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Photo: Pablo Aneli/Associated Press
People celebrate, some shouting, "He's gone!" Sunday after news of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's departure reached northern Cap-Haitien, Haiti. Aristide fled Haiti on Sunday, bowing to pressure from a rebellion at home and governments abroad, U.S. and Haitian officials said.

Aristide flees Haiti

Head of supreme court takes charge of government; U.S. forces arrive in country

By Paisley Dodds and Ian James
Associated Press Writers

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigned and flew into exile Sunday, pressured by a bloody rebellion and the United States. Gunfire crackled as the capital fell into chaos and U.S. Marines arrived in the country. The contingent totaled fewer than 100 Marines and more were to arrive Monday. They were the vanguard of a multinational force that the U.N. Security Council approved late Sunday night, and France said it would send troops on Monday. "The government believes it is essential that Haiti have a hopeful future. This is the beginning of a new chapter," President Bush said at the White House. "I would urge the people of Haiti to reject violence, to give this break from the past a chance to work. And the United States is prepared to help." Aristide's whereabouts were uncertain late Sunday, with officials saying his jet stopped to refuel in the Caribbean island nation of Antigua. A senior Caribbean Community official said Aristide told him during the refueling stop he was bound for South Africa. After word spread of the president's departure, angry Aristide supporters roamed the streets armed with old rifles,

pistols, machetes and sticks. Some fired wildly into crowds on the Champs de Mars, the main square in front of the National Palace. The head of Haiti's supreme court said he was taking charge of the government, and a key rebel leader said he welcomed the arrival of foreign troops. "I think the worst is over, and we're waiting for the international forces. They will have our full cooperation," Guy Philippe told CNN. The crisis has been brewing since Aristide's party swept flawed legislative elections in 2000, prompting international donors to freeze millions of dollars in aid. Opponents also accused Aristide of breaking promises to help the poor, allowing corruption fueled by drug trafficking and masterminding attacks on opponents by armed gangs — charges the president denied. The discontent erupted into violence 3 1/2 weeks ago as rebels began driving police from towns and cities in the north. On Sunday, France decided to send a detachment of between 120-140 soldiers to Haiti, said Catherine Colonna, spokeswoman for President Jacques Chirac. She said the troops would arrive on Monday and they would work "in coordination with



Photo: Ricardo Mazalan/Associated Press
Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide speaks during a press conference Tuesday at the presidential palace in Port-au-Prince. Aristide left Haiti on Sunday.

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Photo: Anne Tripicchio/Iowa State Daily
Members of the ISU Thai Student Association respond to a Thai boxing match Sunday during the third-annual Thai Night in the Memorial Union. Thai Night featured traditional Thai food and performances prepared by the Iowa State and University of Iowa Thai Student Associations.

Thai students from ISU, U of I showcase culture

By Jeanne Chapin
Daily Correspondent

The smells of spices, herbs and meat mingled with the sound of 250 people enjoying Thai cuisine and culture Sunday night in the Memorial Union. The third-annual Thai Night was a sold-out event arranged by the Thai Student Association, offering student-made Thai food, cultural displays and performances. "We prepare everything ourselves, from cooking to displays and performances," said Monchai Wongkarnka, graduate student in civil, construction and environmental engineering. "This is our opportunity to display our culture to foreigners,"

he said. Participants spent all day Sunday preparing for Thai Night. Most of the students were at the Union at 9 a.m. to set up the tables and displays and to cook the food, said Manop Kaewmoracharoen, president of the Thai Student Association and graduate student in civil, construction and environmental engineering. "To put this all together [the Thai students] work very hard. It's a dedicated contribution," said David Topel, retired dean of the College of Agriculture. He attended the event to enjoy the Thai food. The Great Hall was filled with

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Doors to be closed on Cuffs assault hearing

President requests closed proceedings to protect witnesses

By Tom Barton
Daily Staff Writer

A hearing to determine whether ISU bondage and sado-masochism group Cuffs is guilty of assault is scheduled for Monday — but behind closed doors. The university's Office for Judicial Affairs filed charges against Cuffs after a two-month investigation into whether the group violated student disciplinary regulations at a Nov. 10

meeting. Despite the possible advantages an open hearing could provide Cuffs, the group's president, Harlan "Duane" Long Jr., decided to close the hearing to protect the identity of witnesses. "When I was made aware of the inability to protect members' privacy, I had little choice but to require the hearing be closed," Long said. "I've had people say if it's open, they won't testify." Long said he was in favor of an open hearing until he found out it would be difficult to protect witnesses' identities. Mark Goodman, executive

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"The only other [donation center] I know of is in Waterloo or Cedar Falls. It's not worth the trip."

