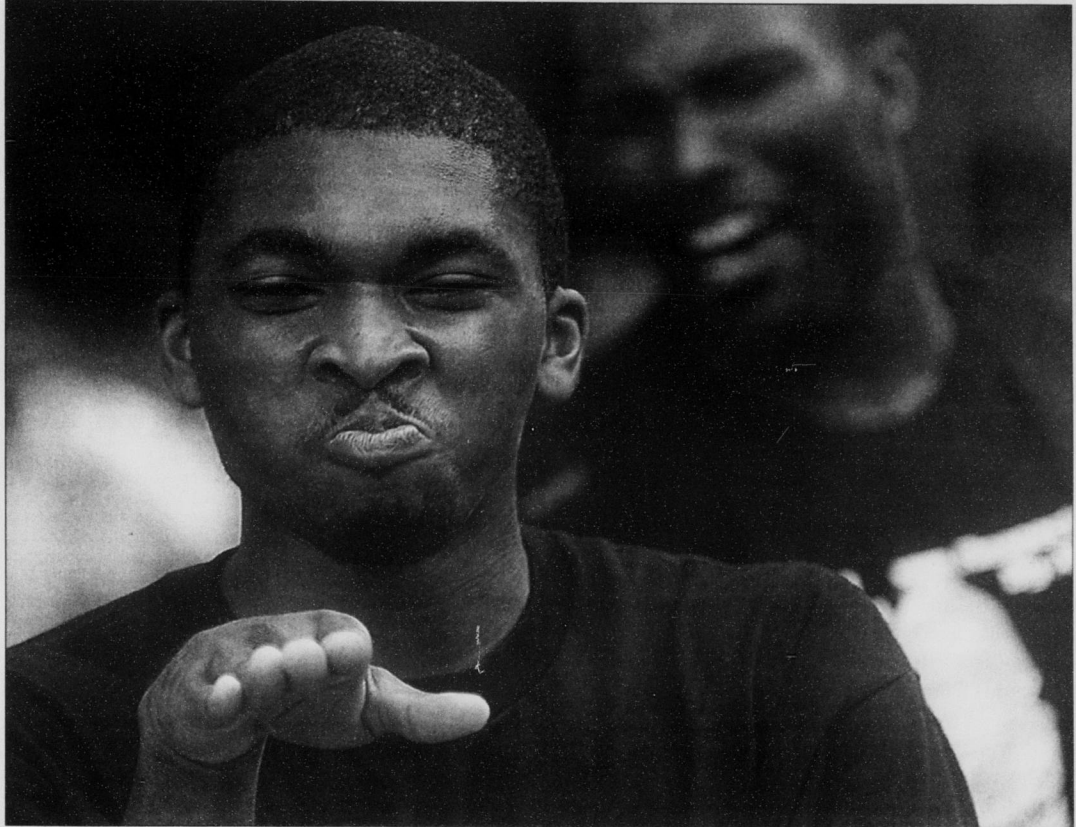
abruptly in June 2002. The search committee was not formed until February because of budget constraints.

Dean Bresciani, the former associate vice chancellor for student services, has been filling the position since Kitchens left.

Provost Robert Shelton said he is anxious to see the committee's recommendation and to select a candidate to fill the position permanently.

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NOW FREEZE



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Senior Brandon Cogdell (front) "freezes" during the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc.'s stepping routine, performed in the Pit on Thursday afternoon. Senior Venroy July (back) groans in displeasure at his fellow member's icy state. He then proceeded to warm Cogdell up so they could continue the routine. Senior Kelvin Bullock and junior T.J. Abrams also performed and are members of Alpha Phi Alpha, which was the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for blacks. It was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Anti-war group restarts protests

Postwar Iraq focus of teach-in today

BY BRIAN HUDSON
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As students return to UNC after the summer, they are beginning to fall back into the routine of class, studying and socializing with friends.

What they have not seen is the type of activism and protest against armed conflict in Iraq that took place on campus last year.

But Liz Mason-Deese, a member of the Campaign to End the Cycle of Violence, said that despite the May announcement of the end of formal conflict in Iraq, activism will not cease at UNC. In fact, she anticipates a greater interest among students.

"It is still early in the semester," she said. "We had our general interest meeting last week. Quite a few people showed up and were interested. There is still a lot of energy; you'll see a lot more protests as the semester progresses."

In its first event of the year, CECV will co-host a teach-in with Students United for a Responsible Global Environment, the Institute for Southern Studies and the

Progressive Faculty Network. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the continued occupation of Iraq. The teach-in is scheduled for 6 p.m. today in 209 Manning Hall.

