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Seymour Hersh, the Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist, discusses Obama and Bush foreign policy at UNC on Tuesday. His lecture was titled "A Report from Washington on the Obama/Bush Foreign Policy."

Hersh talks diplomacy

BY ELIZA KERN SENIOR WRITER

When Pulitzer Prize-winner Seymour Hersh takes the stage, there are no illusions of humility or moderation on the journalist's part. The audience knows exactly where he stands.

"I don't have a laugh line to go out on. This is a serious foreign policy talk, and I have a point of view," he said. "I say this not as someone who's anti-American or a lefty, but as someone who talks to people inside.

Hersh, who won the 1970 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting after breaking the story of the My Lai massacre during the Vietnam War, spoke to a packed audience in Gerrard Hall on Tuesday night about his opinions on current foreign policy and his extensive international reporting experience.

Hersh criticized President Barack Obama and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, arguing that

the United States has no "national Hersh why Obama did not take a security implication" in those countries. Jumping from topic to topic without much cohesion, Hersh also discussed the future of Israel and

Hersh has won five George Polk Awards, two National Magazine Awards and dozens of investigative journalism accolades.

"I write all these stories other reporters can't get to — I'm just saying it like it is — because I have the sources I do," Hersh said.

"The other reporters, they bitch and moan, but they know it. That's why I get all these prizes all the time, because I know what I'm talking about."

Hersh, who currently reports on U.S. foreign policy and national security for The New Yorker magazine, said the primary motivation for American foreign policy decisions in the Middle East over the past 50 years has been a desire for

An audience member asked

stronger stance during the protests in Egypt, and at first he replied, "How the hell do I know what he thinks?" before adding, "My guess is that he's a coward."

He went on to criticize the president for not taking a stronger stance against the Egyptian leaders.

"I can tell you right now, the kids in Cairo gave up on Obama,"

Hersh answered questions from a mostly supportive audience, telling a man who asked about government attitudes toward journalist whistle-blowers, "Nobody likes someone who spoils the party."

Despite his strong criticisms of military policy and the current news media, Hersh noted that he still finds things to admire about

"You can't be a journalist and not be an optimist," he said.

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"It's young people who have been at the forefront. A new generation, your generation who want their voices to be heard," Obama said about the Egyptian protestors: http://bit.ly/hGBgBU (via Politicususa)

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Obama: Egypt is sending the right signals, expects successful budget

President Obama on Tuesday praised what he called the right signals coming out of Egypt and outlined an agenda for dealing with continuing unrest in the

Speaking at a news conference, Obama also was optimistic on domestic economic issues, saying he expected successful negotiations between Democrats and Republicans on his proposed \$3.7 trillion budget and talks down the road to deal with the thorny issues of changes in Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security.

The question-and-answer session was Obama's first solo news conference since late December and gave reporters a chance to question the president on economic issues and to more fully probe the president's views on the situation in Egypt and other pro-

Washington, D.C. (MCT) — democracy movements throughout the Arab world.

"Obviously, there is still a lot of work to be done in Egypt itself," Obama said in the wake of the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak and the takeover of government by the army. "What we have seen so far is positive."

Obama said Egypt is going to require help in developing democratic institutions, but so far the country is sending "the right sig-

Noting that a wave of protests has spread across the region, Obama posed a plan for U.S. pol-

"Each country is different; each country has its own traditions," Obama said. "America can't dictate," but "there are certain universal principles we adhere to, we don't believe in violence, we don't believe in coercion."

Some MRIs used just for protection

LOS ANGELES (MCT) -Imaging tests such as MRIs and X-rays frequently are performed so that doctors can protect themselves from lawsuits, according to a new study.

A review of 2,068 orthopedic patients throughout Pennsylvania showed that almost 35 percent of the imaging costs were ordered for "defensive" purposes, researchers from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia reported Tuesday at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in San Diego.

Medical malpractice lawsuits often hinge on charges that the doctor should have ordered more tests, said the lead author of the study, Dr. John Flynn, associate chief of orthopedic surgery at Children's Hospital.

"Such a claim may be the driving force of so much of the defensive test ordering," he said in a news release.

The study involved 72 doctors who voluntarily partici-

Parents on trial for libeling police

PERUGIA, Italy (MCT) — The parents of a U.S. student convicted of murdering her British roommate in 2007 were ordered Tuesday to also stand trial in Italy for allegedly libeling police in Perugia, the university town where the murder took place.

