

WORLD BRIEFS

Haitian president resigns amid pressure, rebellion

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigned and fled into exile Sunday, pressured by foreign governments and a bloody rebellion. Gunfire crackled as the capital fell into chaos, and Washington, D.C., dispatched Marines.

The Marines were arriving Sunday afternoon, expected to be the first wave of a U.N.-backed international peacekeeping force. France also said it was considering sending troops.

"The government believes it is essential that Haiti have a hopeful future. This is the beginning of a new chapter," President Bush said. "I would urge the people of Haiti to reject violence, to give this break from the past a chance to work. And the United States is prepared to help."

The head of Haiti's supreme court said he was taking charge of the government, and key rebel leader Guy Philippe said he welcomed the arrival of foreign troops.

"I think the worst is over, and we're waiting for the international forces. They will have our full cooperation," Philippe told CNN.

Iraqi leaders fail to meet deadline for constitution

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's U.S.-picked leaders failed to meet a Saturday deadline for adopting an interim constitution but were expected to find compromise soon on contentious issues including the role of Islamic law and the status of women.

An adviser to Governing Council member Adnan Pachachi said members met late into the night and resumed talks early Sunday morning.

But, said Feisal Istrabdi, a member of the constitutional drafting committee, nothing official had been decided, though he added the talks were still ongoing. When asked if a constitution could be unveiled later Sunday, he said, "It's possible."

A morning update on the talks was postponed, said Hameed al-Afaei, a Governing Council spokesman.

CITY BRIEFS

Saturday arrests related to underage drinking incidents

Chapel Hill police arrested several people in connection with underage drinking between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 1:15 a.m. Saturday morning at a bar located at 137 1/2 E. Franklin St., according to police reports.

Bright Steinkraus, 21, of 810 Old Pittsboro Road, was arrested and charged with one count misdemeanor "give to minor," reports state. According to reports, Steinkraus aided and abetted by giving alcohol to an underage individual.

UNC freshman Kourtney Czaplinski, 19, of 221 Ehringhaus South, was arrested and charged with one count misdemeanor underage possession, reports state. According to reports, Czaplinski was found in possession of a mixed drink under the age of 21.

Chirag Patel, 20, of 550 Brent Road in Raleigh, also was arrested on charges of one count misdemeanor underage possession, reports state.

Sahil Sirohi, 19, of 1223 Pond St. in Cary, was arrested and charged with underage possession of a malt beverage at the same location, reports state.

Isvar Boylan, 19, of 303 Smith Level Road, also was arrested and charged with underage possession, reports state.

The trial date for all arrested individuals is set for April 6.

UNC Athletic Department reports stolen equipment

Equipment belonging to the UNC Department of Athletics was reported stolen Saturday from the Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel, located at 1 Europa Drive, reports state.

According to reports, items were taken from the foyer of the hotel's banquet room at 7:25 p.m. A DV-Com Camera, a camera carrying case, two camera batteries, a wireless microphone and receiver and a DV-Com tape were taken, reports state.

The incident is under further investigation by Chapel Hill police.

CALENDAR

Today

7 p.m. — U.S. Rep. Walter Jones, R-N.C., will speak in 100 Hamilton Hall. Jones, who has expressed concerns about the UNC's handling of a lecturer who sent an e-mail condemning a student's views on homosexuality, will speak on various topics. The event is sponsored by the UNC College Republicans.

From staff and wire reports.

Survey reveals UNC funding fallacy

State appropriations overestimated

BY KAVITA PILLAI
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People in North Carolina overestimate the amount of state funding given to UNC-Chapel Hill, according to a survey released Thursday, and that misconception could affect how much state money the public thinks the University should receive.

A telephone poll of 404 North Carolinians by the Odum Institute for Research in Social Science showed that 62 percent of respon-

dents believed state appropriations are a larger portion of the University's budget than they really are. Fifteen percent estimated that the state provided more than two-thirds of UNC-CH's budget.

State money is actually a quarter of the University's budget. Of those surveyed, 37 percent correctly identified the amount of state funding as less than one-third of the budget.

Brad Wilson, chairman of the UNC-system Board of Governors, said he worries that the disparity

between what people think and the monetary reality could influence public opinion about tuition hikes and other potential increases.

