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World BRIEFLY

Liberian rebels seize rubber plantation

MONROVIA, Liberia — Rebel forces have seized the headquarters of the world's largest rubber plantation, Liberia's biggest employer, and are now believed to control every major industrial concern in the country.

On Tuesday, the insurgents gathered outside the gates of Liberia's international airport — 25 miles from the capital of Monrovia — after seizing the headquarters of the adjoining rubber plantation. Their presence closed the airport.

The rebels took the headquarters of the 120,000-acre Bridgestone-Firestone Inc. plantation Tuesday after attacking government troops with mortars and automatic weapons.

Meanwhile, off Monrovia, four U.S. warships carrying 2,000 Marines remained ready to evacuate Americans and other foreigners, including the 10 to 15 Soviet diplomats in Liberia, officials said.

China frees 97 protesters from last year's protest

BEIJING — China announced today it had freed 97 more participants in last year's massive democracy movement after the anniversary of the movement's bloody demise passed with only a few small protests.

The releases bring to 881 the number freed in the past six months, out of thousands arrested. However, new arrests have been reported as recently as last week.

For the first time, two top student leaders were among those freed. Xiong Wei and Zhou Fengsuo, both students at Qinghua University, were on the government's list of 21 most-wanted students and were arrested last June.

Rumors that a release was imminent circulated in Beijing last week. The government waited until after the anniversary Sunday and Monday of last year's army attack on student-led protesters in Beijing, in which hundreds and possibly thousands of people died.

Scientists two years away from test for Alzheimer's

CHICAGO — A lab test to diagnose Alzheimer's disease in the living could be developed within two years using a new technique that has been highly accurate on brain tissue from cadavers, scientists say.

Currently, there is no precise way of diagnosing the memory-robbing disease in the living. Doctors make a diagnosis based on the patient's symptoms. After death, an autopsy can help confirm the diagnosis, but the technique now in use is inexact.

The new test technique measures a protein believed to be associated with Alzheimer's and has not been detected in the brains of normal people and those with other neurological disorders, said neurobiochemist Hossein A. Ghanbari, lead author of the study in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

An estimated 4 million U.S. adults, mostly over age 65, have Alzheimer's, a degenerative brain and nerve disorder. Death usually comes in five to 10 years after complications from bed sores, feeding problems and pneumonia.

— from Associated Press reports

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Housing hires black area director

By ERIC WAGNON
Staff Writer

UNC's Department of Housing hired one black area director (AD) and three black assistant area directors (AADs) in May, after several resident assistants voiced concern over the lack of minorities in administrative positions earlier this spring.

Darryl Jones was hired for the AD position in Hinton James Residence Hall and starts work July 2. He will be the only black area director at the University.

L.D. Newman, assistant director of

student and staff development in the housing department, said recruiting blacks for AD positions is particularly difficult because some black professionals are reluctant to come to UNC.

"More often than not, the person needs to be interested in North Carolina first," Newman said. "Unless they are from here, there are still some historical stigmas associated with the South. It's tough to get somebody from the Northeast to think seriously about moving down here for a job."

Three out of nine vacant AAD positions were filled by black graduate

students. They will begin work August 6 in Scott, Olde Campus and STOW residence colleges. Housing declined to release their names because they are students at the university and are not filling professional positions.

Six of the nine AADs hired this year, including the three black employees, just completed their undergraduate work at the University and are entering UNC graduate schools.

Richard Bradley, director of Morrison Residence Hall, said he thought the distribution of blacks in the housing department's upper staff for next year

reflected the general population of the University.

"They try to hire the best people," Bradley said. "Luckily, this time, there were qualified black candidates. Three of the best people also happen to be black, which is good news."

Al Calarco, associate director of University housing, said recruiting graduating UNC seniors is easier than recruiting incoming graduate students from other schools.