The trial of Curt Knox and Edda Mellas is set for July 4, the ANSA news agency reported, citing the Perugia magistrate who made the decision.

In a 2009 interview with Britain's Sunday Times, Knox and Mellas, said that their daughter Amanda Knox "had not been given an interpreter, had not received food and water, and had been physically and verbally abused" by police after her arrest for the murder of British exchange student Meredith Kercher, ANSA said.

They also claimed that police struck Amanda and told her "things will get worse for you" if she requested an attorney.

The pair deny any wrongdoing, according to statements by their lawyers cited by ANSA.

Prime minister of Italy on trial

LONDON (MCT) — A judge Tuesday ordered Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi to stand trial on charges that he paid for sex with a 17-year-old girl, then abused his authority by trying to get her released from custody after police picked her up on suspicion of

It was a major setback for the 74-year-old premier, whose personal entanglements have for months overshadowed the business of governing Italy.

Berlusconi denies any wrongdoing and blames a plot by left-wing judges and his political foes to force him from office.

Whether he will lose his job as prime minister remains unclear. Despite a nonstop stream of scandals surrounding both his business dealings and personal life, Berlusconi has managed to stay in power owing to a fragmented opposition, the loyalty of his proteges in parliament and his control of most of Italy's commercial television.

Buckeyes pound Tar Heels

BY DAVID ADLER

The North Carolina men's tennis team avoided a second consecutive shutout against Ohio State on Tuesday.

After No. 22 Auburn steamolled No. 24 UNC 7-0 on Saturday the No. 4 Buckeyes blew out the Tar Heels 6-1. But North Carolina coach

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a single point.

Sam Paul said the difference between the two matches was more than

"That team's No. 4 in the country and we battled them for about three and a half hours," Paul said. "The score might not reflect it, but we played better than we did

in the right direction."

The Buckeyes took the doubles point behind wins from two top-10 pairings. No. 10 Matt Allare and Peter Kobelt beat UNC's No. 20 Jose Hernandez and Brennan Boyajian 8-5 on Court One, then No. 6 Chase Buchanan and Blaz

Hunter 8-4 on the second court. "We face all kinds of situations throughout the season and this is no different from any other loss," Hardy said. "We're just going to move forward from here.'

North Carolina won the third doubles match, but Ohio State had already clinched the point.

Things only got worse for the Tar Heels in singles.

No. 107 Hardy put the UNC on the board with a 6-1, 6-2 win against No. 103 Ille Van Engelen, but that win was all the Tar Heels

Hardy's win was his first against a ranked team this spring after losses against Georgia Tech, Georgia and Auburn. It came on the third court, where he played almost all of last season. Until the Auburn match, he had been playing at No. 2.

No. 101 Boyajian, who replaced Hardy, has lost both his matches at the second flight. He struggled in a straight-sets loss to Ohio State's No. 5 Rola.

The absence of Florida transfer Joey Burkhardt, who has sat out every team match this season for failing to meet team obligations, has hurt North Carolina's depth.

Without Burkhardt, who finished the preseason ranked No. 58 and is still ranked No. 71, some of the other Tar Heels have been

forced to play on higher courts. No. 30 Hernandez, the highestranked Tar Heel, lost to No. 21 Buchanan at the top flight. Ohio State had already won the match by the time the two finished a



Stefan Hardy, ranked No. 107 in the nation, grabbed UNC's only point of the match in his 6-1, 6-2 singles win against No. 103 Ille Van Engelen.

DTH ONLINE: Hardy's win ensured UNC didn't get blanked against OSU.

back-and-forth first set that lasted more than an hour and a half.

Buchanan won the set 7-5 then rolled over Hernandez 6-0 in the second.

'He played a good service game, got better with his returns, Hernandez said. "The game was faster. He caught me off guard."

The length of the match seemed to affect Hernandez, especially toward the end of the first set. He hit more serves into the net and started serving to the middle of the service box even on first serves.

He said conditioning wasn't ar issue, but he needed to work on his footwork to be in a better position

to win longer points. Hernandez also said the Tar Heels would have no problem putting the loss behind them.

"We need to believe more in ourselves," Hernandez said. "We have the talent to beat anyone in the country. It's just a matter of playing at 100 percent all at the same time."

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