— Eliza Franzen, freshman in liberal arts and sciences-open option

Plasma donations not an option for spring break funds

By Diane Pettiti
Daily Staff Writer

Students are waiting to donate plasma — which means they're waiting for spending money after an Ames plasma donation center was closed. Many Ames residents have not been donating plasma since the BioLife Plasma Center, 1618 Golden Aspen Drive, closed its doors Feb. 10 after its roof caved in. The collapse occurred above one of the

donation areas and caused some minor flooding and damage to a water pump. Geoff Mosby, assistant manager of the center, said he has spoken to several donors who, instead of going to other centers, are waiting to donate until the Ames center is up and running. He said the center plans to reopen March 15. Eliza Franzen, freshmen in liberal arts and sciences-open option, has been waiting for the center to

reopen before donating again. "The only other [donation center] I know of is in Waterloo or Cedar Falls. It's not worth the trip," Franzen said. Heather Behrens, freshman in liberal arts and sciences-open option, said she started donating plasma in the fall. "I like having spending cash," Behrens said. "I didn't have time to have a regular job." For donors like Behrens and Franzen, making an extra \$200 a

month donating plasma is appealing. "It's a good way to make money," she said. Franzen said she had been going twice a week to make the extra \$10 given on the second visit after not being able to find a job on campus. BioLife Plasma Services gives \$20 for a donor's first donation in a week and \$30 for the second.

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File photo: Iowa State Daily
Tim Snyder, former Ames resident now living in Maryland, donates plasma with phlebotomist, Shelley Scott, Sept. 6, 2001, at the BioLife Plasma Services, 1618 Golden Aspen Drive.

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FYI
Jean-Bertrand Aristide was a former slum priest and became the first freely elected leader of Haiti in 1990. The army ousted Aristide in 1991, brutalizing and murdering his supporters until the United States intervened in 1994. Aristide was re-elected in 2000 but has lost support since flawed legislative elections that year led international donors to freeze millions of dollars in aid.

U.S. Marines sent to Haiti

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the United States."

A French military spokesman in Guadeloupe said the contingent would consist of 200 soldiers from Martinique.

Though not aligned with rebels, the political opposition had also pushed for Aristide to leave for the good of Haiti's 8 million people, angered by poverty, corruption and crime. The uprising killed at least 100 people.

It was unclear where Aristide would go. U.S. National

Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said he was going to a "third" country, meaning he would not take refuge in the United States as he did the last time he was ousted, in 1991.

Aristide's jet refueled on the island of Antigua and was en route to South Africa, government and airport officials in that Caribbean country said.

Three hours after Aristide's departure, Supreme Court Justice Boniface Alexandre declared at a press conference that he was taking control of the government as called for by the constitution.

Little life saver



Photo: Alison Sichelka/
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Tiffany Braun, Boone, is one of many participants in the "Relay for Life" held Sunday at the Lied Recreation Center. Runners of all ages participated in the relay that raises money for the American Cancer Society.

Closed hearing jeopardizes Cuffs' appeal possibilities

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director of the Student Press Law Center, said it could be hard for Long to argue Cuffs has been discriminated against if the university finds the group guilty, because there will be no public access to the hearing.

"Openness benefits everybody. It ensures those who are accused are treated fairly and those who are affected by the allegations are fully informed," Goodman said.

"If I were a member of this university group, I would be apprehensive about a secret hearing."

If, after a guilty verdict, Cuffs members think the hearing was conducted unfairly, the group can appeal the case to the Dean of Students for review. Yet, Goodman said, there is less of a chance for success because the hearing is closed.

"Momentum is against them," he said. "They've been found guilty, the proceeding has completed. And especially on a university campus, officials are reluctant to overturn those beneath them."

However, Bethany Schuttinga, director of Judicial Affairs, said the decision was left up to Long. She said the university has the responsibility under law to honor Cuffs' request.

"My obligation in the judicial process is to protect the privacy of those involved," she said.

Schuttinga, who led the investigation, will also be administering the hearing.

"You have the same person playing accuser, judge and jury. We don't allow that in our court system for a very good reason," Goodman said. "One can conduct this without bias, but when political pressure is brought to bear there is that greater risk of manipulation that goes along with secrecy."

However, Schuttinga said this is not the case. "It's my duty and responsibility to be unbiased. It's my job to listen to the information and to evaluate that information accordingly," she said.

