

STATE & NATION
U.S. helicopter was likely brought down by enemy fire

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military said Wednesday that hostile fire likely brought down a Chinook helicopter that crashed in eastern Afghanistan, and officials said the status of the 17 American service members aboard was "unknown."

If confirmed, Tuesday's attack would apparently be the first time a U.S.-led coalition aircraft here has been downed by hostile fire, representing a major new threat to the coalition.

The U.S.-backed mujahedeen war against Soviet occupiers in Afghanistan in the 1980s finally turned when the Afghan fighters acquired the ability to shoot down Soviet aircraft.

System official named as art school's interim chancellor

Gretchen Bataille, senior vice president of academic affairs for the UNC system, was appointed Friday as interim chancellor of the North Carolina School of the Arts.

Bataille will step into the position July 1 when Wade Hobgood is slated to resign.

UNC-system officials said earlier this summer that the search for a permanent chancellor would kick into full swing after an interim replacement was found.

After five years in the post, Hobgood announced in May that he would step down, citing personal reasons and the school's financial problems.

The school has been plagued by severe budget cuts, and last year state auditors found that the school misspent about \$1 million.

Friday marks deadline to consolidate student loans

The clock is running out on students who wish to save a bundle of cash by consolidating their student loans.

Stafford student loan rates will jump Friday to 4.7 percent. The loan rate is variable.

But students have the opportunity to lock their loans in at a 2.77 percent rate before Friday.

The rate is one of the lowest in decades.

This year students who are still enrolled in school can consolidate loans, a move that previously was not allowed.

For more information visit <http://www.nsls.ed.gov>.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Moeser visits Asia to discuss University's role overseas

Chancellor James Moeser is conducting a tour of Southeast Asian nations this week, looking to further expand UNC's role as an international institution.

Moeser is joining a group of University officials on a visit to Singapore and Bangkok for some discussions on global relationships.

Moeser will also meet with administrators at the National University of Singapore.

UNC's College of Arts and Sciences is working on developing a joint-degree program between the schools. The program could be online by 2006.

CITY BRIEFS

Chapel Hill Town Council members finish fiscal year

After months of build up and discussion, the Chapel Hill Town Council passed a final budget for fiscal year 2005-06 Monday with little discussion.

"We thank you very much for your hard work on the budget this year," Town Manager Cal Horton told council members.

The new budget sets a tax rate of 52.2 cents per \$100 of assessed property value — a 2.9-cent increase.

The budget includes pay plans for town employees — a topic that has drawn much debate and could face tougher scrutiny from council members next year.

For more coverage of the council meeting, go to <http://www.dthonline.com>.

Earth Fare will host organic cookout fund-raiser Saturday

Earth Fare, the newly-opened organic market in Eastgate Shopping Center, is hosting a holiday benefit Saturday.

Proceeds of the benefit will go to the Chapel Hill Public Arts Commission.

The cost of the cookout is \$5, and the event will also include live music and a bike giveaway.

The benefit will take place from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

—From staff and wire reports.

Sapikowski will be tried for murder

Was indicted by a grand jury Monday

BY BRIANNA BISHOP
CITY EDITOR

Although Adam Sapikowski, the Chapel Hill teen accused of murdering his parents, was indicted by a grand jury Monday, the next steps in determining his future are still uncertain.

Sapikowski was indicted on two counts of first-degree murder and is slated to appear July 19 in Superior Court.

District Attorney Jim Woodall said Tuesday the direction or pace

of the trial still is unclear.

"Any number of things could happen — his bond could be revisited; motions could be filed by either side," he said.

But he noted that it will be a preliminary hearing.

"There will be many other court dates," he said.

Bond was denied for Sapikowski at his last court appearance June 6.

His attorney, public defender James Williams, requested that

bond be set at \$150,000 for each charge for a total of \$300,000.

Williams argued at that time that relevant circumstances do not support a first-degree murder charge, indicating that physical and emotional abuse might have provoked the killings.

But citing several concerns, including the absence of a legal caretaker, Judge Charles Anderson denied the request.

Woodall said Tuesday the grand jury's decision was expected. "I was not surprised," he said. "That's what we anticipated."

Sapikowski stands accused

of killing his parents, James Sapikowski, 52, and Alison Sapikowski, 49, at their Chapel Hill home.

At Adam Sapikowski's last court appearance June 6, Woodall said he believed the murders occurred April 28 — about two weeks before the bodies were found.

It was also revealed at that time that an SUV was found in the Sapikowskis' garage filled with food, camping gear and the shotgun used in the shootings.

