



## Envoys thought part of espionage effort

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — Jordanian and Yemeni envoys expelled from Saudi Arabia this week were monitored photographing strategic oil, military and government installations and later meeting with Iraqi diplomats, diplomatic sources said Monday.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Saudi officials believed an attempted break-in at the kingdom's largest oil company two weeks ago was part of the alleged espionage campaign for which the Riyadh government expelled most Iraqi, Yemeni and Jordanian diplomats.

Some of the expelled diplomats had been seen earlier in the area of the oil company, Saudi Aramco, and also at another major Saudi oil field and installation at Safaniya, the sources said.

## German unification leaves future cloudy

EAST BERLIN — What is now East Germany will spin aimlessly in limbo for weeks after Germany unites, then slowly emerge from the remains of the old nation as five distinct lands.

But experts say it could take years of drastic reform to forge truly effective, functioning states from the political and bureaucratic rubble of the former Communist regime.

Perhaps more important than the Oct. 3 date of German unification is what happens after Oct. 14, when East Germans elect the first governments of the new states their nation will become.

Until those governments take office and begin operating, eastern Germany essentially will be a territory, with only inexperienced local governments chosen last May and a federal government far away in the western city of Bonn.

## Americans ignorant of consumer matters

WASHINGTON — Many Americans are ignorant consumers. Some know little about buying a house, about compound interest, about unit pricing at the grocery store or what a used-car disclosure must contain.

The Consumer Federation of America said Monday that it tested 1,139 people in shopping centers in seven states and found only 54 percent of its questions were answered correctly.

"Many consumers are not equipped to function competently in the marketplace," said Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the federation.

## Quake prediction likely to come true

LOS ANGELES — Five years and \$15 million ago, the federal government issued its only official earthquake prediction: The central California town of Parkfield would be shaken by 1993.

Recent rumblings suggest the forecast soon may come true.

"They definitely elevate my belief that the earthquake is likely to happen in the next few months," said Evelyn Roeloffs, a scientist in charge of the U.S. Geological Survey's Parkfield earthquake prediction experiment.

After a three-year lull, seismic activity increased during the summer and particularly this month near tiny Parkfield.

Moderate to strong quakes measuring 5.5 to 6.3 on the Richter scale have ruptured a 20-mile-long section near Parkfield roughly every 22 years since 1857. The most recent was in 1966.

— From Associated Press reports

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# Racial slurs on Gantt poster probed

By CARRINGTON WELLS

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A Harvey Gantt campaign poster defaced with racial slurs in Mangum Residence Hall last week has led to an investigation by University administrators.

Lt. Walter Dunn of University Police said racial slurs and the words "We want Helms" were written on the poster. Rodney Harris, a Mangum resident assistant, said racial slurs such as "no nigger senator" and "KKK" were written on the poster.

Housing Director Wayne Kuncel sent a memo to Mangum residents Sept. 19 about the incident. "We will not tolerate this or any act of blatant racism on this campus," he stated in the memo. "If you have any knowledge of who may have been responsible for this act, I encourage you to share the information with my office, the dean of students or the Campus Police."

The vandalized poster was found by housing department staff members at 7 a.m. on Sept. 16, Kuncel said. "The fact that it was discovered

Sunday morning, after the building had been locked for the evening, leads me to believe the act was committed by a Mangum resident(s) and/or invited guests," Kuncel stated in the memo.

Donald Boulton, vice chancellor of student affairs, said he was disturbed by the racial tension reflected in the act.

"It not only saddens me, but also angers me that this kind of thing would go on in our community," he said. "If someone in the University family has done this, I think he ought to find another family, because this sort of behavior is

unacceptable and is to be condemned. I intend to speak out against it whenever I can because the University just does not need this.

"We must all learn to be brothers and sisters. We care about each other—let's show it."

Jeff Cannon, assistant dean of students, said the University would take action if the offender(s) was found.

"It is uncertain exactly what would happen, but there will be some follow-up by the University," he said. "A police report has been filed because we

felt we had to take steps to cover all bases for such a serious violation."

Dunn said vandalism was a misdemeanor.

