

WORLD BRIEFS

Venezuelan government recovering from coup

CARACAS, Venezuela — The government questioned scores of captured rebel officers Wednesday as it tried to measure the impact of an attempted coup against President Carlos Andres Perez.

The junior officers who led the coup planned to organize a "progressive" civilian-military junta to rid the country of corruption, it was disclosed Wednesday.

A total of 1,089 soldiers surrendered after the coup failed. Rebel plotters could face as many as 30 years in prison.

Foreign exchange markets were closed for a second day Wednesday, and the Caracas Stock Exchange stood idle as the government sought to prevent panic selling. It said trading would resume on Thursday.

Government officials said they did not see any further threat to the country's 34-year-old democratic system from the military ranks.

Tyson trial postponed by fire in jurors' hotel

INDIANAPOLIS — A deadly fire early Wednesday at the hotel where Mike Tyson's jurors were sequestered forced a delay of his rape trial. The mayor requested a federal arson investigation, and security was increased at the courthouse.

The fire at the Indianapolis Athletic Club killed two firefighters and a hotel guest and injured 12 others.

Hours later, the former world heavyweight champion showed up briefly at the City-County Building, where he is being tried on charges of rape and criminal deviate conduct. Tyson, 25, faces as many as 60 years in prison if convicted.

The trial will resume Thursday with the jurors being questioned in chambers by Marion Superior Judge Patricia J. Gifford, prosecutors and defense attorneys. The interviews will determine whether any juror was compromised while standing on the sidewalk outside the hotel.

Mayor Stephen Goldsmith requested federal arson investigations, citing the "unusual coincidence of the proximity of the jury."

Witness claims Dahmer spared potential victims

MILWAUKEE — Jeffrey Dahmer was driven to kill and have sex with cadavers, though he had enough self-control to spare three men he seduced and later released, a psychologist testified at Dahmer's sanity trial Wednesday.

During cross-examination by a prosecutor, Judith Becker acknowledged that Dahmer freed one teenager because the encounter "didn't work out the way Jeffrey envisioned it would work out in terms of what his fantasies were."

Becker, who studies sex offenders, earlier testified that after Dahmer killed a 14-year-old boy at his grandmother's suburban Milwaukee home in 1988, Dahmer's compulsion to have sex with dead bodies was "in full swing."

But Assistant District Attorney Carol White noted that Dahmer later freed three young men he could have killed. In his confession, Dahmer said he didn't kill one of them because he had to go to work and didn't have time.

Dahmer, who claims he was insane when he killed 17 men and youths, must prove he suffered from a mental disease that either kept him from knowing right from wrong or made him unable to stop killing.

Suicide machine doctor charged with murders

PONTIAC, Mich. — Dr. Jack Kevorkian was arraigned on two murder charges Wednesday in the deaths of two women who used his suicide machines after saying they could no longer bear their chronic illnesses.

Kevorkian's lawyer, Geoffrey Fieger, predicted the charges would be dismissed. He noted that no change had been made in Michigan law since Kevorkian helped an Alzheimer's patient inject herself with a fatal dose of drugs in 1990. A first-degree murder charge in that case was dismissed.

The new charges stem from the Oct. 23 deaths of Sherry Miller, 43, of Roseville and Marjorie Wantz, 58, of Sodus. They were found dead in a cabin north of Detroit, hooked to injection devices invented by Kevorkian.

A medical examiner ruled their deaths homicide, not suicide.

— The Associated Press

CAMPUS AND CITY

Agencies offer self-defense programs

Center responds to recent violence

By Jennifer Brett Staff Writer

In response to four assaults reported in January, local police departments will collaborate with the Orange County Rape Crisis Center to offer two programs on safety and precaution.

The programs will help women design plans to prevent, avoid and resist attacks, said center director Polly Guthrie.

"A lot of victims look back and think about what they should have done," she said. "We want to implement that knowledge before an attack happens."

The first program, featuring Joel Booker from the Carrboro Police Department, will be held 7 p.m. Monday at the Carrboro Town Hall.

