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STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN CHINA NOT LIKELY TO ROCK COMMUNIST PARTY MONOPOLY, SAYS UD HISTORY PROFESSOR

Despite growing turmoil in China, a week of pro-democracy student demonstrations are "not serious enough to rock the regime" and end the Communist Party monopoly, according to T.C. Rhee, a University of Dayton history professor who specializes in the history of East Asia. "If the demonstrations continue longer and spread, the Chinese government will have to use some force like a mass arrest. It's a touchy issue for the rulers. They can't really suppress the demonstrations too harshly."

The demonstrations in China have been triggered by the death of former Communist leader Hu Yaobang, who was ousted in 1987 following student demonstrations demanding democratic reforms. Rhee said the students want more freedom and democracy, but they are basically tired of growing corruption among government officials. "There has been an extreme amount of corruption since modernization. They want to severely punish corrupt officials," Rhee said.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPERT GIVES GEORGE BUSH A "B" AFTER FIRST 100 DAYS

As George Bush approaches his 100th day in office, a University of Dayton instructor of public relations thinks the country's new president needs to take a page from Ronald Reagan's book and become "very aggressive" in his communication of issues.

"Bush has taken his theme of a 'kinder, gentler nation' and played it to the hilt—perhaps too much so," said Mel Weinberg, who teaches courses in public relations. "He needs to let the public know more about his thinking on major issues. He needs to be more in the limelight."

Weinberg, who will be grading final examinations this week, said if he were to give Bush a grade for his performance over the past three months, it would be a "B."

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