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modifications, he said, is partly due to the planning of the extensive and potentially destructive work needed to accommodate careful removal of irreplaceable artifacts in the MSC, such as the wallpaper in the regent's boardroom.

During the asbestos removal, parts of the annex will

be closed to protect against the potentially deadly asbestos, but the closed portion will be sealed and the public is not in danger, Sippial said.

Asbestos causes asbestosis, the widespread scarring of lung tissue, and can result in lung cancer or accumulation of fluid on the lungs, according to The Merck Manual of Medical Information.

Students who regularly study in the MSC feel at ease knowing their health is not in jeopardy.

"I feel much safer knowing there are improvements," said Andrew Adams, a freshman aerospace engineer.

Sippial said the work will take an estimated eight months and should be completed by October.

The meeting did not include discussion of any other issues.

The agenda for the next meeting, which could include issues such as budget deregulation and deficit problems, will be announced next month.

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said Hans Blix, who heads the hunt for Baghdad's biological and chemical weapons, would address a French proposal to triple the number of inspectors.

During a visit to Mayport Naval Station

in Florida, Bush told cheering sailors, "I'm optimistic that free nations will show backbone and courage in the face of true threats to peace and freedom."

"I believe when it's all said and done, free nations will not allow the United Nations to fade into history as an ineffective, irrelevant, debating society," he said.

On Capitol Hill, Democratic lawmakers

questioned whether Bush's focus on Iraq could hurt the broader war against terrorists, particularly Osama bin Laden's network suspected in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"The clear and present danger that we face in our country is from terrorism and from al-Qaida," said House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

Chilifest 2003 to star Willie Nelson

Willie Nelson will headline Chilifest 2003 on April 5, the annual chili cookoff held in Snook, Texas.

He will be joined by Roger Creager, Cory Morrow, Cross Canadian Ragweed and Gary Allan.

Despite last year's downturn the event attracted 25,000 people and organizers donated more than \$105,000 to local and community charities.

Officials said entries will be accepted beginning in March and tickets will be \$20.

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