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Rebels seize Somalia; president missing

NAIROBI, Kenya — Guerrillas on Sunday won apparent control of Somalia after a month of fighting forced President Mohamed Siad Barre from his official residence. A Western doctor who just left Mogadishu said rebels had taken over the airport and main radio station.

The whereabouts of Siad Barre, who had ruled the California-sized nation since 1969, remained unknown.

Rebel spokesman Mohamed Robleh said it was believed "Siad Barre was at the airport surrounded by our forces. We believe he may have been captured."

Earlier reports from Somalia's capital said Siad Barre, about 80, had fled to Kismayu, one of the few sections of the Horn of Africa nation of 8 million believed still loyal to him.

Robleh said in London that his United Somali Congress would announce an acting committee within 48 hours to run Somalia. He said the interim government would remain until representatives from the main rebel groups could meet to form a democratic government representing the nation's various clans.

Iran proposes 5-point plan for peace in gulf

NOSIA, Cyprus — Iran's Parliament speaker on Sunday unveiled a Persian Gulf war peace plan calling for an immediate cease-fire, simultaneous withdrawal by both sides and a halt to Jewish settlement in the occupied lands.

Mahdi Karrubi also said that Iran "will certainly fight Israel along with other Muslim states" if Israel enters the war against Iraq.

His remarks were reported by Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia.

Karrubi's five-point peace plan proposes that Islamic forces from unspecified countries supervise withdrawals of allied and Iraqi forces from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, respectively, then replace both sides in those lands.

The Islamic forces would also supervise the lifting of United Nations' embargoes on shipments of food and medicine to Iraq.

The plan seeks an unconditional halt to "the Jewish influx" into Israeli-occupied territories and the formation of a committee of Islamic states to support the "liberation-seeking struggles" of Palestinians throughout the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

UNC-C, N.C.A&T ask for engineering Ph.D.

DURHAM — N.C. State University could lose its monopoly on doctoral programs in engineering if plans by N.C. A & T University and UNC-Charlotte win approval.

N.C. State is now the only member of the UNC system that grants such degrees. Duke University, which is private, also offers doctorates through its School of Engineering.

But A & T in Greensboro and UNC-Care seeking permission from the UNC Board of Governors to extend their graduate engineering programs, said Raymond Dawson, vice president of academic affairs for the 16-campus system.

By policy, the UNC system has limited its engineering programs to three campuses, Dawson said. Among those, only NCSU can grant doctorates.

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Federal agency investigates University

By SOYIA ELLISON

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The U.S. Department of Education is investigating charges that the University discriminates against employees on the basis of race and gender, according to a letter the department sent to University police officer Keith Edwards.

Edwards requested in December that the education department's Office of Civil Rights investigate 11 allegations of discrimination and retaliation against African Americans and females.

She alleges that the University:

- fails to hire and promote females in the police department on the basis of gender.

- fails to hire African Americans as instructors in the research/biochemistry department on the basis of race.

- denies equal pay to females in the purchasing department on the basis of gender.

- has sexually harassed and retaliated against females in the housekeeping department on the basis of gender.

- has sexually harassed and mistreated females in the School of Dentistry on the basis of gender.

■ has treated African-American teachers differently than others in the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center on the basis of race.

■ denied promotions to females in the Physicians Associates program on the basis of race and gender.

According to the letter, an investigation of the complaints began Jan. 4, and the results of the investigation will be available in May.

If the University is found to have violated discrimination laws, the Office

of Civil Rights will "attempt to negotiate a remedy with the Institution," the letter stated.

"If we cannot agree on a remedy within the next 60 days, we will recommend to our headquarters office that enforcement action begin. This may be an administrative hearing to terminate the Institution's federal financial assistance or other means authorized by law," the letter stated.

Chancellor Paul Hardin could not be reached for comment.

Edwards said she had mixed emotions

about the investigation.

"On the one hand I'm excited about the federal investigation, but on the other hand I am a citizen of North Carolina, and the state of North Carolina refuses to deal with anything to do with a minority," she said.

Edwards said she received telephone calls Sunday from African Americans with doctoral degrees who were denied positions at the University and wanted to contribute to the investigation. She

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Rally for troops draws people of different views

By NANCY JOHNSON

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A rally supporting U.S. troops in the Middle East and featuring speakers with many different view points on the Persian Gulf War attracted about 60 people to McCorkle Place Saturday afternoon.

"Regardless of our views, we, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, America, we support our men and women in uniform and their families," said David Tollerton, the rally's organizer and a junior at UNC.

War veterans dressed in fatigues, people wearing white arm bands, skinheads and families of service people were among those who attended the rally. Crowd members waved American flags and displayed posters reading "America's Strong! Get Back Iraq!" and "Non-Racist Skins for U.S. Troops."

After local musician Jamie Block performed Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are a-Changing," Tollerton asked members of the crowd to raise their hands in response to questions about their views on the war.

"For every hand raised, there is a speaker here who shares your opinion and will speak to all of you about it from their perspective," Tollerton said.

Tollerton told the crowd the rally would feature a Vietnam veteran, a pro-military action speaker, an anti-war

speaker, a Beirut veteran and a speaker who was unsure of his feelings about the war.

Abe Acosta, a Vietnam veteran, began his comments by leading the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Acosta compared visiting Chapel Hill to penetrating enemy territory and said war protesters and proposals to make Chapel Hill a sanctuary for war resisters would make Chapel Hill one of the most unpatriotic cities in North Carolina.

