

STATE & NATION
Bush nominates Rice for secretary of state position

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Bush turned to his most trusted foreign policy adviser, Condoleezza Rice, to lead U.S. diplomacy during his second term, replacing Secretary of State Colin Powell, who often was out of step with more hawkish members of the administration's national security team.

Rice is the second White House loyalist to land a Cabinet post since Bush's re-election triggered a top-tier shake-up that has presented several agency heads with the clear impression that their services were no longer needed.

White House counsel Alberto Gonzales is Bush's nominee to replace Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Besides Powell and Ashcroft, Education Secretary Rod Paige, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham resigned as Bush sought a fresh start for a second term.

Administration officials say Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson might be next.

Officials close to Ridge say he might be willing to stay for a few months, and advisers to Thompson hint that he might be open to another Cabinet post.

CITY BRIEFS

Police still miffed in arrest of student found on rooftop

Chapel Hill police found a UNC junior on the roof of a residence at 209 1/2 N. Columbia St. early Tuesday morning, police reports state.

Nathan Wayne Lonnen, 21, an economics major at the University, was found on the roof at 3:17 a.m. after residents of the house reported hearing strange noises, said police spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

He was arrested and charged with damage to property and resist, delay and obstruct, reports state.

Lonnen had blood on his face, shirt and hands, and a light fixture on the roof was broken, Cousins said.

Police were unable to determine what Lonnen was doing on the roof, but they believe he might have been trying to steal a weather vane, Cousins said.

Lonnen was taken to Orange County Jail to be released when sober. He will appear in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough on Jan. 24.

High school student charged in breaking and entering

An East Chapel Hill High School student was arrested Monday and charged with breaking and entering, a felony, and resisting arrest, a misdemeanor, on warrants in connection with a Friday incident on Breckenridge Place, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, Omari Jevon Eubanks, 18, of 630 Pine Acres Road turned himself in to police without incident at 6 p.m. Monday.

He was charged with a breaking and entering that occurred at 1:20 p.m. Friday, in which a resident came home and found a perpetrator in her den, said police spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

Eubanks was released on a written promise to appear Tuesday in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough.

CALENDAR

Today — The Campus Y and the Committee for a Better Carolina are sponsoring a debate on universal health care at 7 p.m. in 116 Murphey Hall.

Speakers Craig Savage, a health policy consultant who assists in designing health benefit packages for small businesses, and Michael Cannon, director of health policy studies for the Cato Institute, will discuss the state of America's health care system.

Friday — The Carolina Indian Circle and the Department of Housing and Residential Education are hosting a Native American dance exhibition from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Union 2518.

This free event includes dancers, singers, a storyteller and flute players.

Thursday — Pi Beta Phi sorority is holding its annual fall fundraiser, a bowl-a-thon, at 9 p.m. at the AMF Bowling Center in Durham.

Tickets will be sold in the Pit and at the door.

They are \$15 each and include a T-shirt and a free night of bowling.

All proceeds will benefit the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

From staff and wire reports.

System looks to fix teacher shortage

BOG brainstorms retention strategies

BY DANA BSEISO
 STAFF WRITER

In 10 years, UNC-system officials say, North Carolina could be facing a shortage of 12,000 public school teachers every year.

And because of this problem, leaders are pointing to the system's mission — to serve the residents of the state — and taking steps to find a remedy.

Increasing the retention rate and the supply of teachers in public schools long has been one of the goals of system leaders, including President Molly Broad and the Board of Governors. Now, Broad has projected that with the system's help, the shortage could be reme-

died in the next 10 years.

A report she prepared for the BOG's Friday meeting states that more than 11,000 additional teachers are needed each year, a number that is expected to grow to 12,000 in the next decade.

The report also states that more than 40 percent of teachers drop out of the public school system in their first five years on the job.

Because of these problems, which are exacerbated in the state's poorer, more rural counties, the Board of Governors has been charged with redoubling its efforts to increase enrollment in its own education programs.

"If you look at our rural coun-

ties, you see turnover rates that get up to 40 and 45 percent," said J.B. Buxton, an education adviser to Gov. Mike Easley. "We are losing one out of three teachers a year."

In the past year, UNC-system campuses have graduated about 2,300 teachers. Broad's plan aims to increase that number to 5,000 teachers during the next 10 years, an increase of 117 percent.

If retention improves by just 5 percentage points during this period, an additional 4,600 teachers would be kept in the state's classrooms.

Scott Emerick, communication and policy associate at the Southeast Center for Teaching Quality in Chapel Hill, said that in order to keep these teachers, the state needs to provide more than just financial incentives.

"Just throwing money at the problem won't solve it," he said.

Emerick said teachers' working conditions also must be improved. This process includes reducing class sizes as well as bringing in highly qualified leaders as administrators.

Broad's plan also seeks to increase the number of certified teachers by allowing more people to complete some type of alternative teaching program.

The College of Education at East Carolina University has set up consortium partnerships with regional community colleges to offer these options to area residents seeking an education degree.

