

# Libyan leader puts officials on trial

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—While mysterious death squads murdered his opponents abroad, Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khadafy has arrested hundreds of high-ranking officials at home and forced many to stand as defendants in corruption trials on prime time television.

The crackdown comes as Khadafy strives to build a radical egalitarian society in his vast but sparsely populated North African nation.

"We have gotten rid of many people who were outside the logic of the revolution," an official at the Information Secretariat said of the arrests and trials. "It was necessary in the interest of the majority of the people."

Khadafy has disclaimed responsibility for the string of slayings overseas. But Western security officials are convinced his agents were responsible. Khadafy had warned his foes in exile they might be "liquidated," and the killers left notes identifying themselves as Libyan "People's Committees," loyalist groups

Khadafy calls the "cutting edge of the revolution."

The repression has intensified as anti-Khadafy dissent grows in the wake of the effective confiscation of private bank accounts and other far-reaching economic steps.

Longtime foreign residents of this oil-rich nation say they believe that Khadafy, 38, has begun to lose some of the popular support he gained with dramatic improvements in housing, education and medical care during his 11-year rule.

Knowledgeable Western residents said many officials probably were guilty of some kind of corruption. But they added that many of the people on trial appeared to have bruises on their faces and arms and may have "confessed" under torture. Both Libyan and foreign sources here said they believe that police beat many prisoners during interrogation.

Some of the arrested officials are still in jail while others are out on bail and back in their old jobs.

## rush

Exactly 20 minutes later, the women file out as sisters flash the smiles and wave goodbye. It's on to the next house, and as they pass fraternity houses, brothers sitting outside give long gazes and knowing nods.

"I don't like this. I just don't," one rushee says. "I feel like I'm on display. When we get to a house, with the sisters standing out there like that, I feel nervous."

But this process of parties is designed to help rushees get to know the sisters, explained Gale Osborne, who is president of the Panhellenic Council, the organization that oversees the 12 sororities.

"I admit that at first, the process can seem overwhelming, but after the first round, they feel more comfortable," she said.

During the next four rounds, rushees receive invitations to visit certain houses again. But rush chairman Betsy Schwartz said the process is one of mutual selection.

"The rushees make the decision as well as the houses," she said.

In this mutual selection process, rushees choose three sororities, in order of preference, that they would like to join. Their lists are matched with houses that also choose them.

The process of going through rush is structured to be in an unpressured

atmosphere so that when the rushees make their choice, they can feel free to pick more than one house, Osborne said.

But in order to help women make independent choices, the rush process is governed by a myriad of restrictions on both rushees and sorority sisters. And rushees are given tips about their conduct too.

Everything is observed stringently so that each woman has an equal opportunity to learn about all the sororities. As Schwartz explained, "The girls have 20 minutes to make one of the most important decisions in their lives."

Some rules and suggestions are:

- speak about rush only during rush parties.
- don't wear heavy perfume.
- wear skirts or dresses—"typical school clothes"—after the first round.
- wear a smile and be yourself.

Though rush is open to all women here, there are no black women in the 12 social sororities. But there are three all-black sororities on campus.

Rush for black sororities is much simpler. It lasts only one night and consists of an informational program about the sororities. But the black sororities have a much longer pledge period than the other 12 sororities.

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# News In Brief

## Council votes to rescind drive-in policy

The Chapel Hill Town Council voted 6-3 Monday night to rescind its policy adopted April 14 prohibiting all drive-in businesses except car washes and service stations.

The policy removal was opposed by council members Joe Herzenberg, Bev Kawalec and Joseph Straley.

In two subsequent 6-3 votes, the council approved special use permits for a new North Carolina National Bank to be built on Chapel Hill-Durham Boulevard and for a third drive-in window lane at Wachovia Bank on South Estes Drive.

In other action, the council set a Sept. 29 public hearing date to consider a request by the University for a zoning amendment that would allow airports in certain University districts. UNC has requested the change so that a 5,900 square foot hangar can be built at Horace Williams Airport to house and service the five-aircraft fleet used by the Area Health Education Centers program.

## Reagan renews tax cut emphasis

CHICAGO (AP)—Ronald Reagan spelled out Tuesday a long-range economic program that emphasizes stemming the growth of federal spending as a key element in achieving his goals of simultaneously cutting taxes, increasing defense spending and balancing the budget.

In a speech to the International Business Council, the Republican presidential candidate restated his commitment to cut tax rates 10 percent a year in each of the next three years and added that further tax reductions would be needed later in the decade.

He said he could trim government expenditures by \$195 billion or more in the next five years by eliminating waste and "outright fraud" by federal agencies. Aides said this could be accomplished without ending any major federal programs.

## Thornton

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decide how much money we have to devote to basic skills."

Under the current General College curriculum requirements, students are required to take 12 to 14 courses, depending on their placement in foreign language. The original curriculum change report, which was presented to Williamson in June 1979, required 18 courses for each student in the College of Arts and Sciences, 14 of which would have been taken in the freshman and sophomore years. The revised report will require 13 to 16 courses, depending on the decision on the math/foreign language requirement, Williamson said.

The original Thornton Report, prepared by a committee chaired by English Professor Weldon Thornton, was called unimplementable by students and faculty because of its costs and stringent requirements.

Last April, nine subcommittees were formed to study the report and make recommendations for changes.

During the summer, Williamson and several members of the committee compiled the recommended changes and presented a revised report to the full committee for study and approval. It is now in the stages of revising that.

After the committee finishes its work on the report, it will be made public and several student hearings will be held. Williamson said he plans to hold at least one large hearing where members of special interest groups will be invited to speak on the report.

It then will be studied by Williamson's committee again and sent to the Faculty Council for final approval.

"It won't make a substantial change in the practice of most students, maybe an increase of one or two courses," he said.

While there is no mathematics requirement under the current curriculum, more than 95 percent of UNC students have taken at least one mathematics course anyway, he said.

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