

American journalists killed

The Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras—Two American journalists, one of whom was a North Carolina native, were killed by artillery fire while driving on an isolated road along the Honduras-Nicaragua border, the State Department said today. Honduras blamed Nicaraguan soldiers for the attack.

Honduran Foreign Minister Edgardo Paz Barnica said the bodies of Dial Torgerson, *Los Angeles Times* bureau chief for Mexico and Central America, and free-lance photographer Richard Cross, on assignment for *U.S. News & World Report*, were being brought by car to the capital and would arrive today after an eight-hour drive.

Torgerson was born in 1928 in Southport, N.C., officials said.

Anita Stockman, a State Department spokeswoman in Washington, confirmed today that Torgerson and Cross were killed Tuesday evening.

Paz Barnica said Torgerson, Cross and their Honduran driver, who he identified as 27-year-old Jose Herrera, were killed around 5 p.m. EDT Tuesday by anti-tank fire from Nicaraguan troops across the border. However, *The Los Angeles Times* said it had been told by Honduran officials that the driver may have

survived and another man killed.

The Honduran government sent an immediate protest note to Nicaragua, Paz Barnica said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

He said anti-tank weapons shattered the rented automobile Cross and Torgerson were riding in on a stretch of dirt road a few yards from the Nicaraguan border.

Fellow reporters said the newsmen left Tegucigalpa early in the day, but their car was not marked.

Torgerson joined *The Los Angeles Times*, in 1967 as a general assignment reporter and in 1974 went to Nairobi, Kenya, where he served years. In 1976 he was transferred to Jerusalem and in March 1981 he was named bureau chief in Mexico City.

Torgerson worked in the Los Angeles bureau of The Associated Press from 1955-66.

Les Tanzer, *U.S. News & World Report's* managing editor, said Cross went to Honduras last weekend to take pictures of Honduras-based Nicaraguan rebels.

According to Tanzer, Cross was planning to go to Puerto Castilla, where about 120 U.S. Special Forces soldiers, including Green Berets from Fort Bragg, N.C., are establishing a base to train Salvadoran soldiers.

Cole still planning suit; action to wait until fall

By ANDY HODGES
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Campus Governing Council representative Rebel Cole said Tuesday that he still plans to file suit against 1983 Carolina Concert for Children Chairman Ben Lee, but added that any action in the suit will probably not be taken until the fall.

Cole, who is planning to sue Lee for "breach of fiduciary duty," said, "As far as I'm concerned, this issue is on the back burner and has been since it first came up."

He said he hopes to get Lee to explain his actions in regard to the concert planning, particularly why he did not purchase rain insurance, to the CGC when he returns to Chapel Hill for the fall semester.

"When the facts come out, I think we should let the students decide who's right," Cole told *The Tar Heel* two weeks ago. "I think they will agree with me that the concert was mismanaged."

He said Tuesday, however, that the students' reactions will not be a determinant of whether the suit is carried out.

Cole, who is also chairman of the CGC's Student Affairs Committee, refused to comment when asked if he has hired a lawyer.

Lee could not be reached for comment Tuesday, but he said earlier that he could not comment because he was at home in Ohio and had not yet seen the allegations against him.

Temporary CGC Speaker Ron Everett said Tuesday that the possibility of a spring concert for next year will not be discussed until the fall and that the chances now look slim.

"Right now we don't have the capital," he said. "The money we would have used is not there (because of '83 losses)."

Concert Treasurer Anthony Hughes said earlier that the income from the concert was about \$44,000 and that projected losses are between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

Affirmative Action officer named to head history department

By CASSANDRA POTEAT
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Professor Gillian T. Cell, affirmative action officer at UNC, has been named the new chairman of the history department.

The recommendation will be presented to the UNC Board of Trustees by Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III on Friday. Cell will resign her current post on June 30 to assume her new position July 1. She will succeed Professor R. Don Higginbotham.

A native of England, Cell has been with the faculty at the

University since 1965. She became affirmative action officer in January 1981.

She has served the University in numerous capacities — director of graduate studies for the history department, chair of the Committee on the Status of Women, and a member of the Educational Policy Committee.

Cell is a specialist in English history and the history of the British Empire. She received her bachelor's and doctorate from the University of Liverpool.

Cell's duties as chairman of the history department will include decision-making on personnel in the department and responsibility for the academic program.

Cell said the history department, one of the largest in the College of Arts and Sciences, will offer her a new challenge.

She said her prior experience as affirmative action officer will help her as chairman of the history department, as will her administrative experience and thorough working knowledge of University policies.

When asked if she foresaw any problems with her new position, Cell said, "Yes, but I look forward to having the support of my colleagues."


Dr. Cell's successor as affirmative action officer has not been named, but a search committee, headed by Harold Wallace, vice chancellor for University affairs has been formed.

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