"I see today in these anti-war demonstrators the hippies of the '60s," he said. "Many brave men and women have made the supreme sacrifice and died on foreign soil so that the peaceniks could enjoy the privilege to demonstrate."

Acosta warned that protesters will prolong the war by sending the wrong message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and demoralizing the troops. He compared their actions to those of Jane Fonda in the 60's, eliciting the comment, "Communist, traitor, bitch," from a crowd member at the mention of Fonda's name.

"If this country ever falls, it will fall from within," Acosta said.

Richard McKenna, a retired military officer, spoke from the pro-military action viewpoint and quoted Martin

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Crowd gathers at McCorkle Place to support U.S. troops Saturday afternoon

Group: diversify curriculum

By MARCIE BAILEY

Staff Writer

A group of 20 to 30 students marched from the Pit to South Building Friday to present a proposal to create more multi-cultural unity at the University by diversifying the academic curriculum and requirements.

Students involved in the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration week and members of minority groups

on campus participated in the march. The proposal, designed by the Network for Minority Issues, was presented to Provost Dennis O'Connor during his lunch.

Matthew Stewart, co-chairman Network for Minority Issues, said the proposal requested that all future undergraduates take one course in a non-

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U.S. ground troops ready soon

From Associated Press reports

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — American ground forces will be ready to attack the Iraqi army within a month, and an air strike seems to have thwarted Iraq's effort to flood the Persian Gulf with more oil, U.S. officials said Sunday.

Massive allied bombing raids continued over Iraq, and in one dogfight

two American warplanes downed four Iraqi fighters, they said.

On the ground, U.S. Marines learned how to negotiate deadly minefields and penetrate elaborate fortifications. Afterward, they crowded around radios and televisions for Super Bowl XXV.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney announced that U.S. soldiers would be prepared "before the end of February"

to launch the ground offensive.

Cheney said although relentless allied air attacks against Iraq had been successful, they alone would not drive Iraq from Kuwait.

"We've always assumed that we would eventually have to send in ground forces," Cheney said on NBC's "Meet

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Author says all benefited from King's struggle

By BILLY STOCKARD

Staff Writer

Martin Luther King Jr. was killed because he made Americans look in the mirror, C.T. Vivian told an audience in Memorial Hall Friday night.

"They killed Martin King because he was the most radical person in his society," Vivian said. "Because he was making America live up to what they said they believed."

An enthusiastic crowd of fewer than 300 people attended Vivian's 8 p.m. lecture, titled "Racial Bigotry is Everybody's Problem." Vivian, author of the book "Black Power and the American Myth," spoke as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration.

King's struggle was not just for blacks, Vivian said. The nation and world have benefited from King's civil rights efforts.

"Because of Martin and the movement here, blacks and whites moving together for justice gave oppressed people all over the world the belief that they, too, could be free," Vivian said.

The South also can thank King, he said. Violence in the South would have destroyed the economy and hindered education if King had not united the people peacefully, Vivian said.

"Before the movement, nobody had a decent education in the South, with a rare exception," he said. "If you were white or black, you still weren't educated at the level of the rest of the nation. And the only university in the South that was worth talking about was the University of North Carolina."

UNC was one of the first southern schools to publish works about black oppression, he said. This was "the stupid, stumbling South" before King came along to awaken the people, Vivian said.

Before Vivian's speech, Harold Wallace, vice chancellor for University affairs, named Michelle Thomas the recipient of a \$200 scholarship named for King.

Jameese Alston, a member of the

committee that awarded the scholarship, said Thomas would receive the money her senior year. Thomas received a plaque Friday night in recognition of her award.

Thomas, a junior African-American studies major from Laurinburg, competed with finalists Harold Hunter Jr., Dana Lumsden, Jonathan Martin and Trisha Merchant for the scholarship.

They were picked from a pool of 15 applicants, Alston said.

All applicants had to be presently enrolled juniors "who have demonstrated a commitment to civil rights and equality," she said. They must have demonstrated leadership abilities in their chosen fields, but the award was open to students of any race, sex or origin, she said.



Dr. C.T. Vivian speaks at Memorial Hall for Martin Luther King Jr. Week Friday night

DTH/David Minton

Candidates: plan to have pictures taken

Candidates running for student body president, Residence Hall Association president, Daily Tar Heel editor, Carolina Athletic Association president, Student Congress seats and senior class offices should plan to have their picture taken for announcements immediately following the mandatory candidates' meeting Thursday.

Reporters covering the election will arrange an interview time for announcements at that time. Anyone failing to arrange a time or stay for pictures will not be given a make-up time.

SBP, RHA, DTH, CAA and senior class president/vice president teams should turn two copies of their platforms in to the DTH letter box no later than 5 p.m. Feb. 1. They should be no longer than 500 words. Announcements and platforms will run in a special elections insert in the Feb. 5 edition of the DTH.

If candidates have questions about this procedure, they should either come by or call Laura Williams at the DTH office at 962-0245.

The DTH will print two letters of endorsement for each SBP, RHA, DTH and CAA candidate, and one for each senior class team. The letters should be 300 words or less, typed, double-spaced, etc. They are due in the DTH letter box by noon Feb. 4. Each letter can only be signed by two people; placing names in the middle of the text to try to get around this will disqualify the letter.

The editorial board will hold interviews with SBP, RHA, DTH and CAA candidates on Feb. 9 before making endorsements. Candidates will be given five minutes to speak, and board members will ask questions about their platforms and campaigns.

If you can't laugh at yourself, make fun of other people. — Bobby Slayton