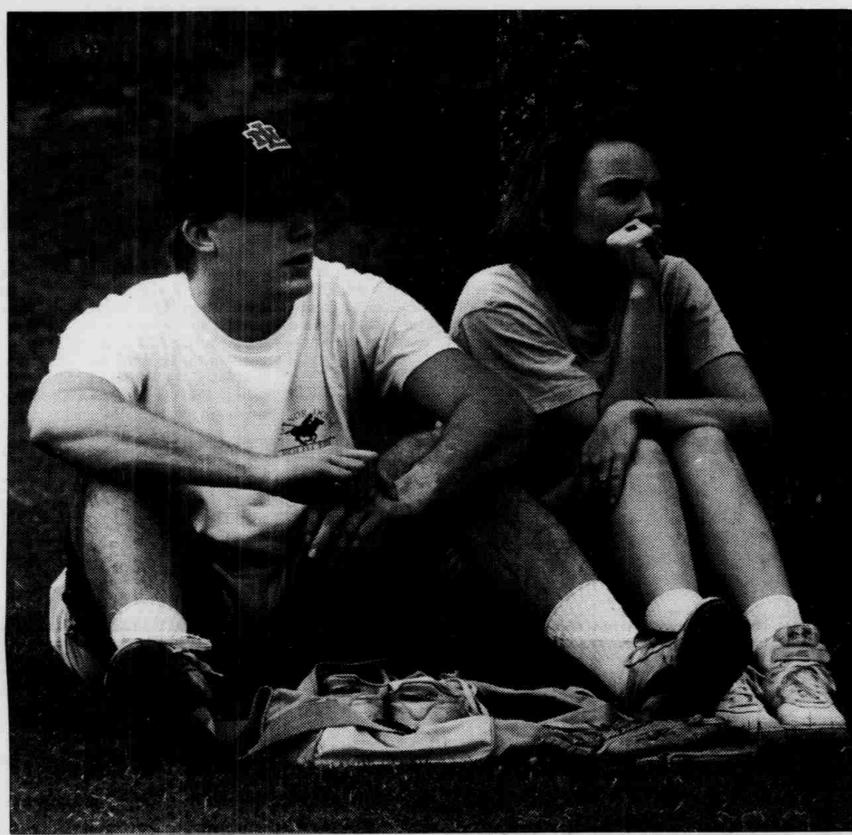
"We can certainly go after talent among (UNC) undergraduates, who will be pursuing an additional year, two, or

three years, and encourage them to apply," Calarco said.

"That's the only control we have," he said. "I don't want to give the impression that we can invite people to the University, give them graduate assistantships, and then they will be automatically accepted to the University because that's not true."

Calarco said 34 candidates applied for the nine vacancies, and he knew at least five of those 34 were black. He said the application does not ask for

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Field of wishes

Summer school students Bobby Jones and Aundrea Creech take advantage of the cool temperatures to relax

between innings of a softball game played on Ehringhaus Field Tuesday night.

University police go from 8- to 12-hour shifts

By THOMAS HEALY
Staff Writer

The UNC Police Department will begin operating on 12-hour rotating shifts effective July 1 after outside consultants concluded that not rotating shifts contributes to personnel mistrust and miscommunication of information.

With the new schedule, officers will alternate on a.m. and p.m. shifts and will work no more than four days in a row. The present schedule splits the day into three eight-hour shifts, with officers working the same shift for 10 days in a row.

The rotating schedule was recom-

mended by consultants Asa Boyington and Ron Zuniga and was suggested in a status report filed in February by interim Public Safety Director John DeVitto to Associate Vice Chancellor Charles Antle.

The report said, "people either want to rotate or are dead set against it. However, further discussions indicate that the decision to rotate is a management decision which needs to be executed."

One of the advantages of the new schedule is it will keep six officers on duty at once, as opposed to the four that serve on each shift under the current

plan, according to DeVitto.

The new schedule will also make it easier for officers to adjust to different shifts, he added.

DeVitto said the current schedule limits the assets of the department because each shift has its own identity, and it is difficult for the officers to assume the responsibilities of a different shift.

The report filed by Boyington and Zuniga supported this concept. Interviews conducted by the consultants with department personnel indicated that "officers' job skills and knowledge of job functions were limited" because

they did not rotate shifts.

