

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Committee approves \$4 hike in student fees for APPLS

The majority of the chancellor's committee on student fees approved a \$4 fee increase for the APPLS Service-Learning Program.

This will bring the fee's total up to \$10 a year.

Representatives from APPLS said the fee's revenue will be spent on increasing course offerings, internships and scholarships for students who want to participate in service-learning programs.

Luke Farley, speaker of Student Congress and a committee member, said he opposes the fee because it is individual-focused, instead of campus-focused.

But other members of the committee approved the fee because the program aims to increase diversity of thinking at UNC and has undergone many funding cuts.

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Judge throws out evidence in Dalzell case; charges lifted

A judge has thrown out evidence in the lawsuit against Andrew Douglas Dalzell, 28.

Dalzell was arrested last year on theft, pornography and murder charges.

The murder charge was dismissed Thursday after a judge ruled that police should not have left altered paperwork suggesting that prosecutors would seek the death penalty in the murder of Deborah Leigh Key.

A superior court judge ruled that evidence in the case was tainted by illegal search procedures because the police seized evidence not listed on their search warrant and because all of the searches resulted from evidence seized in the first search, which the judge ruled did not have sufficient probable cause.

WORLD BRIEFS

Sunni minority fails to veto passage of Iraqi constitution

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's landmark constitution seemed assured of passage after initial results Sunday showed that a strong push by minority Sunni Arabs to veto fell short — a major step in the attempt to establish a democratic government that could set the stage for the eventual withdrawal of U.S. troops.

Opponents failed to secure the necessary two-thirds "no" vote in any three of Iraq's 18 provinces, according to counts from local officials.

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani issued a decree setting Dec. 15 for Iraqis to go to the polls again, this time to elect a new parliament.

If the constitution indeed passes, the first full-term parliament since Saddam Hussein's fall in 2003 will install a new government by Dec. 31. If the charter fails, the parliament will be temporary, tasked with drawing up a new draft on which to vote.

But the outcome could further divide the nation, with many Sunnis fearing the new decentralized government will deprive them of their fair share in the country's vast oil wealth. Large numbers of Sunnis voted "no," and some of their leaders already were rejecting the apparent result.

While a strong Sunni turnout in Saturday's referendum suggested a desire among many to participate in Iraq's new political system, there were fears that anger at being ruled under a constitution they oppose could push some into supporting the Sunni-led insurgency.

In a sign of the relentless danger, five U.S. soldiers were killed Saturday by a bomb in Ramadi, a hotbed of militants west of Baghdad, the military announced. It was the deadliest attack on U.S. troops since a Sept. 29 blast killed five soldiers.

Bird flu hits Turkey; Poland takes steps to avoid spread

BUCHAREST, Romania — Romanian authorities called for calm Saturday as they quarantined an eastern region where tests confirmed Europe's first appearance of a deadly strain of bird flu that has devastated flocks and killed dozens of people in Asia.

Poland's government, meanwhile, banned the sale of live birds at open-air markets and ordered farmers to keep poultry in closed quarters beginning Monday.

On Friday, after the deadly H5N1 virus was confirmed in Turkey, on Europe's doorstep, European Union experts agreed that steps should be taken to limit contact between domestic fowl and wild birds.

Experts say migrating birds have spread the disease since it appeared in Southeast Asia two years ago. Authorities around the world fear the virus could mutate into a form that can be passed among people, leading to a flu pandemic that some say potentially could kill millions.

So far, most of the 60 human deaths involving H5N1 have been linked to contact with birds.

— From staff and wire reports.

Group split on athletics fee

Moeser to receive mixed message

BY LINDSAY MICHEL
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After hours of discussion, it is clear that the committee charged with making student fee recommendations will present Chancellor James Moeser with mixed opinions on the athletic fee.

Members of the chancellor's committee on student fees, which includes students, faculty members and administrators, were unable to come to a consensus on whether students should have to pay \$50 more next year to the Department

of Athletics.

The increase would bring the total fee, which was increased \$100 this year, to \$248.50.