Sharon Sentelle, a College Republicans officer, said despite the pro-Helms slogan written on the poster, the organization was not involved in defacing the poster.

"The College Republicans had nothing to do with it," she said. "In my opinion, when posters are defaced, it is

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# Cutbacks threaten faculty retention, UNC's reputation

By LEE WEEKS

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A UNC diploma may not carry the same weight in the future if N.C. legislators continue to slash the University's budget, several UNC administrators said.

UNC, reputed as one of the top academic institutions in the country, could become just another place to get a secondary education if cutbacks in UNC spending continue, University officials said.

Lawrence Gilbert, chairman of the biology department, said, "The diploma from this institution could lose its distinction if this problem continues."

Cutbacks in faculty positions and teaching materials have had a negative effect on the morale of many UNC faculty members, he said.

Sheldon Newhouse, chairman of the mathematics department, said many of his senior faculty members were disheartened by the reductions in University funding.

"I would bet that nowadays any professor at this University getting a comparable or better offer from another school will take them seriously," he said.

Richard Cole, dean of the School of Journalism, said if budget cuts continued, the University would stand to lose a lot more than money.

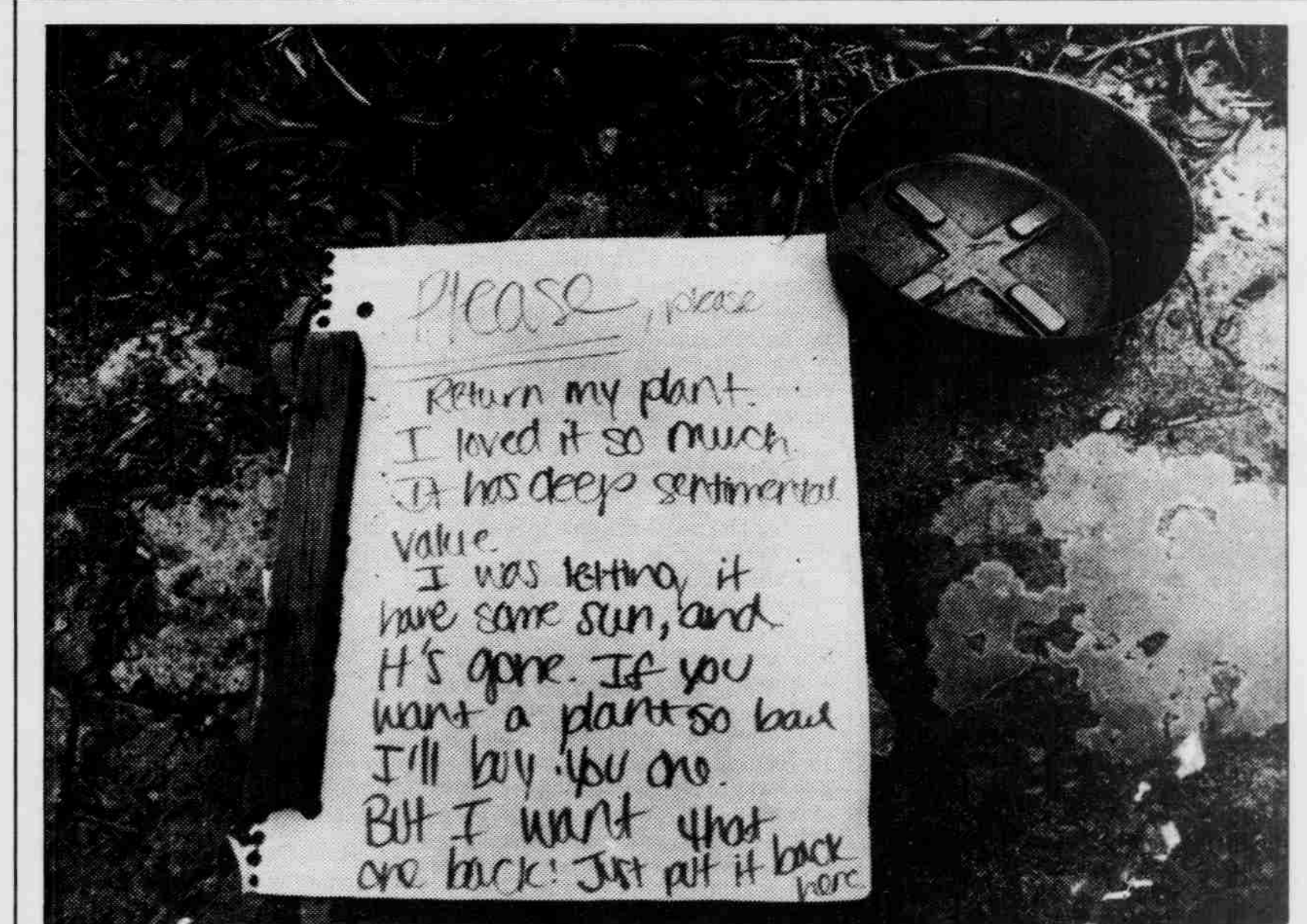
"I believe that if budget cuts go beyond two years, we will lose a lot of good faculty," he said. "Students having to pay for test materials at the end of last semester was nothing short of ridiculous."

