



India makes bid for peace

Proposals could normalize relations with rival Pakistan

NEW DELHI (AP) — India unveiled major proposals Wednesday to normalize relations with longtime rival Pakistan, unprecedented steps that could expand travel and join families divided by five decades of conflict.

The proposals cover such human concerns as allowing cricket fans to root during an India-Pakistan cricket match and let fishermen go about their trade without fear of arrest by either side.

The travel proposals include the resumption of air and rail links, and the new ambition of running buses between the capitals of divided Kashmir.

Earlier in the day, the government also announced for the first time that it would meet with members of the separatist movement in India's portion of Kashmir, the Himalayan territory divided between the two South Asian rivals and a flashpoint for two of their past wars.

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Pro-life activists celebrate victories

(AP) — On Capitol Hill, in the Florida statehouse, at the Supreme Court, even in the boardroom of the YWCA, the self-proclaimed right-to-life movement and its conservative allies are on a winning streak that is deeply troubling to abortion-rights activists.

The latest victories came almost simultaneously — final congressional approval of a bill banning a disputed late-term abortion procedure and Florida lawmakers' vote empowering Gov. Jeb Bush to order resumed feeding of a woman who has been in a vegetative state since 1990.

"A monumental day for the sanctity of human life," declared the conservative Family Research Council after Tuesday's votes in

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Karen Talbert, junior in LAS, lights a candle before a procession around the Quad during the Candlelight Vigil of Hope and Remembrance on Wednesday night. Talbert works with Special Populations, a student organization concerned with student health, which was one of the sponsors for this event.

UI community remembers the victims of alcohol abuse

BY TINA SHAH
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The chilly, October air did not stop University faculty, students and community leaders from gathering yesterday to remember those involved in alcohol-related accidents at the annual Candlelight Vigil of Hope and Remembrance.

Some people stood at the South Patio outside the Illini Union as they listened to Father John-damaseni Zilimu, Black Chorus and poetry reading while others sat in the back and reflected.

Planning and coordinating the vigil for six years as part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, Special Population Health

Concerns Committee, a division of McKinley Health Center's Wellness Promotion, was able to pull the event together with the help of sponsorship from American College Of Health Care Executives, Illini Health Coalition, the Daily Illini and Minority Association of Pre-Health Students.

Nicole Dunlap, president of the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students said she thinks alcohol abuse is a problem at the University.

"One of our goals is community awareness," Dunlap said. "This is a way for us to reach out to the community."

Sgt. Scott Friedlein from the Champaign Police Department

was among the speakers invited to give testimonies at the event.

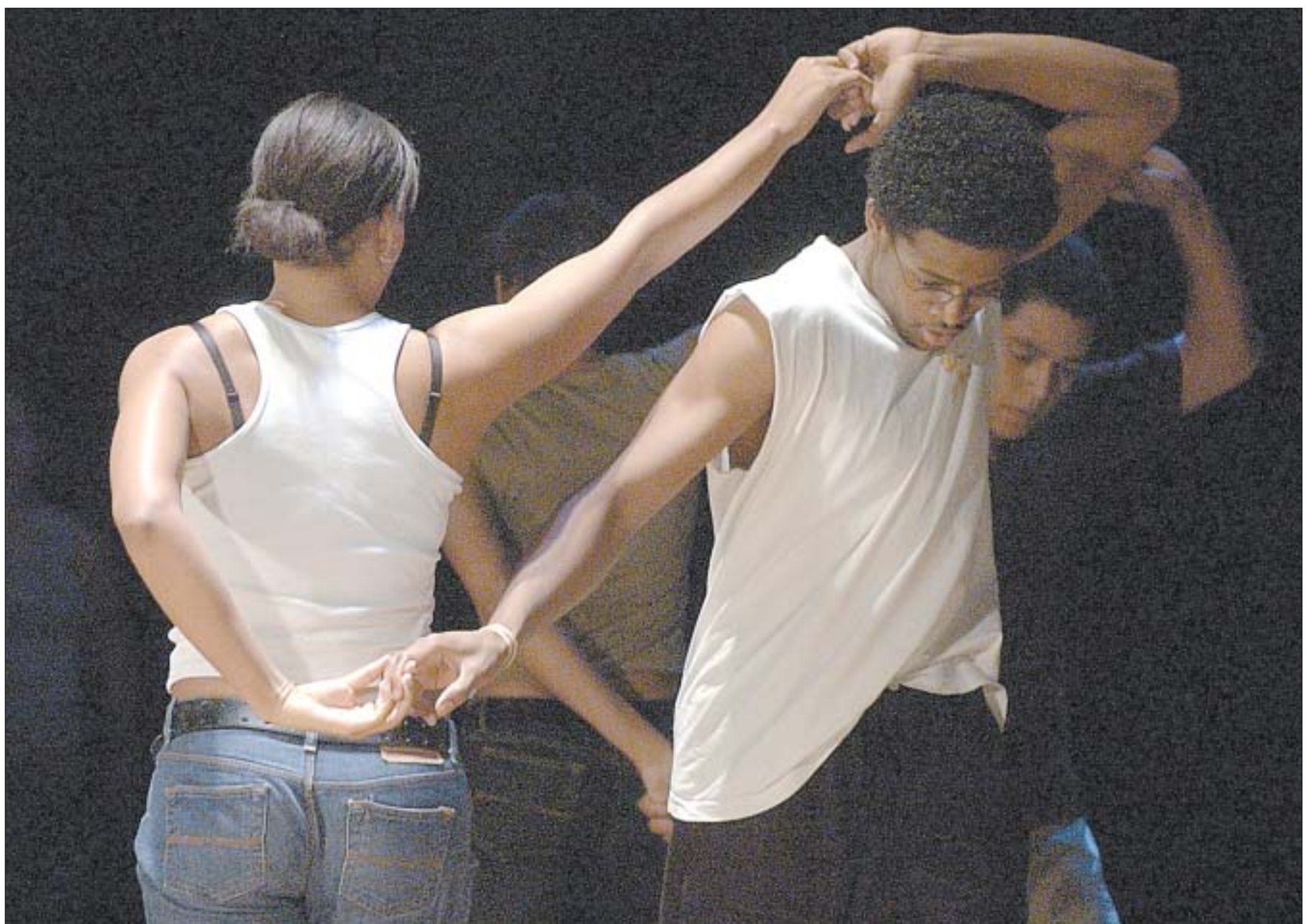
"We are not lacking alcohol-related accidents, unfortunately, but we are seeing changes in behavior," he said.