The teach-in will feature several guest speakers, including Robert Jensen, a professor of journalism at the University of Texas-Austin, and Stan Goff, a veteran of the U.S. Army Special Forces who recently helped launch the "Bring Them Home Now!" campaign.

The meeting also will allow students to ask the speakers questions and challenge their opinions.

Sascha Bollag, a member of CECV, said he believes it is important to continue this kind of activism, especially since combat is over.

"Now with the recent bombings, people are starting to get more concerned," he said. "It's not the cakewalk that people thought it would be."

Although the teach-in is presenting only one side of the issue, members of UNC College Republicans said the event is not

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Poster sale assists teens

BY CAROLINE LINDSEY
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Buying a poster this week is good for more than just adding charm and color to your residence hall room or apartment.

If it's purchased at the poster sale beneath the Franklin Street post office, it'll help give local teenagers a place to go after school.

The annual poster sale is the largest source of funding for the Street Scene Teen Center, located in the post office's basement.

Twenty percent of the money made goes to the center, making its day-to-day operations possible.

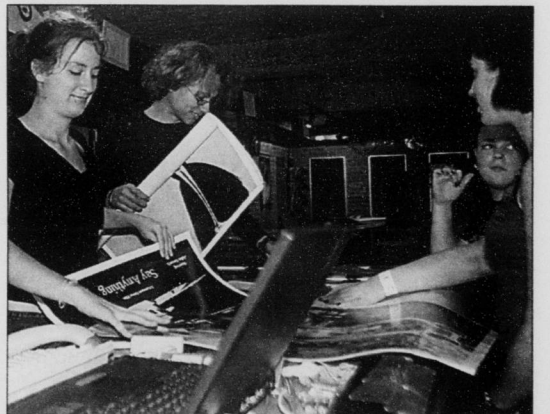
"We used to struggle and go around every year seeking donations or soliciting groups," said Robert Humphreys, president of the Street Scene board of directors.

"(The poster sale) really allows us to be in business each year," he said.

The teen center is open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7 p.m. until midnight Friday and Saturday.

Pool tables, pingpong tables, TVs and computers are provided for the entertainment of local teenagers.

After 5 p.m., teens can use the center's music room, which is stocked with guitars, drums and a



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Beyond the Wall employees Lauryn Gordon and Matthew Rybnick wrap up posters for Chapel Hill residents Megan Huks and Katie Gaster.

keyboard. Bands and DJs perform there weekly.

Without the poster sale, these activities might not be possible.

"It's a win-win situation," Humphreys said. "The students get to decorate their rooms. The poster prices are reasonable, the quality is good, the selection is excellent and they come down here and provide us with funding."

The sale is operated in conjunction with the poster company Beyond the Wall, which visits various college campuses.

The company has been stopping in Chapel Hill for about 10 years, always during the last week in August and the first week in September.

Typically, the sale is successful because students are moving into

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Abortion clinic killer executed in Florida

Groups say effects will be minimal

BY ADJOA ADOFO
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Paul Hill spoke to the Rev. Flip Benham before pulling the trigger on an abortion doctor and his bodyguard.

"He told me he would not murder," said Benham, director of the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue. "I beseeched him on behalf of his family, the lives of little babies and the message of Christ."

On Wednesday, Hill became the first person in U.S. history execut-

ed for killing an abortion provider. But some pro-choice groups say they do not see the death sentence as a victory, and anti-abortion activists say it will have little effect on their cause.

In July 1994, Hill waited for his wife to leave for summer camp with his son. After she left, Hill went to the Ladies Center in Pensacola, Fla., and shot physician John Britton, 69, and security escort James Barrett, 74.

During his final hours at Florida

State Prison before being executed by lethal injection, Hill, 49, was seen calm and smiling.

"I expect a great reward in heaven," Hill said in his final interview, according to The Washington Post.

"If I was put in a similar circumstance, I believe I would act similarly."

Before that day in 1994, Benham said, he remembered being alarmed after Hill showed public support for Michael Griffin, who was sentenced to life in prison for a 1993 abortion clinic murder — the nation's first.

"(Anti-abortionists) don't shoot

"There are people who are waiting for pro-choice folk to say that Paul Hill's death was a good thing."

PATRICIA CAMP, DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF NORTH CAROLINA

abortionists and blow up abortion mills," he said. "You don't solve the problem of murder by murdering people."

According to the National Abortion Federation, seven people have been killed in attacks aimed at abortion clinics since 1993. Only Hill was sentenced to death, while

others convicted of similar crimes have received life sentences.

Benham said he supported Hill's death sentence. "Capital punishment was introduced in the Bible by God to protect life," he said. "For one with malice who takes out the

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