Woodall also noted then that Adam Sapikowski had access to \$19,000 in a checking account

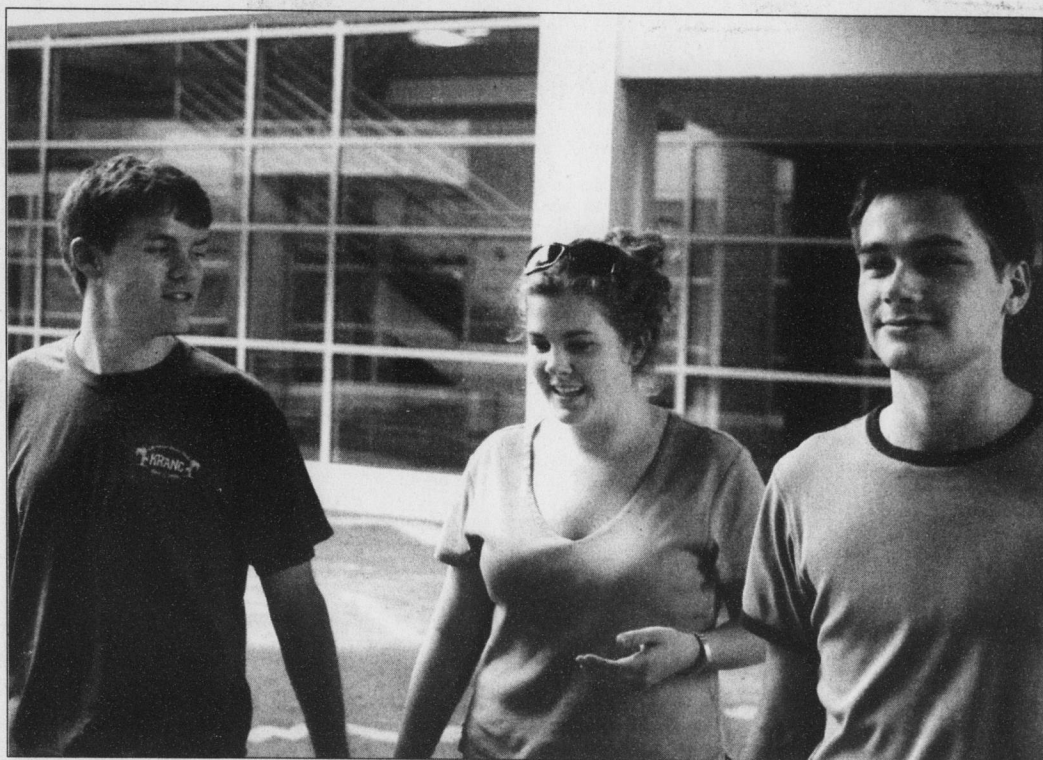


Andrew Sapikowski, charged with two counts of murder, was indicted by a grand jury.

and had asked a friend to leave town with him.

During the two weeks before the bodies were found, Adam Sapikowski checked in and out of a Durham Marriott hotel.

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From left, Student Body President Seth Dearmin, Student Body Treasurer Daneen Furr and Student Body Vice President Adrian Johnston walk to the student government office Tuesday. For these and other student leaders, summer is time for preparation as well as vacation.

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STUDENT OFFICIALS CONTINUE WORK DURING THE SUMMER

BY STACEY CARLESS
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Summer days are considered a break from the normal routine for most students, but for student leaders, the summer means more time to work on behalf of the University.

"It is a time to really step back and reflect on what the priorities will be for next year and how you can be most effective," said Student Body Vice President Adrian Johnston.

Last summer members of student government spent time in Raleigh lobbying against a proposed 1.7 percent budget cut. This year is not much different.

Congress Speaker Luke Farley said that this summer Congress advocated against budget cuts to the UNC system and voiced concern about tuition increases.

"We have been working for students," Farley said. "We have made lobbying trips to the General Assembly to advocate for students."

Both Johnston and Student Body President Seth Dearmin have made several trips to Raleigh themselves to speak with representatives about the budget.

"Our presence in Raleigh shows that students do care about this and are taking time to have our voices heard," Dearmin said.

Johnston said that representatives have been receptive to their input and that it's clear the elected officials care about UNC-Chapel Hill.

Farley also stressed the importance of advocacy.

"It is always important to have the students' voices heard, no matter what the outcome," he said. "The people who needed to hear us heard us and that is what matters."

Farley said Congress is very concerned with tuition and budget issues and is trying to take a more active role in the process.

"This is a new perspective on how Congress can work," he said.

The body passed a resolution Friday that opposes a special provision in the Senate budget that would allow UNC-CH and N.C. State University to set tuition without approval of the UNC-system Board of Governors.

"That was probably the most significant thing we have done this summer because of the immediacy of the issue," said Anisa Mohanty, Congress's finance committee chairwoman.

"The budget is going through soon so it was not something that could wait until the fall." Besides advocating in Raleigh for stu-

dents, Dearmin and his administration are working on a bevy of platform points.

"We have been working on a variety of issues," Johnston said, "anything from wireless on Franklin (Street) to a number of things."

Specifically, Dearmin said they are working with Student Health Service to examine safe-sex practices and are also examining campus construction.

"We want to get done what we can in the summer so that in the fall we can take on anything that unexpectedly comes our way," Dearmin said.