However, David Lowery, chairman of the political science department, said morale in his department has not suffered because of the budget cuts.

"Things are very grave right now, but there is reason to be optimistic," he said. "I think that faculty need to hear that it's going to get better."

Several officials said UNC has built

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## Horticultural heist

A resident in the area of Kenan and McIver residence halls left this plaintive note outside the buildings after

becoming an unwilling transplant vicim. The owner and thief are unknown.

DTH/Kevin Burgess

# UNC plans to define equal access policy

By DIONNE LOY

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Although most professional sports have policies that allow female sportswriters access to men's locker rooms, the National Collegiate Athletic Association has no specific policy regarding equal access.

Michelle Himmelberg, president of the Association for Women in Sports Media (AWSM), said the National Hockey League, the National Football League, the National Basketball Association and Major League Baseball all have equal access policies.

However, all schools in the NCAA must vote on an issue before it can be made policy, so a uniform policy for colleges has not been enacted, she said.

"Colleges have really never thought about creating a (equal access) policy," she said. "They've always just been able to escape the issue by saying that professional athletes get paid to deal

with the press, whereas college athletes shouldn't have to deal with that kind of thing."

The University plans to change its policy to allow female sportswriters equal post-game coverage, but women will be prohibited still from interviewing in the men's locker room, Richard Brewer, sports information assistant athletic director, said Sunday.

UNC officials are reconsidering the policy after female Daily Tar Heel sportswriter A.J. Brown was ejected from the men's locker room after the Sept. 15 University of Connecticut varsity football game.

Jaqueline Berrien, staff attorney of the American Civil Liberties Union, said college and professional athletic teams handle the press differently. But a stronger case may exist for admitting female reporters into men's locker rooms on the university level than on the professional level, she said.

Title 7 of the Civil Rights Act establishes equal opportunity between males and females, she said. Title 9 of the Education Act of 1972 also states that access to educational opportunities cannot be denied on the basis of sex, so the University reporter may have an additional legal protection, Berrien said. "Unless the University is able to take the position that the campus newspaper is not a program within the school, then the University has an even stronger basis for challenging a violation of equal access," she said.

A 1978 U.S. District Court decision stated that barring a female reporter from entering a locker room is in violation of her constitutional and civil rights, Berrien said. The case, which involved Sports Illustrated writer Melissa Ludtke's expulsion from the New York Yankee locker room, determined that a reporter's work depended greatly on fresh-off-the-field interviews.

"Though there may be a more recent court decision which may affect this issue, in this case, the court decided that refusing a female reporter access to the locker room was denial to her pursuit of her job as a reporter," she said.

Christine Brennan, AWSM media press chairwoman, said equal access is a must for women in sports media.

"This is the 1990s, and it's time to wake up and face the issue," she said. "You cannot prevent anyone from doing his or her job, and as a sports reporter, your job is to do interviews in the locker room."

Brennan said there were 40 women involved in AWSM 10 years ago, and now the number has multiplied to 400. "It's evident we're (female sports reporters) not going away," she said. "If UNC doesn't deal with it now, there will eventually be more reporters

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# Freshmen to choose chairmen

By STEVE POLITI

Staff Writer

UNC freshmen will have their first taste of campus politics today when they vote for chairman of the Bicentennial Class.

