

**IN BRIEF**

**Wyden sponsored bill approved in Senate**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate on Wednesday approved a plan aimed at imposing new restrictions on visitors to U.S. allies such as France and Germany.

The legislation, proposed by Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., would require the State Department to certify that 27 close U.S. allies are taking steps to fingerprint and photograph foreign visitors to their countries. The nations all participate in a visa waiver program, which allows their citizens to enter the United States without a visa.

The amendment was included in a massive bill to reorganize the U.S. intelligence community to address the Sept. 11 Commission's complaints that the nation's spy agencies don't work together properly to deter terrorist attacks.

The bill, approved 96-2, would create a national counterterrorism center and also a position of national intelligence director. That director would coordinate most of the nation's nonmilitary intelligence agencies.

The bill also includes four amendments pushed by Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., to reform the intelligence classification system; improve oversight on data-mining of Americans' personal information in federal agencies; and increase consumer protection measures related to airline safety and passenger rights.

Wyden, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the amendments strike a balance between pursuing terrorists aggressively and protecting the safety and privacy rights of American citizens.

"The Senate's overhaul of America's intelligence system now includes some critical provisions showing that you can preserve national security while safeguarding individuals' civil liberties," he said.

Cantwell said her amendment would close a loophole in border security that nearly allowed convicted terrorist Ahmed Ressaym to enter the United States with falsified documents. Ressaym is the Algerian national who tried to enter the United States in December 1999 from Canada with explosives intended for a terrorist attack on Los Angeles International Airport.

"This legislation is an important tool in strengthening our border security by setting the same high security standards we have in the United States for our friends and allies abroad," Cantwell said. "Think of this as a way to create a secure buffer zone that will help prevent terrorists from ever reaching the U.S. border, which is the best way to prevent terrorism in the United States."

As originally proposed, Cantwell's amendment would have required that U.S. allies develop within two years a system to fingerprint and photograph foreign visitors who need visas to enter those countries. The language was weakened during Senate debate to require merely that the State Department report to Congress by late 2006 on steps the 27 nations are taking to require such "biometric" information from visitors.

**American student studying abroad assaulted**

JALAPA, Mexico — An American student doing research in eastern Mexico was hospitalized in serious but stable condition Wednesday after he was stabbed seven times at his apartment in this central Mexico city.

Mark Delrimple, a Colorado native and geography student at the Center for Earth Sciences at the University of Veracruz, was stabbed by an intruder late Tuesday in his apartment near the university during an apparent robbery.

The attack damaged the victim's internal organs, according to Dr. Martin Bendimez, assistant director of the Zone 11 General Hospital in Jalapa, the capital of the Gulf coast state of Veracruz.

After the stabbing, Delrimple walked to the home of a neighbor who called the police and paramedics. Paramedics applied first aid and took him to the hospital.

Bendimez said Delrimple had been upgraded from critical to serious condition after he improved significantly and was able to breathe without assistance.

A spokesperson for the Jalapa prosecutors' office said authorities are identified a suspect, but that no arrests had been made. A knife believed to have been used in the stabbing was left at the scene of the crime, the spokesperson said, and items were taken from a neighbor's apartment in the same building.

**Health concerns forcing king to step down**

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Cambodia's King Norodom Sihanouk abdicated Thursday because of poor health and asked the people of Cambodia to begin a search for a successor, the head of the National Assembly said.

The king made the announcement in a letter from Beijing. The note was read to the National Assembly early Thursday by his son, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who is also head of the assembly.

The news "was shocking and very regretful," the prince said.

The king asked the country to form a throne council — a nine-member panel — to consider choosing the next monarch, the statement said.

Although Cambodia's monarch is not selected according to heredity, the candidate must have a royal bloodline.

Ranariddh has been considered a candidate for the throne in the past, but has said he is not interested in becoming the country's next monarch.

In a letter read on state television late Wednesday, the king asked that he be allowed to "retire" because of his fragile health, saying that doctors have detected a "new and serious ailment" in his stomach. The letter did not elaborate.



Allegra Alterdklotsz-Yasutake said she is looking forward to meeting new friends in the dorms. She decorates her room in Spiller Hall on Wednesday.

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**On/off campus: Housing regulations annoy tenants**

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television and Internet hookups, all utility bills and parking in the monthly rent.

However, residents without these packages can find themselves with steep cable and utility bills. According to Comcast.com, a standard cable television subscription costs \$41.55 a month and a cable Internet service costs \$42.95 if ordered with cable television.

Also, John Mitchell, the communication coordinator for Eugene Water and Electric Board, said electric bills for a one-bedroom apartment can average \$25 to \$76 depending on the size and structure of the apartment, the type of heating appliance and a number of other factors.

Although her rent doesn't include utilities, cable or other amenities, sophomore Zora Oreskovich said her house rent is still significantly cheaper than when she lived in the residence halls. She said her living expenses

come to about \$300 a month, but the greatest benefit is the freedom.

"You can put up your blow-up Corona Light bottle and no one will bother you," she said.

Some living in the residence halls, such as Herdklotz-Yasutake, said the residence hall regulations can be annoying, saying she wishes she could "play (her) music when (she) wanted and not deal with other people's crappy music."

Shook, whose dorm is situated next to the Living Learning Center construction site, said the lack of freedom and the noise were both downsides to living in the dorms.

"I can't play my music as loud as they play their jackhammers," she said.

University Housing Director Michael Eyster said there are many intangible benefits to living in the residence halls that can't be quantified in dollar amount.

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**Transfer Module might ease transfers to OUS universities**

*The possible one-year program would give students the chance to earn credits they can later transfer*

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The Oregon University System's Interinstitutional Faculty Senate joined representatives from state community colleges Wednesday to discuss a proposal that would make it easier for transfer students from community colleges to fulfill their general education requirements at universities and colleges statewide.

The proposal, called the Transfer Module, is part of a statewide effort to make transitions between educa-

tional institutions more seamless.

The proposal was designed by the Joint Boards Articulation Commission, which is comprised of community college and Oregon University System representatives. The proposal outlines a set of criteria specifically designed to fulfill general education coursework and to be completed in just a year.

Currently, students at community colleges can get an Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer degree, which takes two years to complete and in-

cludes general education and electives credits, before transferring to a university.

According to a senate document, "the Module would guarantee that courses taken to complete it would be wholly transferable and would apply toward students' ... OUS baccalaureate degrees."

While the Transfer Module would ensure that all of a transfer student's credits count towards his or her general education, it wouldn't fulfill all of a student's general education because it does not include a foreign language or multicultural requirement, according to the document.

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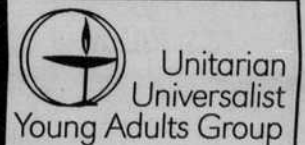
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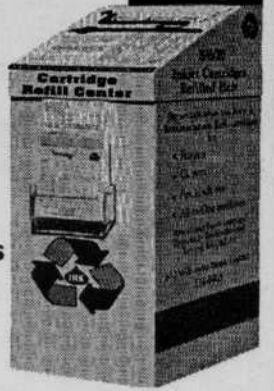


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