"It's directly related to some of the tuition increase discussions," he said. "If people do not accurately understand what the level of support is, it's more difficult for them to understand the needs and how the needs should be met."

Other than state funds, UNC-CH receives a significant portion of its budget from research funding. According to the report, University faculty garnered \$537 million in research funds in 2003, up 10 per-

cent from 2002. Many people might not realize that these funds are a substantially larger portion of the budget than state appropriations.

"We're a state-supported institution," said Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president for finance. "And I don't think everyone fully understands the extent of contract and grant research at an institution like Chapel Hill."

The majority of research funds come from federal agencies including the National Institutes of Health. "We're always looking at different funding areas to see if there are pools of money that we

are capable of competing for," said Tony Waldrop, UNC-CH vice chancellor for research and economic development.

Waldrop said recruiting and retaining the best faculty is key to obtaining research funds.

"It's the quality of the faculty and students that makes us successful in securing these funds," he said.

Part of the misconception about state appropriations is due to the fact that research funding has been growing rapidly while state funding has been on the decline.

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Hikers walk through the Horace Williams tract during an event sponsored by Friends of Bolin Creek to show the area that would be developed under UNC's Carolina North plan. Below: Member Dave Cook (left) shows the group a diagram of the development.

Friends fight to save creek

Work to save land affected by Carolina North

BY ANTONIO VELARDE
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Local conservationists and residents of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, many of them dressed in hiking gear and riding mountain bikes, toured the wooded area surrounding Bolin Creek on Sunday that likely will be home to the Carolina North development.

The Friends of Bolin Creek, an organization trying to preserve the area surrounding Bolin Creek, organized the Carolina North Educational Walk to help residents envision the impact of the University's development plan for the future satellite campus.

Before the hike began, the crowd gath-

ered around a map of the 963-acre Horace Williams tract at Seawell Elementary School.

Those on the hiking tour had a choice of either taking the full hour-and-a-half hike down to Bolin Creek, or taking a shorter 45-minute hike that stopped near the major areas of the proposed Carolina North development.

The group began the hike walking single-file down a muddy forest trail littered with broken branches and overturned trees.

Along the trail, members of the Friends of Bolin Creek pointed out the areas where the Carolina North plan would have the most impact.

These locations, which are being considered for the fifth phase of the Carolina North plan, will be set aside for future University housing units.

"We have been working with the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, as well as the County Commissioners trying to preserve as much of this marvelous corridor of land as possible," said Dave Otto, a member of the Friends of Bolin Creek, while tracing out the corridor of land on the map.

According to Otto, one of the main concerns of the Friends of Bolin Creek has been the creek itself, its major stream valleys and

its tributaries.

"We have been encouraging the University to modify its (plan) so it wouldn't affect the watershed of Bolin Creek," Otto said.

Paul Debreczena, a Carrboro resident and founding member of the Friends of Bolin Creek, said the organization has presented plans to the Chapel Hill Town Council that would create buffer areas to protect the forests from the Carolina North development.

Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and economic development, who accompanied residents and the Friends of Bolin Creek on the hike, expressed his hopes for preserving the area.

"The opportunity exists here for us to express our concerns," said Waldrop.

"If we don't take the opportunity to understand what's going on, this area might not be here."

Residents of Carrboro and Chapel Hill who went on the hike echoed similar sentiments. "Our main goal is just to walk the trail and get a feel for what Carolina North will do to the area," said Mike Collins, a Chapel Hill resident.

"I just want to get a look at it now to see where the impact will be."

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Ruling to affect Graduate takes time for art faith programs

BY AMY THOMSON
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The division between church and state deepened Wednesday when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled it constitutionally acceptable for states to block scholarships for students pursuing theology degrees, but some are alarmed at what they deem discrimination.

"The states are (now) free to separate themselves from religion more than the First Amendment requires them to," said Ira Lupu, professor of law at George Washington University.

The 7-2 decision, he said, sets a precedent regarding how states deal with the separation of church and state. He added that the ruling will affect how states will deal with other religion-related issues during the next few years.

Such issues include President Bush's "Faith-Based and Community Initiative," the administration's plan to fund faith-based organizations and the school

voucher program.