The second program, featuring Chapel Hill Crime Prevention Officer

Everett Johnson, will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Chapel Hill Police Department.

Johnson said he would emphasize using common sense as the most important safety tip.

"More than half of all rapes are date rapes," Johnson said. "The most basic prevention tips are to develop trust with whom you go out, don't accept any unwanted sexual advances and limit the use of drugs and alcohol on dates."

Burglaries and assaults in the home can be prevented by simple steps, he said.

"Always respond to the doorbell and

telephone," Johnson said. "If the home appears to be occupied, the chance of a break-in is reduced."

Good judgment and mechanical know-how can reduce the possibility of assaults while traveling, Johnson said.

"Everyone should know how to change a flat tire," he said. "Parking in well-lit areas and being alert when walking at night seem like little things, but they can really make a difference."

Guthrie said many assaults could be prevented if proper safety measures were employed.

"Precaution is really the best investment a woman can have," Guthrie said.

"A lot of people carry Mace, but when it's buried in the bottom of your purse, it's not going to do you a lot of good."

About 80 percent of rapes and assaults go unreported, because victims often feel guilty or embarrassed, she said.

"Most victims actually blame themselves," she said. "At the very least, they think that by coming to us, the news is going to get out."

The crisis center provides a number of services to victims and their loved ones, including support immediately following an assault and long-term counseling, she said.

Local governments unite to fight crime

By Jennifer Brett Staff Writer

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted unanimously Tuesday night to join the Chapel Hill Town Council in its battle against local crime and illicit drug use.

The board approved recommendations from Chapel Hill Town Manager Cal Horton to create a joint crime task force.

Horton stated in a memo to the board that a combined effort was necessary to combat the community problems effectively.

Chapel Hill's Task Force on Reducing Violent Crime and Illegal Drug Use reported in October that crime and illicit drug use were prevalent in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, Horton's memo stated.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist requested that the recommendations be considered.

"Every sector of the community is touched by these problems," she said. "Cooperation from both boards will provide a broader base for leadership and monitoring."

Aldermen voted to create a leadership and monitoring committee, charged with reporting directly to the town council.

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Taking a time out, baby!

ESPN basketball commentator Dick Vitale autographs his new book, "Time Out, Baby! The inside scoop on college basketball from America's #1 hoops junkie," and jokes with

students Wednesday in Student Stores. Vitale covered the Duke-UNC game later that night and will appear on "The Cosby Show" tonight with Jim Valvano.

Students live international culture through language house programs

By Mary Moore Parham Staff Writer

The Germans have coffee. The Spanish play Scruples. And the French? They parlez beaucoup.

In addition to affording students a cultural living experience, each of Carmichael's three language houses sponsors a weekly program for its residents to interact among themselves and with interested students, faculty and community members.

Kaffeeklatsch, translated as "coffee-gossip," is the German equivalent to a coffee house. Held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. every Thursday in the German Reading Room on the fourth floor of Dey Hall, it is sponsored by members of the German House, who provide the coffee and home-baked goods.

"As with most universities, UNC has become a more international university in the past 10 to 20 years," Professor Christoph Schweitzer said. "Kaffeeklatsch has given international students a place to meet other German students and majors, although they are usually more interested in speaking English than German there."

In addition to providing both students and community members with an opportunity to practice their German, Kaffeeklatsch helps those interested in German language and culture meet people with similar interests.

"Kaffeeklatsch is German House's primary outreach to others outside the house," said German House co-coordinator Eric Klein. "Undergraduates come to meet other undergraduates, as well as professors and teaching assistants."

Senior Genie Boericke, who has lived three years in German House and her junior year in French House, said that language improvement beyond stock classroom phrases was a definite plus for living in a language house.

"I've learned words like hair dryer and hairbrush from living here. What language class teaches you words like that?" she said. "The other benefit is a

sense of community, because the program is definitely dependent on the motivations of the students in it."

Claire Hafer, coordinator of Spanish House, noted there were students in Spanish class who had never taken a Spanish class and simply traveled extensively. There were also native speakers, as well as beginners and those fluent in the language.

