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HITTING CLOSE TO HOME

London bombings affect visitors and could impact academic travel

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rebecca Folmar is a 2005 alumna of UNC who is working in London as an intern at a communications firm. She arrived at King's Cross Station shortly after an explosion. Here, she details the experience of July 7.

BY REBECCA FOLMAR, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

LONDON

Just days after the terrorist attacks of Thursday, July 7, London appears to be back to business as usual, though with held breath.

As security alerts were heightened, tube stations unexpectedly closed and investigations furthered Tuesday, I began to suspect that Londoners might not be as confidently defiant as I had originally supposed. Whenever a helicopter flies overhead,

or sirens are heard squealing in the distance, people notice.

The tone in the air is now suspenseful as people wonder if another round of terrorism is in store for the city.

It is odd for me to think that last Thursday was just another day of people going about their business.

For me, my day began like any other day, except that I purposely took my time getting to my internship.

Instead of leaving my dorm at the usual time of 8:30 a.m., I took my time, hanging out a bit longer with a friend I had hosted overnight.

We left my dorm around 8:45 a.m. and discovered, upon arrival at King's Cross Station minutes later, that there was a "power outage" at King's Cross and that the station was closed.

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LONDON ATTACKS

FOUR SITES BOMBED

King's Cross Station, Liverpool Street Station, Edgware Road and Tavistock Square.

AFTERMATH

As of Tuesday, more than 52 confirmed dead and more than 700 injured.

ABROAD OFFICIALS REMAIN OPTIMISTIC

BY KATHERINE HOLLANDER, STAFF WRITER

The London terrorist attacks last Thursday not only shook the lives of the area's citizens but launched an aftershock across the globe.

And while the city of London swiftly works to restore order, worried thoughts hit close to home for UNC students and staff.

UNC's Study Abroad department took quick action in locating and ensuring the safety of all students who were studying in the city at the time of the attacks.

"We had 33 students in London at the time of the bombings," said UNC Study Abroad Director Robert Miles. "We had most of the group contacted by 1:00 (p.m.) U.S. time."

Miles said he has been watching the

situation in England closely over the weekend.

In a statement on its Web site the department said while officials are taking precautions, specifically in London, there are no plans to cancel any of the abroad programs in the immediate future.

"I cannot provide security for anyone," Miles said. "But what we can do is provide information and advice."

While there is no guarantee of security for students while traveling abroad, the Study Abroad department takes several measures to educate students prior to arrival in their country of choice.

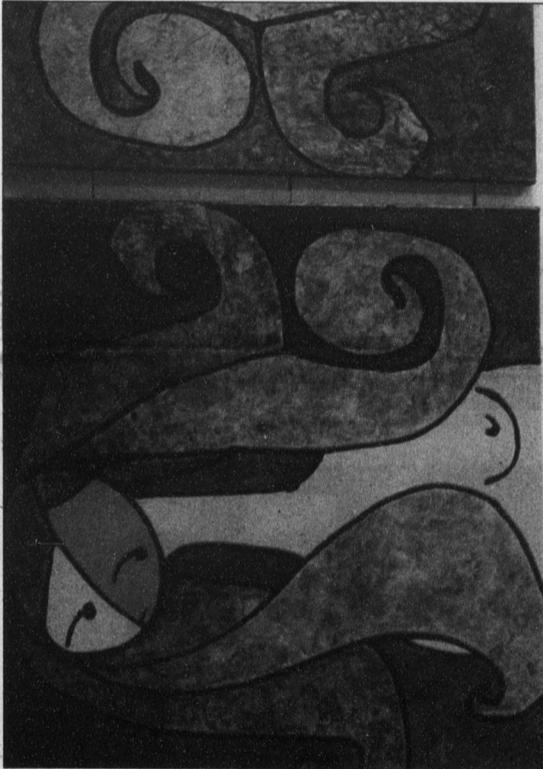
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ROBERT MILES, STUDY ABROAD DIRECTOR

WALKING ON THE WILD SIDE



DTH/NATALIE ROSS

Forrest Steele examines some of his paintings on display during the 2nd Friday Art Walk last week. Steele is an artist in Carrboro that shows his work at the Bleecker Street Studio and Gallery. The 2nd Friday Art Walk featured a number of galleries open for public viewing with free admission in Carrboro and Chapel Hill.

A monthly event, the walking tour also offers free refreshments and live entertainment. Venues showcased on the tour include the Carrboro Arts Center, Caffé Driade, the Carrboro Century Center, Nested, Open Eye Café, Sizl Gallery and Turning Point Gallery. The walk is held from 6 to 9 p.m. on the second Friday of every month this summer.