Barbara Mack, associate professor of journalism and communication and a practicing First Amendment lawyer, said the closed hearing will be a disservice to the public.

"In this case, I believe it is important to have a clear public discussion of an issue of great public importance," Mack said. "This is not a case of one student misbehaving, this is a case about how an organization is conducting itself. Students need to know what conduct is appropriate and what is not."

Long said he will be making a statement after the hearing and will answer questions; however, it is unclear whether the university will release any information.

"At this point, it's a premature question to ask, because we're in the middle of the hearing process," Schuttinga said.

Excerpts from ISU Student Disciplinary Regulations, as defined in the Student Handbook

Note: The Cuffs case has been ruled a minor case.

5.6.4 Procedures in Major Cases (e) Opening of Hearings — All hearings are closed; however, the accused has the right to submit a written request for an open hearing at least three business days prior to the hearing. The Hearing Board Chair also has the discretion to close a hearing or a portion of the hearing when:

- Charges involve alleged personal misconduct that might be embarrassing to the party, the victim or witnesses;
- A victim or witness might be harmed if the case were disclosed;
- A witness does not agree to give open testimony;
- Private student records, as defined under the Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act, would be disclosed; or
- There is another compelling reason.

6.8 Person to Hear Appeals

The following chart identifies the Appellate Officer assigned to hear appeals from the various administrative decisions or hearings under the university Student Disciplinary Regulations:

Decision made by:

Administrative hearing officer
Dean of Students (after hearing)
May be appealed to:
Vice President for Student Affairs
Dean of Students

6.11.1 President's discretionary review

A student of student/campus organization may request [ISU President Gregory Geoffroy] review the final decision for the Appellate Officer. The president has the discretionary authority to grant or deny the request. When the president decides to review the decision of the Appellate Officer, the president's decision becomes the final decision of the university.

6.11.2 Board of Regents

The Board of Regents may review the final decision of the university. Any review by the Board of Regents will be determined under the Rule and Procedures established by the agency.

6.11.3 Judicial review

A final decision by the Board of Regents may be reviewed by an Iowa District Court as provided in the Iowa Administrative Procedure Act.

— Source: Student Handbook

Thai students celebrate cuisine, culture

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26 tables, each bearing Thai names instead of numbers. The Oak Room displayed stations on the Thai alphabet, instruments and flower wreaths. There was even a station informing visitors on how to cook som tum Thai, a Thai dish containing papaya, sting beans and fish sauce, among other ingredients. The South Ballroom was divided into two buffet tables — one with spicy food and

the other with milder food.

"The typical Thai food is very spicy," said Topel, who said he has been to Thailand many times. "You have to be bold in your taste."

Many people came for just that reason, as the line for the spicy table was twice as long as the line for the milder table.

"Most of them want to try spicy food," Wongkarnka said. However, the spicy food prepared for Thai Night was nowhere near as spicy as the food that

can be found in Thailand, he said.

Dinner entrees included such dishes as son-in-law eggs, green curry with chicken, spicy pork salad and tofu mushroom stir-fry. There was also a choice of dessert: either a dish of sweet tapioca rice with coconut milk or a selection of fruits.

"This year, we invited the TSA from the University of Iowa to come and join us," said Sutee Eamkajornsiri, graduate student in industrial and manufacturing systems engineering.

Students' wallets await plasma center reopening

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Donors can give twice within a week, so long as there is 48-hour period between donations.

The center, which averages about 250 donors a day, will resume business as normal when it reopens.

Those 250 donors take part in a procedure that's similar to giving blood and helps create products and medicines for various illnesses.

"While in the body, plasma is used to transport the red and white blood cells and platelets to different parts of your body," Mosby said.

Donors go through an annual physical during their first donation. Iron counts and protein levels are measured, basic vitals are taken and medical history questions are asked during every visit.

"This is to insure the quality of the plasma," Mosby said.

The donors then spend about an hour on the "donor floor." A donor's blood is separated by a nylon fiber when it runs through an Auto-C machine. Plasma is put into a plasma collector bag, and the rest of the blood is stored in a blood reservoir until the reservoir is full. A small amount of anticoagulant solution is added to the blood to keep it from

clotting while in the machine. When the blood reservoir is filled, the blood is pumped back into the body.

"Depending on how hydrated the donor is, the auto-C can go through about 10 to 18 full cycles," Mosby said.

When the plasma bag is filled, saline flushes all of the remaining blood cells back into the body and restores fluid into the body.

"It's the weirdest feeling in the world," Behrens said.

When the donor procedure is done, samples are taken from the plasma bag and tested to make sure the plasma is safe to use.



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