Amy Fulk, press secretary for N.C. Sen. Marc Basnight, D-Dare, said North Carolina doesn't consider a student's major when deciding whether to grant state scholarship money. But the state does grant scholarships for students who attend universities affiliated with religious groups.

In the case reviewed by the Supreme Court, Washington state's Promise Scholarship Fund denied funds to Joshua Davey, a Northwest College student, when he refused to sign a form stating that he was not pursuing a theological degree with taxpayer money. Davey since has graduated but did not pursue the ministry and opted to attend law school.

While supporters of Washington's constitution claimed religious freedoms would be compromised if the state funded religious training programs, dissi-

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BY NIKKI WERKING
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Leigh Suggs coughed and sipped from a small carton of orange juice Saturday at Bleeker Street Studios in Carrboro.

The floor of the 2003 UNC graduate's studio was littered with the beginnings of a 12-foot black string tower that she and Lindsay Pichaske, Suggs' studio mate who also graduated from UNC last year, are building for their upcoming art show.

Suggs has been in the studio almost every evening for the past two weeks preparing pieces for the show, which opens in Bleeker Street Studios' gallery April 5 and runs the entire month. Despite her cold, Suggs came to the studio on Saturday to spend some time outside the house.

So far Suggs and Pichaske have started three sections of the string tower, and the project has been a bit of an experiment. The two artists had built about four feet of

the base before realizing their glue-and-water solution could not support the weight of the string. The base collapsed on itself, so they had to add more glue to the mixture.

Suggs and Pichaske also are working on a project that will display a series of drawings framed in an antique printing press drawer. One person begins a drawing, then covers it up, leaving a small portion exposed, and lets the other person finish the drawing.

For her individual pieces, Suggs is making two projects that incorporate the banana fiber abaca paper she made while working at the Dieu Donne gallery in New York after her junior year.

One project will be 49 small square canvases painted in shades of blue and cream and coated with layers of hexagon-shaped abaca paper. For the second project, pieces of the abaca paper are cut into 3 inch by 1 inch strips, tightly rolled and stacked, making a design that resembles a honeycomb.

"I had this paper for two years and hadn't done anything with it because it was so precious to me," Suggs said. "It was really hard to

decide what to do with this paper, but I'm really happy with what I'm doing."

When she's not working on pieces for her art show, Suggs has been helping and supporting friends preparing for their honors thesis exhibition.

Seniors Lindsey Britt, Brenna Murphy and Kristin Robinson will display their works in a show titled "home, body," from March 15 to April 1 in the John and June Allcott Gallery in Hanes Art Center.

Suggs helped Robinson with her projects, three life-sized figures Robinson made by casting her entire body in plaster. Robinson did most of the work on her own, but Suggs helped her cast her back, arms and other places she couldn't reach.

Each figure has been manipulated differently to represent the grotesque. Robinson bound her waist and thighs before casting her body for one figure, and another is designed to portray sagging flesh.

"I think they're beautiful," Robinson said. "Society's idea of what a body should be isn't neces-

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CHHS student reports assault

2 suspects part of police rape probe

BY SHANNAN BOWEN
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A Chapel Hill High School student informed school officials Thursday that two students raped her Tuesday on school grounds.

School officials immediately reported the incident to Chapel Hill police, who are investigating two male juvenile suspects, said Jane Cousins, spokeswoman for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

Cousins said the incident occurred Tuesday afternoon outside the buildings but on school grounds.

The school is located at 1709 High School Road.

The two suspects are acquaintances of the victim, Cousins said.

Cousins would not reveal the grade level of the two suspects or of the victim.

She said police want to protect the identity of those involved while the incident is still under investigation.

According to police reports, the victim suffered minor injuries and was treated at a hospital.

Cousins said she did not know what type of injuries the victim had incurred.

Police are investigating the possibility that drugs or alcohol were involved in the incident, but Cousins said it has not been confirmed that the two suspects were under the influence of any substance.

Cousins said that although the police know the names of the two suspects, there have been no charges filed.

The police will continue to investigate the incident and the suspects before filing charges, she said.

A juvenile petition will be filed if police decide to charge the two suspects for the rape, Cousins said.

The two will then have to appear in juvenile court to face the charges.

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