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FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Nader once again third-party option

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Ralph Nader is launching a third-party campaign for president.

The consumer advocate made the announcement Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." He says most Americans are disenchanted with the Democratic and Republican parties and that none of the presidential contenders are addressing ways to stem corporate crime and Pentagon waste and promote labor rights.

Nader also ran as a third-party candidate in the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections.

NAFTA records under scrutiny

LORAIN, Ohio (AP) — Barack Obama accused Democratic presidential rival Hillary Rodham Clinton on Sunday of trying to walk away from a long record of support for NAFTA, the free trade agreement that he said has cost 50,000 jobs in Ohio, site of next week's primary.

One day after Clinton angrily accused him of distorting her record on the North American Free Trade Agreement in mass mailings, the Illinois senator was eager to rekindle the long-distance debate

Raul Castro named president, little change expected for Cuba

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba's parliament named Raul Castro president on Sunday, ending nearly 50 years of rule by his brother Fidel but leaving the island's communist system unshaken.

The vote came five days after Fidel said he was retiring, capping a career in which he frustrated efforts by 10 U.S. presidents to oust him.

The succession was not likely to bring a major shift in the communist government policies that have put it at odds with the United States. But many Cubans were hoping it would open

the door to modest economic reforms that might improve their daily lives.

In another sign that major change was not afoot, Raul Castro, 76, proposed he would consult with the ailing, 81-year-old Fidel on all major decisions of state, and parliament approved the proposal.

An old guard revolutionary leader, Jose Ramon Machado, was named No. 2 — the slot that Raul Castro had previously held. The 77-year-old fought alongside the Castro brothers in the Sierra Maestra during the late 1950s.

Serbs continue protest of Kosovo

PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP) — Kosovo marked its first week of independence in quiet celebration Sunday, as angry Serbs protested in the fledgling nation's tense north and in capitals across Europe.

The Russian envoy to NATO, meanwhile, unleashed a torrent of criticism on countries that recognized Kosovo's split from ally Serbia, including the United States.

The past two days of muted protests in Kosovska Mitrovica followed Thursday's rioting in Belgrade, where demonstrators stormed the U.S. Embassy.

Iran blames U.S. for nuke tension

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — A senior Iranian official blames the U.S. for Iran's refusal to respond to accusations it tried to make nuclear weapons. He says information provided by Washington on such attempts is fabricated and came three years too late.

Iran's chief delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency also acknowledged Sunday that his country's uranium enrichment program is experiencing ups and downs. The comment appears to be the first instance of Tehran admitting that its enrichment activities are running into some difficulties.

New security measures are debated at NCSSM

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A recent mugging on the perimeter of the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics campus in Durham has prompted a security increase that some students call excessive.

After the Feb. 17 mugging on the corner of Maryland Avenue and Sprunt Street, students are no longer permitted on the perimeter of the campus after sunset, including areas such as the athletic fields.

"We are trying to eliminate our students from being in that area because they won't be targets if they are not in that area," said Harry Tucker, NCSSM director of campus resources and security.

NCSSM graduate and UNC freshman Zachary Hackney was mugged on NCSSM property in May. He said the rules are just a temporary solution because students won't stay on such a small amount of campus.

"The sanity of students is going to be in question with this policy," Hackney said. "Instead they need to put more lighting around campus, get a blue-light system or have security staff be more present on the edge of campus."

Student Body Vice President Cydney Swofford said that since students are in exam period now, they have not had much time to

react to the new restrictions.

"I've heard a lot of talk about how we are in Durham, and we expect a certain (lack of safety) due to our area, but we feel that it is not fair for us to be this restricted," she said.

"We understand that they are doing this for our safety, but we feel that this is taking it too far."

Swofford said the restrictions on the soccer field and the Watts and Bryan lawns should be removed.

"The new safety procedures are things that have always been considered best practices for our students; it is just a matter of making those official," said NCSSM director of communications Lauren Everhart.

"Students may complain at first when they hear new restrictions, but it is our responsibility to keep the students safe no matter what."

Before this, students could roam campus until their 10:30 p.m. curfew on weeknights.

NCSSM graduate and UNC sophomore Hailey Loftis said the newly restricted places are popular for spending time with members of the opposite sex, who are not allowed in each other's dormitories.

"They are places to go on dates or to hang out with friends," she said. "People would take blankets out there and watch movies on their laptops."



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NCSSM is bordered by two neighborhoods, Walltown and Watts Hospital-Hillandale, and residents said they hope students do not feel unsafe off campus.

"I can certainly understand the school's new policy given the current situation, but I think it's a little unrealistic," said Merideth Emmett, Watts Hospital-Hillandale Neighborhood Association president.

"I walk that neighborhood all the time, and I would hate for students and parents to think that they are in a neighborhood that is unsafe."

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FACEBOOK

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with social networking sites is that the information gets used for different purposes than people expect," UNC law professor Anne Klinefelter said.

There are ongoing debates in law school admissions offices about whether screening potential law school students online is relevant to applicants' potential, she said, adding that some argue that schools are obligated to look at all available information in order to determine who are the best candidates.

Eric Menhart of Cyberlaw, a Washington, D.C., firm specializing in Internet-related law, said that online profiles can expose incon-

sistencies in resumes.

That can be problematic, he said, citing students looking for positions on Capitol Hill. Potential employers can find information about previous jobs an applicant might have held with an opposing political party or organization.

"Virtually everyone who applies for a job these days is Googled," he said, explaining that online profiles can also put people's professional reputations at risk.

The boom in social networking sites has also created a host of legal issues that are still unclear.

"The law is always slow to address new technologies," Klinefelter said.

Menhart said posting personal information can also lead to cyber crimes such as identity theft when

criminals gain access to personal information.

Freshman economics major Christine Solitario said she isn't concerned about strangers seeing her Facebook profile.

"I think it's OK. We have the ability to change what they see," she said. "If you have those pictures, you can put it so only your friends can see it."

But she said she is still aware that her information is online and accessible.

"It's still your private life, but at the same time it no longer becomes your private life because you put it online."

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FOOTBALL

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All of that is likely to give system officials pause as they examine the merits of a policy exception to fund a Charlotte football program.

But with students and UNC-C trustees likely to stand firmly behind the proposal, it will require a lot of political will to severely limit the school's athletic fee.

When UNC-Pembroke's student body president spoke to the board in 2005 in support of his school's new football program, he made a blunt argument.

"If the students want it, and we're willing to pay for it, I don't see how you can tell us 'no,'" he said.

Officials at Charlotte could soon be making a similar case.

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DISCUSSION

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out there," Cureton said. "People see what we think."

Mary Scroggs Elementary School Principal Grace Repass said the meeting inspired her to make changes at her school.

"Racism isn't such a big problem in elementary schools, but there's no reason we can't start talking about it," she said.

Like Repass, Chapel Hill High School student Philip Daniels said education is important. But Daniels added that nothing can undo the past.

"I think racism is not a distant memory," Daniels said.

"Something like that cannot be erased."

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DJEMBE

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For the conclusion of the djembe performance, the group invited the children to dance with them in the front.

Saturday's performance was a chance for many parents to introduce their children to African culture.

"They see things they are not usually exposed to," said Lisa Hess, who brought her children Harrison and Sarabeth.

The library plans on hosting Djembe Fire! again in April with the ArtsCenter, their booking agent Beth Keena said.

"I hope that they think of the library as more than a place to check out books," Michel said.

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