"I don't doubt that the department has very worthy goals and objectives, but so does every other department on campus," said Adrian Johnston, student body vice president. "I'm just not convinced that the athletic department's needs are significant enough to merit a \$50 increase."

Director of Athletics Dick Baddour, who also has a seat on the committee, presented the proposal to his fellow committee members.

The money will go toward revitalizing Carmichael Auditorium and Hooker Fields, he said.

Because of recent improvements to the Smith Center, UNC could be out of compliance with Title IX if Carmichael, where many female athletes compete, is not renovated, Baddour said.

But the exact costs of these projects are unknown, he said.

Two years ago the department received an estimate on how much the gym's renovation would cost. It was projected to be \$10 million, but the new price tag could be different, members suggested.

"So this is something that raises a flag for me that we shouldn't commit students to funding a bottomless pit," Johnston said.

Administrators know of some compliance problems, Baddour

"There needs to be a call for the Board of Trustees to be more in tune with the University."

DANEEN FURR, TREASURER

said, but they cannot realize everything that needs to be fixed until renovations begin.

"It may take us into a whole new scheme," he said.

Johnston said the \$50 could be put to better use through a

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Leaders request delay for vote

Question timing of stipends review

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Student government executive branch officials sent a letter to Student Congress on Sunday urging the postponement of a referendum that would allow students to vote on student leader stipends.

The letter is in response to a resolution passed by members of Congress' rules and judiciary committee on Oct. 11 that would put stipends to a vote on the Nov. 1 Homecoming election ballot. The resolution will go before Congress on Tuesday.

While the letter acknowledges the importance of allowing students to decide whether student leaders should receive compensation, it questions the referendum's timing and whether two weeks is sufficient for appropriately educating the student body.

"We need to discuss all sorts of factors that play into stipends," Student Body Vice President Adrian Johnston said. "I don't think we can do that in two weeks."

Seven members of student government receive student fee funded stipends ranging from \$300 for student body president to \$125 for honor outreach coordinator.

Student Body President Seth Dearmin said that each student pays less than 60 cents to fund stipends.

"Students are paying for (stipends) at a minimal cost," he said. Because the referendum would not go into effect until next year's administration, Johnston said, postponing the vote would allow leaders to continue focusing their attention on more pressing issues.

"Having that debate in two weeks is irresponsible and would distract student government from the real issue of the day which is tuition."

The letter asks for the creation of a task force to explore questions — including who should receive stipends, what the benefits and drawbacks are and different options for moving forward — and then present its findings to the student body.

"When the vote goes to the students ... we want to make sure they're voting on the right things," said Student Body Treasurer Daneen Furr. "We don't want to just eliminate or approve stipends."

But Congress Speaker Luke Farley said there is plenty of time to educate students before Nov. 1, pointing out that student body president candidates have two weeks to campaign for the regular election.

"If we trust (students) to make a decision in two weeks on a whole host of issues, we can trust them to make a decision on one," he said.

Farley said he has received several e-mails from students asking for the opportunity to vote.

But Dearmin said he has not

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WORTH A MILLION WORDS



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Alia Walker speaks with a man at the Millions More Movement on the mall in Washington D.C. on Saturday afternoon. The movement is formerly the Million Man March and celebrated its start 10 years ago. The march began as a gathering for black men, but with its name

change, its participants have extended to other minorities and women. Walker came to the movement partly to advertise for the International Roots Festival 2006 in Gambia, West Africa. The festival will be held in June to encourage the empowerment and peacefulness of women everywhere.

Group hikes to remember man

Seeks to raise organ donor numbers

BY LINDA SHEN
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Julie Coleman is a force of nature.

With two mismatching braids and a big smile, she bounces from one corner of the room to another, handing out maps, advising hikers to grab a water bottle and saying hello to dozens of old friends who are trickling into the Totten Center at the N.C. Botanical Garden.

All the rumble and fuss is about the second annual Justin L. Coleman Memorial Hike-a-Thon, an event organized by his parents, Julie and Bill Coleman of Chapel

Hill.

Two years ago, on Oct. 17, Justin Coleman was in a car accident while traveling in Australia. He was on a respirator for 23 days before he was declared brain dead. He died at the age of 27.