The program, Wachovia Partnership East, makes it possible for students throughout eastern North Carolina to obtain a four-

year degree in education from ECU without having to travel to the main campus.

"This is one of the most powerful vehicles for attracting teachers to these rural areas and keeping them there," said Yokima Cureton, director of communication for ECU's education college.

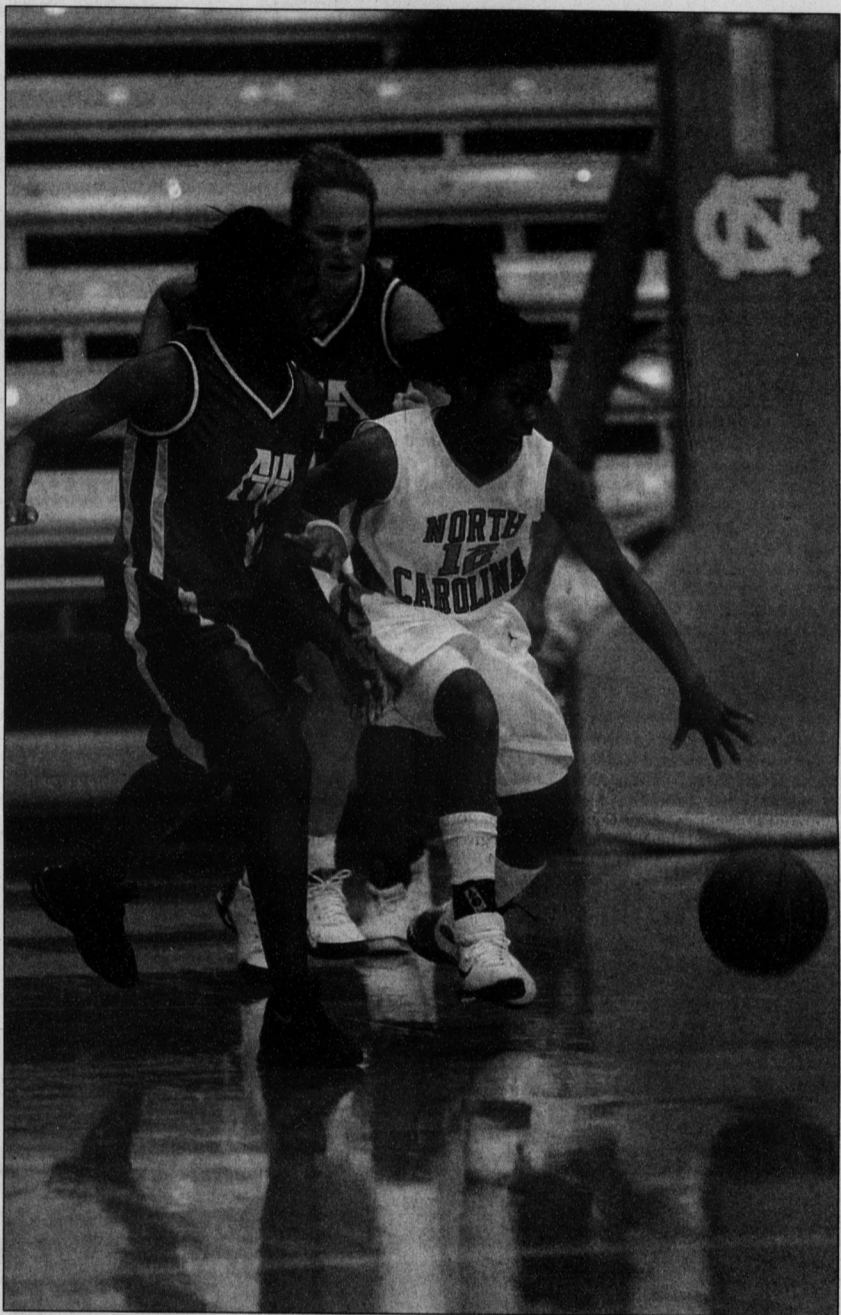
Emerick said Broad's plan is feasible but would entail a lot of state- and business-sponsored initiatives.

"The state needs to invest widely and systematically," he said.

"The scope of the problem is pretty large. It's not impossible, but there needs to be a considerable effort from the state and a lot of political will."

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HOOP DREAMS



DTH/BRANDON SMITH

North Carolina point guard Ivory Latta (12) fights past two Athletes in Action players in the women's basketball team's 92-57 victory in its final exhibition game. During the game, Latta shot

6-for-7 from the field, scoring 17 points, and added 7 assists. The No. 9 Tar Heels will open their season Friday against Elon at Carmichael Auditorium before facing No. 4 Connecticut on Sunday. For the full story, see page 7.

Town programs assist homeless

Local efforts extend beyond the IFC

Editor's note: What follows is the third in a series of articles related to homelessness in Orange County. Chapel Hill is sponsoring a roundtable discussion Thursday on the issue.

BY TED STRONG
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With a range of resources aimed at aiding Chapel Hill's homeless population, more homeless people are moving into the area.