"We try to mix our applicants in terms of grade level and ability," Boericke said. "We try to get some of the enthusiasm of the younger students combined with the language ability of the older ones."

Language houses also offer students the option of living in a cultural environment without leaving the University. Sophomore Klein spent his senior year of high school in Germany and wasn't sure he wanted to go back after only one year in the United States.

"I was debating going abroad my sophomore year, because I really miss the intercultural mindedness in Germany, but I wasn't ready to go back so quickly, and decided to live in German House instead," Klein said. "Everybody in German House is interculturally minded, as well as the people in the Romance languages, so I've found that we all have a lot in common."

Klein also noted a graduate program similar to Kaffeeklatsch called Stammtisch, in which of-age students with an interest in German met at He's Not Here on Fridays to drink beer and speak the language.

The German House also sponsors a film at 9 p.m. every other Wednesday in the first-floor Carmichael lounge.

The 16 residents of the German House will provide a bit of their own art as they perform German folk songs at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Columbia Street Bakery.

La Maison Francaise, located on the second floor of Carmichael, also sponsors events open to the University community, such as the weekly "Quoi de neuf?" held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Translated as "What's new?" the pro-

gram brings in a French teaching assistant to hold an hour-long conversation on a designated topic, followed by a roommate program integrating the topic in the form of a game or other group activity.

Co-coordinator Karol Combs said the house was trying to focus more on conversational skills than in past years.

"We've got people in French 3 all the way up to French 143, so there's a lot of difference in conversation level," she said.

In addition to programs designed to increase language ability, the house shows French films at 5 p.m. on select Sundays in Carmichael.

On the graduate level is La Table Francaise, held by teaching assistant Julien Barraux from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Hard Back Cafe. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to attend.

For the 24 residents of the Spanish House, on the second floor of Carmichael, "Charlemos" is a weekly social outlet planned by residents. Everything from games of Scruples in Spanish to lectures occur at 8 p.m. Thursdays.

The Spanish House also meets from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at La Cucina Rustica, in University Square, to eat Spanish appetizers and again at noon Sunday for brunch in Lenoir Hall.

"Spanish House is the best way to learn a language — second only to living abroad," Hafer said. "The problem with language classes is that they lack immersion. You can even think and dream in Spanish here."

Collectively, the houses hold an International Dinner on the first Tuesday of each month to share language and cuisine. The dinners are potluck and open to all.

Although the deadline to apply for a place in one of the language houses has expired, interested students may contact the language department or one of the language houses about the possibility of a late application.

Johnston stresses need for individual strength and economic reforms

By Eric Lusk State and National Editor

Americans must stop looking to the federal government for answers to all the nation's problems and instead must tap resources found in individuals, the family and the church, said Gene Johnston, a candidate for the U.S. Senate.

"We in this generation have always come up with the idea that we must look to Washington for all our answers," Johnston said to a group of about 25 people at a meeting of the Young Republicans Tuesday night.

"I was up there three years, and I didn't find any group of people any more intelligent than the people that I live with day-by-day in North Carolina. They don't produce any wealth in Washington; they just regulate and redistribute," Johnston served one term in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1980-1982.

Johnston, who's running in the GOP primary for a shot at the seat of incumbent U.S. Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., said economic issues would top the nation's agenda as the next century approached. The government should scale down, but not disarm, the military now that the former Soviet Union poses no eminent threat, he said.



"We won the military wars of the 20th century, but we are not preparing ourselves by consistent government policies to win the wars of the 21st century," said the 55-year-old Winston-Salem native. "Those wars are going to be trade wars and market-share wars."

American companies should focus on improving and adapting their products for sale in overseas markets, rather than attempting to bully businesses into relaxing tariffs on U.S. goods, Johnston said.

"How many of you realize that the Japanese 'drive on the wrong side of the road?'" he asked. "How many of you are aware that Detroit does not produce any cars for right-(side) drivers? We cannot get away with scapegoats and simplicities as a substitute for sound economic policy."

Japanese businesses have made enormous investments in North Carolina, Johnston said. But the powerful European Community nations, especially Germany, loom as the biggest

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