Having been a police officer for 18 years, Friedlein said the fight against alcohol is a "revolving battle." As new students come to the University, Friedlein said the University and the police department try to set a tone for alcohol issues on campus with brochures at orientation.

Champaign Mayor Jerry Schweighart was a surprise visitor at the event.

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Above: Lena Hayden (left), junior in LAS, practices dance moves with Terrance Pyron, senior in applied life studies, in the dress rehearsal for the Illini Union Board's Homecoming Variety Show at Foellinger Auditorium, Tuesday night.



Left: Laced in high heels, the ladies of Cambo Caliente practice for the IUB's Variety Show this weekend.

Work begins on NCSA building

Facility will house organization's 400 employees

BY JONATHAN MENDES
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The National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) broke ground Wednesday to mark the start of construction on a new \$30 million facility that will consolidate the bulk of the center's nearly 400 employees under one roof.

"NCSA is a large organization, it's a growing organization," said Charles Zukoski, vice chancellor of research at the University. "Its annual budget has doubled in the last seven years from \$40 million a year in 1997 to \$85 million in the fiscal year 2003," he said. Zukoski said NCSA has spread out across campus because of its

growth. "This is a consolidation that will be important for streamlining their program," he added.

Unlike offices scattered across campus, the new building will foster more collaboration among researchers, said NCSA spokeswoman Tricia Barker.

"They may not have realized the chance to collaborate," Barker said. "This new building will help that."

The new 142,000-square-foot building will house offices, laboratories, conference rooms and a large auditorium. The supercomputers, however, will not be moved from the Advanced Computation Building, Barker said. The machine room that houses the computers has been specifically



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Danny Powell (left), executive director of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) and Hope Cook from the University Office of Governmental Relations, discuss the site of the new NCSA building to be constructed at 1205 W. Clark St., Urbana, on Wednesday before the groundbreaking ceremony. "This is an exciting time for us," Powell said. "[The building] will bring all of our people together under one roof."

built with a powerful cooling system to protect the machines from the heat produced by the cluster of servers, she said. The facility, slated for completion in 2005, will also be one of two buildings anchoring a new information technology quadrangle at the corner of Clark St. See NCSA on Page A-8

Dialogue builds bridges for Islam Awareness

BY KALI BHANDARI
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As a part of Islamic Awareness week, the Muslim Student Association sponsored an interfaith dialogue between Jews, Muslims and Christians Wednesday evening at the Chemistry Annex on campus.

The purpose of the dialogue called "Building Bridges," was to bring different faiths together, said Omar Galahari, executive board member of the Muslim Student Association (MSA).

Galahari said the reason the MSA included the event in Islamic Awareness week was to do exactly what the name of the week suggests — spread understanding of Islam.

"By having different groups talking to each other, you create awareness," he said.

Once Associate Provost of In-

ternational Affairs Earl Kellogg introduced the discussion, and Professor Michael Shapiro, president of the Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation talked about the images Christianity and Islam have of Judaism and the obstacles that must be overcome before an interfaith discussion could happen.

"All these abstract formulations of the 'other' need to be tested against history and tested against reality for an interfaith dialogue to take place," Shapiro said.

Shapiro also said that the Israeli-Palestinian issue could not be ignored if a dialogue were to take place.

"It's like a big box in the middle of the room; you can't ignore it," he said.

Pastor Larry Wilson, former pastor at First Mennonite Church in Urbana, spoke of what could be learned from the different faiths.

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