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FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Iowa delegates switch to Obama

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Barack Obama expanded his fragile lead in delegates over rival Hillary Rodham Clinton on Saturday, picking up nine delegates as Iowa activists took the next step in picking delegates to the national convention.

More than half the 14 delegates originally allocated to John Edwards switched Saturday to Obama.

Iowa Democratic Party officials said Obama now claims 52 percent of the delegates compared with 32 percent for Clinton.

Florida calls off mail-in primary

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Facing strong opposition, Florida Democrats on Monday abandoned plans to hold a do-over presidential primary with a mail-in vote and threw the delegate dispute into the lap of the national party.

While the Florida Democrats left their delegates' futures in limbo, Democrats in Michigan moved closer to holding another contest on June 3. Legislators reviewed a measure Monday to set up a privately funded, state-administered do-over primary.

In latest Iraq violence, female suicide bomber kills at least 43 near mosque

BAGHDAD (AP) — A female suicide bomber struck Shiite worshippers in the holy city of Karbala on Monday, an official and a witness said, killing at least 43 people and leaving pools of blood on the street leading to one of Iraq's most revered mosques.

The blast was the deadliest in a series of attacks that left at least 72 Iraqis dead, including six youths killed when mortar rounds hit a soccer field in Baghdad.

Two U.S. soldiers also were killed Monday in a roadside bombing north of Baghdad, bringing the American death toll closer to 4,000 as the U.S.-led war enters its sixth year.

At least 3,990 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The violence marred trips by Vice President Dick Cheney and Sen. John McCain to Baghdad. Their visits were aimed at touting recent security gains and stressing Washington's commitment to fighting insurgents in Iraq.

If confirmed, it would be among the deadliest attacks carried out by women during the Iraq conflict.

Violence blamed on Tibetan rebels

BEIJING (AP) — China vowed Monday to defend its sovereignty in Tibet as Chinese troops set up checkpoints and mobilized to quell an uprising. A deadline for Tibetan protesters to turn themselves in passed without any apparent surrenders or arrests.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao blamed the violence on supporters of the Dalai Lama, who fled in 1959 after a failed uprising against Chinese rule.

"The violent acts have demonstrated the true nature of the Dalai clique," Jianchao said at a hastily called news conference.

Deaths continue in Kosovo conflict

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Kosovo (AP) — Serb demonstrators attacked international peacekeepers with rocks, grenades and Molotov cocktails Monday, setting off the worst violence in Kosovo since it declared independence from Serbia last month.

Rallies of gunfire were exchanged, injuring 132 in hours of clashes between U.N. and NATO forces and protesters outside a U.N. courthouse.

The clashes began when the U.N. stormed the courthouse to pull out protesters who opposed Kosovo's independence.

GOVERNMENT

Essentially, Tarrant will sign and turn in documents that Carson would have had to deal with, such as bills to Student Congress. In the final leg of the year, the student body president position has few other mandated jobs.

"Basically we're functioning the way we were before, but obviously without Eve," he said. "I'm prepared to do whatever's necessary, according to the Code."

For next year, though, there's been a need to tighten schedules and plans so that no time is lost by the April 1 inauguration day.

After pushing back some of the application deadlines for Cabinet positions, Student Body President-elect J.J. Raynor said there is greater pressure for the process to go

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smoothly.

"We're just trying to do what we can," she said. "We had some 4 a.m. e-mails going back and forth (Sunday) night — we're going to make the details work."

The selection committee will hold interviews for applicants Thursday, in an effort to catch students before the Easter weekend.

Traditionally, the new Cabinet is approved by the departing session of Student Congress at its last meeting of the year.

But that schedule is later this year, and Congress' final meeting

is just a few days later.

"I think we will call a special session of Congress," Speaker Tyler Younts said. "That's what we're planning on doing."

Younts said that he has been coordinating with the executive branch about this and other matters that need to be wrapped up and that everything has gone smoothly.

The bigger question is whether applicants will be as strongly scrutinized as in years past when time allowed for more consideration.

Raynor said her confidence in this year's process lies in the more in-depth nature of the applications and the flexibility in scheduling that everyone has shown, as well as the fact that she is not directly involved, I can handle the other applications. ... It's a hard place, but we're going to make it work," she said.

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Senior class giving still slow

Less than 4 percent participate so far

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Donations to the senior campaign have accelerated in recent months, though the participation level is still less than last year's class at the same time.

As of early March, 153 seniors have pledged \$13,878.80, said Scott Ragland, director of communications in the Office of University Advancement.

Of the total donations given, 62 are specifically for Carolina for Kibera, the official charity of choice for the senior class.

"I don't think there's much concern with it right now," said Veronica Mora, senior class vice president. "It's something everyone starts doing after Spring Break with the realization of graduation

coming up."

Less than 4 percent of the senior class has donated. The goal is to have 30.5 percent of the senior class participate.

Mora said that this small percentage is common and that last year at the same time about 6 percent of the senior class had donated.

"We're telling people just to give in general but especially to CFK," Senior Marshal Justin Crouch said.

A little more than 40 percent of the donations so far have been given to CFK, and no other charity has more than a handful of donors. Other groups receiving donations include the Ackland Art Museum and the School of Nursing Foundation, which are the second and third most popular groups, respectively.

"We're going to be in the Pit a lot more after Spring Break," Mora said. "With SpringFest at the end of April, most students can get in by giving a can food donation, but we are encouraging seniors to give a donation to the senior campaign."

Mora expects that Wednesday's Commencement information session will put seniors in the giving mood.

And in addition to the seniors themselves, others are making pledges to the senior campaign.

There are two donors promising to match the senior class's dona-

Organizations seniors have donated to:

- Carolina for Kibera
- Ackland Art Museum
- School of Nursing Foundation
- Kenan-Flagler Business School

tions if they meet certain participation requirements.

UNC alumnus David Pardue and his wife, Becky, are matching donations given to CFK up to \$25,000, Mora said.

Reactions to the selection of CFK as the official class gift have been mixed.

Senior Scott Farmer said he donated to the Kenan-Flagler Business School because he was told there will be renovations there soon.

"I figured (seniors) would just like to see something, whether it's charity in Chapel Hill, they would like to be able to come back and see some of the changes that have occurred," Farmer said.

Other students are well-versed and excited about the work that CFK is doing on campus.

"I've read a lot about it," said senior biomedical engineering major Sagar Rathie, who donated to CFK.

He added that while he thought CFK was a worthwhile organization, the most important thing is that seniors participate.

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www.dps.unc.edu

The pre-registration process is a lottery; all those who pre-register now through May 7, 2007 have an equal chance of receiving a permit.

For those planning to register for the Commuter Alternatives Program (C.A.P.), using free transit, park & ride, or biking to campus, the C.A.P. online registration process will be June 20th - July 10th, 2008.

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