Budget looms on horizon

Key issues stand between legislators and final version

BY STEPHEN MOORE, STAFF WRITER

With the deadline for the current continuing budget resolution quickly approaching, legislators in the N.C. General Assembly are scrambling to create a final budget or a new resolution by July 20.

But compromise between the Senate and House appears more difficult than anticipated.

Several issues continue to plague both houses, including the lottery and a half-cent tax difference on cigarettes.

Leadership meetings are continuing late into the night most weekdays as common ground is continuously being sought.

But a third party is impacting these meetings, greatly influencing the budget negotiations.

Gov. Mike Easley has met twice within the last two weeks with the leadership of the General Assembly as he continues to impact the

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Governor Mike Easley has offered his opinions in budget talks.

BOG adds 4 new members to roster

Officials sign on during crucial phase

BY WHITNEY ISENHOWER, STAFF WRITER

In the midst of a critical period of change for the UNC system, the Board of Governors is welcoming four new faces to its ranks.

Fred Mills, Irvin Roseman and David Young will take on four-year terms, and Charles Hayes will fill a vacated term that ends in 2007.

The N.C. House elected the officials, along with four returning members, in late June, and they officially became members July 1.

The new members face a number of issues currently in front of the board — specifically the search for a new UNC-system president.

Hayes, the president and CEO of the Research Triangle Regional Partnership, said his background in economic development gives him an understanding of the need for connecting universities and the public.

"I know professional economic developers on the BOG, and I hoped I could do something to ensure the linkage," he said.

"I think I have a pretty good understanding of the disparities between rural and urban areas."

Hayes' House sponsor, Rep. Lucy Allen, D-Franklin, said his occupation was one of the things that made him an asset to the board.

"Our community colleges and universities are our greatest tools in the business world," Allen said. "I think he understands that."

Fred Mills, secretary and treasurer of Mills Construction Co. Inc., said his age and experience could aid him in his position on the board.

"I've been around for 62 years," Mills said. "I know a lot of things not to do, and I know a lot of things to do."

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Case puts capital projects at risk

Funds for parking decks could be used in lieu of past fees

UNC system holds huge parking sum

Preliminary figures show total revenue collected on each campus since 2001.

UNC CAMPUS	AMOUNT IN ESCROW
ASU	\$1,262,538
ECU	\$1,737,716
ECSU	\$19,238
FSU	\$247,358
NCA&T	\$431,908
NCCU	\$1,300,000
NCSA	\$65,961
NCSU	\$2,273,817
UNCA	\$350,000
UNC-CH	\$3,907,525
UNCC	\$1,784,444
UNCG	\$1,082,310
UNCP	\$322,544
UNCW	\$1,823,013
WCU	\$1,062,873
WSSU	\$512,006

SOURCE: UNC-SYSTEM DIVISION OF FINANCE, DTH/JENNIFER ALLIET

BY JOSEPH R. SCHWARTZ, UNIVERSITY EDITOR

A recent action by the N.C. Supreme Court could put UNC-Chapel Hill's plans for construction on parking decks in jeopardy.

The court unanimously ruled July 1 that parking fines on UNC-system campuses belong to the public school system.

A trial court now will decide if that ruling will be applied retroactively to 1995.

Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus services, said if UNC-CH is forced to pay parking fines from 1995, it could mean the Arts Common and the Bell Tower will be left without parking decks.

The campus set aside \$3.9 million from fines collected since 2001, but \$6.6 million more might be needed to repay the prior fines from before that year.

That, coupled with a loss of \$1 million of yearly parking fines revenue, means the campus might have to rethink its development plans.

"(We're) probably not going to be able to afford as many decks as we otherwise would be able to," she said.

But she and other officials continue to stress that much still needs to be hammered out before the final figures and impact are known.

A date is yet to be set for the case, but Michael Crowell, attorney for the public schools, said a resolution could be reached by early fall.

Money generated from parking fines traditionally goes toward debt incurred on parking decks and the operational costs of enforcement.

Under the recent ruling, UNC-CH can keep up to 10 percent of parking fines to fund collection costs, but all other monies must be turned in.

Elfland estimated that funding collection and enforcement costs \$750,000 annually — \$650,000 more than the maximum the University could keep.

"We don't make a profit on

parking, so if we lose income we have to get it from somewhere else," said Leslie Winner, general counsel for the UNC system.

She said campuses might be forced to raise the cost of parking permits to make up the disparity.

"It's going to shift this cost from the lawbreakers to the law abiders," she said.

UNC-CH currently is paying debt on the Rams Head parking deck, and three other projects are already underway.

But while many questions remain, Elfland said one thing is certain: Officials must find a way to fund parking enforcement.

"We can't say, 'Well we just won't have enforcement anymore,'" she said. "The whole system would collapse. ... We have to look at our budget and see how we are going to afford this enforcement."

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