And while officials say the community puts forth a good effort to provide for them, more efforts still could be made.

"We all have an obligation to help the homeless," said Chapel Hill Town Council member Sally Greene, who organized the Orange County Roundtable Discussion on Homelessness for Thursday.

The town of Chapel Hill helps the

homeless mainly through its support of the Inter-Faith Council, said Mayoral Assistant Emily Dickens.

"That's really the major program," she said.

The homeless community frequently uses programs that are specifically tailored to its needs, many of which are offered by the IFC, and free services provided to the entire community.

One such important resource for the homeless is Chapel Hill's public transportation system.

"Transportation should not be a barrier, and by offering our fare-free system, everyone has the opportunity to ride," said Kurt Neufang, assistant director of Chapel Hill Transit.

Neufang added that bus services run directly to the IFC's men's

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Congress panel OKs more funds

Committee approves total of \$16.9K

BY KRISTLE SPELLMAN
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When the Finance Committee of Student Congress began its final meeting of the fall semester Tuesday, there still was \$25,440.61 available to appropriate to student organizations for the last three weeks of the term.

The committee passed \$16,910 in funding requests during the meeting — \$9,025 of which will not be issued until the spring. The full body will vote next week to approve these suggestions.

Daneen Furr, chairwoman of the committee, said appropriating some of these funds for the spring semester simplifies accounting because all residual funds are rolled over to the spring semester.

Six student organizations presented budget proposals during Tuesday night's meeting.

The Global Health Committee of the Student Union Board is scheduled to receive \$3,260 from the fall budget, if approved at the next full session of Congress.

Nina Yamanis, the group's service and advocacy coordinator, said these funds will cover the group's four major events next semester and the cost of speaker honorariums.

Masala's request for \$2,950 to fund its annual fashion show and other programming during the spring semester also was approved. Representatives of the group said the event is an opportunity for Masala's cultural groups to express themselves to the student body.

Insight Out, a student-run community service journal that is published once a year, will

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Capital funds plan garners approval

BY CATHERINE SHAROKY
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The Orange County Board of Commissioners voted 4-1 Tuesday in favor of allowing the city and county school systems to review and add comments to a resolution slated to adjust the way the county will fund capital projects for the next 10 years.

The resolution, proposed by Commissioner Barry Jacobs, would set an annual target rate of 60 percent of capital funds for the construction, expansion and renovation of school-system projects and 40 percent for county facilities.

For the 15 years from 1988 to 2003, about 77 percent of the annual capital budget has gone to the school systems. And in the last six years, county projects have received \$85.5 million in capital funding, compared with the \$254.9 million allotted to school projects.

The new resolution was drawn up to help funnel money to the many county projects that remain unfunded or partially funded. But some say there are also school projects that have been short-changed.

Etta Pisano, a UNC professor

of radiology and mother of children in the city school system, said schools still are overcrowded and need renovations.

"(Grey Culbreth Middle School) does not yet have modern science labs," she said. "I think that's really pathetic."

But Commissioner Stephen Halkiotis said the board has done an excellent job tending to the needs of the schools.

He also passionately addressed the concerns of school board members who oppose the spending change.

"We have a mandated legal responsibility to make sure that our school systems are properly funded, and we have met that responsibility," he said. "I will step down and I will leave if we fail to meet the needs of any child in this school system."

The commissioners are bound by the Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance to provide needed funding for new schools in a timely manner. Along with school impact fees, SAPFO money would not be included in the 60 percent

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Residents flood annexation talks

BY EREN TATARAGASI
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About 175 residents gathered Tuesday at the Carrboro Century Center to give the town's Board of Aldermen a piece of their mind about the possible annexation of several neighborhoods along Rogers Road.

"Annexation is contradictory to every ideal of America," said speaker Randolph Ryan.

The neighborhoods in question, which are now considered county areas, are classified in the resolution as Area A and Area B.

On Sept. 14, the aldermen approved a resolution calling for the annexation of these neighborhoods, located west of Rogers Road.

Since then, petitions and comments have poured in from residents concerned by the plans.

Some have petitioned the Chapel Hill Town Council in favor of annexation into Chapel Hill, and others have gone to the state level.

The questions and concerns most frequently cited at the hearing, which lasted more than three hours, were the differences in taxes and town services before and after annexation, as well as the possibility of having to move due to rising costs.

Some said residents would be forced to sell their homes if they



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John Kramer, a resident of Highland North neighborhood, speaks Tuesday at a public hearing about the annexation of neighborhoods into Carrboro.

were not able to afford the \$3,000 tax increase they would see during the first three years of annexation.

But the annexed areas would receive the services provided to all Carrboro residents.

Jeff Vanke, a Carrboro resident and write-in candidate for mayor in 2003, spoke Tuesday in opposition to the annexation.

"The main reason I don't sup-

port it is because the majority of (residents) don't want it," said Vanke. "There has to be an extremely compelling reason to do it, and there isn't."

John Kramer of Highlands North, which is part of Area A, expressed a common theme among those who spoke Tuesday.

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