Seven freshmen submitted petitions and are running for the position. The candidate who receives the most votes will become chairman, and the second highest vote-getter will become vice chairman.

Student government created the positions to give freshmen an opportunity to participate in the planning of the 1994 Bicentennial celebration. The present freshmen class will graduate in the year of the Bicentennial.

"A Bicentennial is a once-in-a-lifetime thing, and the freshmen will be the only people here when it comes," said Elizabeth Kolb, secretary of the student body and chairman of the Bicentennial Class voting committee. "We want their input from the beginning."

Bill Hildebolt, student body president, said student government was using this election as an experiment to see if the idea of class officers would be effective in the future.

"People have been talking about having class officers for many, many years," Hildebolt said. "It sounded like a good idea but nobody could think of what they could do. The freshman class is in a different situation than before, and we wanted to do something that would allow the freshmen to start preparing for their senior year and the Bicentennial now."

Freshmen can vote between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Student Union, Chase Dining Hall or Magnum Residence Hall.

The entire student body also will elect people to fill vacant Student Congress seats. Six seats need to be filled, although only one person is running.

The new Bicentennial chairman and vice chairman will work with a committee of freshmen in the planning of the celebration. Applications

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# Drug detection device available in spray cans

## DrugAlert offers parents solution to confronting problem

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles examining the issues of drug abuse on campus and across the nation.

By WENDY BOUNDS

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Armed with a toll-free number and \$49.95, parents can now purchase a three-can spray-on weapon to fight the war against drugs on the home front.

Sher Test Corporation of Yonkers, N.Y., began selling DrugAlert, a spray-on drug detection kit, to consumers in late August. Through direct-response television commercials and advertisements in parent-oriented media, the corporation is gearing their marketing towards parent who suspect drug-use of their children.

"The way the system works is both simple and non-confrontation," said Sidney Klein, vice president of Sher Test. "We do not test people, we test objects."

DrugAlert tests for marijuana, hashish, cocaine, crack and PCP and works as follows: any surface (door knob, dresser, skin etc.) is wiped with any type of white paper. The paper is then sprayed with the appropriate DrugAlert agent. If there is a presence of drugs on the paper, within two to three seconds a color will appear: turquoise for cocaine, crack and PCP, reddish brown for



marijuana and hashish.

The kit comes with three cans, two of which are used to test marijuana and hashish. The other is used to test for cocaine, crack or PCP. There are approximately 50 uses in each can and the kit has a shelf-life of up to two years, said Christine Hysler, Sher Test spokeswoman.

Sher Test said DrugAlert will detect the presence of even less than 0.00003 ounces of marijuana, hashish or cocaine. The company warns parents that DrugAlert only indicates the presence of drugs, not their use, and recommends that any positive results be confirmed with a drug-testing laboratory.

An instruction booklet along with a parent support book titled "Not My Kid" are included in the DrugAlert package.

Anna Fox, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, said she would be very offended if her parents used DrugAlert to test her or her brothers.

"We have a trust that is not to be

broken," Fox said. "I trust them and they trust me. The only testing I believe in is for government and civil labor jobs."

Asked if she would ever consider using a product like DrugAlert in the future to test her children, Fox said she could not rule out the possibility.

"Although I'd like to say at this point, 'no way,' I can't sit here and say I wouldn't," she said. "But I would try everything else first."

DrugAlert should be a last resort, to be used only after a suspicious parent questions their children, received denial and then still finds warning signs, said Angie Poteat, a sophomore psychology major.

"If I were a parent and I thought my child had (drug) problems evident through his actions ... and he denied that, never confessed and things kept going on, then I would do it (use DrugAlert) for his own good," Poteat said.

"I would test him, and if the test was positive, ask him again. If he still said no, I would present the evidence," she said. "Then I would give him the decision whether or not I would believe him."

Poteat's stepsister, Amy Hicks, a 19-year-old international studies major, said she would feel betrayed if her parents

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If you think education is expensive, try ignorance. — Derek Bok