Bobby Whisnant, senior class president, said that this summer his administration has been working on several key platform planks, most notably the inaugural Senior Celebration.

The class of 2006 now has a logo and a T-shirt, but more work remains.

"In the next two months we would like to go ahead and solidify the speaker and performer for Senior Celebration," he said. "We want all things final for (Senior Celebration) since it is the first."

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University hosts 3rd candidate for registrar

Griffin characterized as strong leader

BY BRIAN HUDSON
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University officials hosted Polly Griffin last week, one of the candidates for the next University registrar.

Griffin, who is currently registrar at Dartmouth College, spent some of last week meeting with campus officials — a crucial step in the application process.

Griffin was considered a strong candidate for the position because of her leadership attributes, said search committee chairwoman Carol Tresolini.

Griffin was the first professional registrar at Dartmouth — a role which necessitated strong officiating skills, Tresolini said.

"She has done a lot to centralize processes that used to be decentralized," she said.

The University registrar oversees course scheduling, classroom assignments and registration — just a few of the myriad responsibilities of the position.

The next registrar also will be involved heavily in the upcoming revision of the College of Arts and Sciences' curriculum.

Three other candidates are vying for the job: Martin Warner, registrar at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania; Alice Poehls, registrar at University of Illinois—Urbana-Champaign; and Gene Schuster, who was registrar at Ohio State University until his retirement.

They are competing to replace David Lanier, who will step down in August after 20 years at the post.

Ultimately, Provost Robert Shelton is responsible for making the appointment, but officials have said that community input from candidate forums will weigh heavily in the decision.

The next forum will be held for Schuster at 10 a.m. on July 14 at the Faculty Lounge in Morehead Planetarium.

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Group offers alternate plan

Urges fewer cars at Carolina North

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BY KATHY CHO
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Seventeen thousand versus 5,845.

That's the number of parking spaces in Carolina North proposed by the University compared to that of a local nonprofit group.

The Village Project, a group that promotes ecologically sustainable communities, presented Monday its alternate concept plan to the University's design for its proposed satellite campus.

James Carnahan, the organization's chairman, said the University should envision Carolina North "not just as a technology transfer campus but also as a great sustainable land-use plan."

A major difference between the group's proposal and the University's current plan is the use of electricity-powered light-rail transit. The group suggests installing transit lines that would thread through campus, connecting at either end with bus routes on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Possible alternatives for Carolina North

The Village Project, a local nonprofit group, drafted its own plan for UNC's planned research campus, Carolina North. The plan calls for more housing units and substantially less parking.

PLAN COMPARISON	THE VILLAGE PROJECT	CURRENT UNC PLAN
total number of housing units	8,000 units	1,800 units
approximate number of parking spaces	6,000 spaces	17,000 spaces
total amount of commercial space	730,000 square feet	300,000 square feet
total area of development	260 acres	260 acres
alters alignment and position of Estes Drive?	NO X	YES ✓
includes light rail transit plan?	YES ✓	NO X

SOURCE: THE VILLAGE PROJECT

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and the existing railroad along Seawell School Road.

"We want to make the need for the car to be occasional rather than regular," Carnahan said Monday.

The current UNC plan does not include light-rail transit.

The rail system could be built between 2018 and 2030 with funding and commitment, Village Project board member Patrick McDonough said.

Rail transit is only one way of lessening dependency on cars. "There's no silver bullet here,"

McDonough said, adding that a number of initiatives such as van pooling, creating new park-and-ride lots, restricting on-campus parking and increasing housing would be required to create a synergy effect.

The 8,000 on-campus residences proposed by the group are another of its more visible departures from the UNC plan, which calls for 1,800.

Expanding the housing supply

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Officials work to finalize budget

Committee looks to combine proposals

BY STEPHEN MOORE
STAFF WRITER

Since the revelation of the conference committees last week, members have been meeting non-stop in an effort to finalize the state's 2005-06 budget.

Committee members are discussing all of the differences between the N.C. House and Senate budgets, attempting to find enough common ground to allow for compromise.

While some specifics might have been discussed, officials have worked out only a broader view of the budget thus far, said Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland.

"We are looking at the differences between the two budgets," Rand said.

"We've been trying to define the big picture."

Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, said one aspect of the budget is concerning.

"Both have to work on tax structure," she said, noting that some proposed tax cuts would benefit only wealthy citizens.

But as budget talks continue within the legislature, efforts are being made to pass a continuing resolution to maintain the current budget during the month of July.

The resolution must be passed before July 1 to ensure the continuation of government functions within the state.

Some parts of the resolution have met scrutiny from particular legislators.

Senate Minority Leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, attempted to pass an amendment to the resolution that would keep taxes from increasing during July.

"If all we are going to do is continue government, then we do not need to increase taxes," Berger said in a debate on the Senate floor.

The taxes are needed to satisfy increasing needs of the state, said Sen. David Hoyle, D-Gaston.

He noted that the amendment