The interviews also revealed that the lack of communication between shifts caused "personnel assigned to the second and third shifts to feel frustrated and not part of the department."

According to DeVitto's report, disadvantages to the new schedule are a change in seniority status, a possible change in the lifestyles of the officers, and a possible disruption of their family lives.

DeVitto said he used the chain of command to determine the officers' opinions on the proposal.

"We asked the supervisors to discuss

it with their people, and the supervisors indicated there were people who didn't want to rotate," he said, noting others wanted to rotate, and because the move made good sense, the department went ahead with it.

DeVitto said some officers might be against the rotating shifts because the department has been doing it the same way for years.

The police official said the majority of officers interviewed preferred the 12-hour shifts.

DeVitto said he didn't think the long

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UNC officials question focus of class guide

By STEVEN DeCILLIS
Special to the DTH

University officials expressed both optimism and concern about student government's plans to publish a new manual highlighting numerous academic departments on campus.

The Indispensable Guide to Classes, which student government hopes to distribute fall semester, will profile 25 departments along with student evaluations of the classes and courses within the academic unit.

Kathleen Benzaquin, associate dean of students, said she supports the project. "Any sort of aid that students can get that can help them figure out the right mix for them is good," she said.

"I don't want to see it replace the advisory system," she added. "It (the guide) would be in addition and they could work together. It gives them (students) the best of both worlds."

Don Jicha, associate dean of the General College, said he was unaware of the specific content of the new pub-

lication and still had questions about it.

"Who does the evaluation? Are they students that were enrolled in the class? If that is the case they would have had to contact these students who had the instructor," he said.

"I don't know what their data collection procedure will be," Jicha said. "It's all very nebulous. What is their procedure for collecting data? Who are they soliciting for information?"

Grant Vinik, student body vice president, said student government distributed evaluations to students during the last month of class and sent more than 1,000 forms to dormitory residents.

Vinik said about 250 forms were completed and returned.

"The information in the Guide is the opinion of students, it's not a scientific evaluation and we're not treating it as such," Vinik said. "We are providing an informal, candid, opinionated publication for the students."

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Grad school works to improve minority enrollment, retention

By MARISSA MILLS
Staff Writer

The dean of the University's Graduate School, Henry Dearman, is launching a campaign to increase the number of blacks and Native Americans in its graduate study program and ultimately in college and university faculties.

Statistics show that although the number of blacks and hispanics in the college-age population is increasing, the number of minority individuals with qualifications to become faculty members is dropping, especially for blacks. Dearman said he believes Chapel Hill has the potential to make a difference in this area.

Approximately 22 percent of North Carolina's population consists of blacks and Native Americans. Similarly, North Carolina ranks second in the nation in the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded to members

of these minority groups, nearly 4000 in 1989.

Currently, over 33,000 blacks and Native Americans are enrolled in colleges and universities in North Carolina; 24,000 of them are in the University of North Carolina System, Dearman reported.

Dearman plans to center his campaign around three key issues: recruitment, financial aid and retention.

The Graduate School can increase recruitment by encouraging campus visitations, participating in Council of Graduate Schools Forums on Graduate Education and by becoming active in national educational networks, he said.

The financial aid aspect of the campaign consists of efforts to increase the funds allotted the Graduate School, which can be targeted toward minority graduate students.

In 1989-90, the Graduate School Office gave 52 minority graduate stu-

dents a total of \$492,222, including federal funds for teaching assistants, according to Dearman.

To increase retention, Dearman emphasizes the need for departments to be sensitive to the special needs of their minority graduate students. Support networks such as the Alliance for Black Graduate and Professional Students, are already working in this area, he said.

The Graduate School is also working on two grant proposals which would focus on students at the junior high, high school or collegiate freshman level to provide them with emotional support and academic mentoring necessary to continue to post-baccalaureate study, he said.

The grants being sought would provide scholarships to cover tuition, fees and books for four years and

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You should give that girl the Heisman — Johnny Quest