Justin was a graduate of Brown University and worked with the Clinton administration for two years.

Although the event is held in his honor, the Colemans say the walk also supports other organizations including Outward Bound, Organs 'R' Us and Carolina Donor Services.

"I don't think we even thought

about organ donation until he was pronounced brain dead," says Bill Coleman, a professor of pediatrics at the Clinical Center for the Study of Development and Learning at UNC.

"It was all very spontaneous." Their quick thinking in a time of grief helped improve the lives of about 36 people.

Justin's Achilles tendons, corneas, heart, kidneys, liver and all the bones in his lower body went to people in need.

The Colemans say they still get letters from Australia, both from people who received the transplants and nurses who remember their kindness.

"What we're doing after the incredible grief of the years is try-



Justin Coleman was killed in a car accident in Australia two years ago. He was 27.

ing to keep the memory alive," says Bill Coleman.

Hike-a-Thon participants, many of whom have known the Colemans and their children for years, picked up T-shirts and photographs of Justin, reminisced and milled around the Totten Center, waiting for the first three-mile hiking group to head out.

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Faculty calls for acceptance

Wants to cement campus diversity

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
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A survey presented to the Faculty Council on Friday showed that 40 percent of blacks and 42.3 percent of Latinos on UNC's faculty do not believe the University is a comfortable place for minorities.

Several faculty members also expressed their concern about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer rights at the University, especially after a protester's pie-throwing interrupted an event during last week's Coming Out Week.

Overall, faculty members said the campus needs to be more conscious of other people's cultures.

"The basis (of the solution) needs to be awareness," said Greg Copenhaver, a biology professor.

About 50 faculty members listened to a presentation from members of the chancellor's task force on diversity who spoke about the information and recommendations

they made in a report released last spring.

The 35-member task force was appointed last fall by the chancellor to conduct an assessment of the state of diversity on campus.

"I was pleased to see the chancellor include sexual orientation in the categories (of diversity)," said Lloyd Kramer, a history professor.

Chancellor James Moeser opened the meeting with his remarks on diversity and the importance of open discourse at the University.

"What we seek to achieve is an atmosphere that allows civil discourse on difficult topics," he said. "We can do this without adopting speech codes or infringing on any First Amendment rights."

The task force's presentation focused on its findings and how they relate to faculty issues.

Its report gave several recommendations to improve diversity on campus. The chancellor then released a written response to the report.

"The chancellor's response was very clear and very supportive of

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LLOYD KRAMER, PROFESSOR

this," Archie Ervin, associate provost for multicultural and diversity affairs and a member of the task force, said during the meeting.

Following their presentation, task force members heard comments and questions from members of the council. Some faculty said the University should be more exact in its definition of diversity.

"We need to come up with a specific definition of diversity," said Jay Smith, a history professor. "I would favor a more targeted statement about diversity goals."

Faculty members continued to discuss the issue up to the sched-

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Students scramble to register to vote

Hundreds race to meet deadline

BY KATIE HOFFMANN
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Many college students are procrastinators, especially when it comes to registering to vote.

Organizations such as Vote Carolina, the Young Democrats and the UNC College Republicans have been trying to register students to vote in the upcoming municipal elections since the beginning of the school year, but many students waited until Friday's deadline to register.

"When you tell them it's their last chance to do it, they're more likely to do it," said Kris Gould, co-president of the Young Democrats.

Members of the Young Democrats culminated their voter registration Friday by setting up a table in the Pit from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and

targeting high-traffic areas, such as the front of the dining halls.

The Young Democrats registered a total of 548 students — 220 of whom registered on Friday.

"As time has gone on, there has been more coverage of the election," said Blakely Whilden, co-president of the Young Democrats. "More people have become cognizant of it."

But members of other organizations did not make a push for last-day registration.

Jordan Selleck, chairman of the UNC College Republicans, said his organization did nothing extra to register last-minute voters Friday.

He said volunteers personally contacted members in a database and registered them throughout the drive.

Selleck said he did not know yet how many students his organization registered to vote.

Members of VoteCarolina, a

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