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BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS

World

U.S. pilot drops 'dummy' bomb

TOKYO — An American fighter pilot accidentally released a dummy bomb near the construction site of a nuclear waste reprocessing center, news reports and U.S. military officials said Thursday.

The accident caused no injuries or damage, according to Capt. Phillip Delaney, a spokesman at the U.S. Misawa Air Base in northern Japan.

Delaney said the pilot "inadvertently released" the 25-pound dummy bomb over a field about 1.5 miles from the base bombing range. Dummy bombs are for practice and do not explode.

Nation

Aspirin reduces strokes, report says

NEW ORLEANS — The risk of strokes resulting from irregular heart beats, which strike 75,000 Americans annually, can be cut in half simply by taking a single aspirin tablet each day, according to a study published Thursday.

These strokes are triggered by extremely rapid beating of the atria, the heart's upper chambers, a condition called atrial fibrillation. About 1.2 million people have this abnormality, and until now most have gone untreated.

Eastern announces interim contract

MIAMI — Eastern Airlines Thursday announced an interim contract with its pilots union that calls for a 25 percent wage cut, and said the pact did not call for rehiring those who walked out last year.

The cut applies to Eastern's approximately 850 pilots still being paid at the pre-strike wage rate of about \$72,000. Eastern had 3,600 union pilots who honored picket lines when a sympathy strike with machinists began in March 1989.

State

FEMA may give S.C. \$10 million

COLUMBIA — The Federal Emergency Management Agency plans to give about \$10 million to South Carolina to help eliminate or reduce roadway, bridge and other hazards stemming from Hurricane Hugo, an official said Thursday.

"The program is undefined enough so almost anything can come under hazard mitigation" including long-term emergency development plans and beachfront restoration, said Mary Hudak, an emergency management program specialist with FEMA.

Weather

Today, mostly sunny with highs in the upper 70s. Southwest winds will be 15 mph.

Tonight, partly cloudy with lows in the lower 40s.

Saturday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain and highs in the mid 60s.

Compiled from wire reports

Professor denies harassment charges

Student seeks \$500,000 in lawsuit

By LYNN GIBSON
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A USC graduate student is seeking \$500,000 in damages from the university and a professor she contends sexually harassed her in a lawsuit filed in Richland County Monday.

Media Arts graduate student Camilla A. York filed the suit against Franklin Ashley, a tenured professor in the College of Applied Professional Sciences.

The suit alleges that Ashley used his position of authority over York to try to secure sexual favors from her and attempted to seduce her while on a university-sponsored field trip to Atlanta last fall.

York contends that during her study and graduate assistantship this school year, she was subjected to "sexually suggestive and derogatory comments and improper physi-

cal sexual contacts" by Ashley.

She also alleges that Ashley ridiculed and harassed her when she rejected his overtures.

According to the suit, USC is named as a defendant because the university knew about Ashley's alleged "pattern of harassment" but failed to investigate or correct previous complaints against him.

The suit is asking for damages based on York's alleged emotional distress, physical injury and/or illness, and delay in her education. It also asks that the court order USC to take "appropriate disciplinary action" against Ashley.

York claims she was forced to withdraw from Ashley's class this semester.

Ashley said he was shocked by the allegations.

"She didn't go through the normal chan-

nels, and people here are very perplexed — we had no warning of this (the suit).

Senior Vice President for Personnel Jane Jameson acknowledged that York talked to both her and the Affirmative Action Officer, who handles harassment complaints for the university.

"I can confirm that Ms. York talked to the proper university officials about a month ago. She was seeking information about filing a complaint and about her situation she was alleging. She was provided with information on the procedure for filing the complaint, and she has elected not to file an internal complaint prior to filing a lawsuit," Jameson said.

York's attorney, J. Stephen McCormack, confirmed that York had not gone through USC channels first.

"I would like to point out there is no re-

quirement for doing so and USC is a defendant in this suit because of failure to act on previous complaints," he said.

He declined to comment on whether the previous complaints had been filed by York or others.

"By the code of ethics I am governed by, which is law in the state of South Carolina, I am extremely limited to what I can comment on as the plaintiff's attorney. Indeed, the only thing I can comment on are things that are matters of public record," he said.

Ashley's attorney, Herb Louthian, was not available for comment but told *The State* newspaper in an article that appeared Wednesday the allegations were "irresponsibly made and done to damage my client's reputation."

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That equals

Accounting juniors Teresa Haley (left) and Brenda Snider do taxes free of charge on the 2nd floor of the Russell House Thursday. They are members of Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting fraternity.

Renee Meyer/The Gamecock

Koger Center produces debt

Board questions operation costs

From staff reports

The Koger Center's deficit of almost \$300,000 is causing at least one USC Trustee to take a closer look at the university's Koger Center for the Arts.

Trustee Chairman Michael Mungo expressed concern earlier this week that the center could produce so much debt in its first year, and even went so far as to suggest that Richland County and the city of Columbia be asked to help pay the center's operational costs.

Mungo said the Koger Center is "an extraordinarily expensive operation for the university."

"We're subsidizing culture way above and beyond the call of duty," he said.

He added that he felt the univer-

sity needed to look into the operational costs of the center, and reduce them where possible.

USC President James Holderman said he didn't think it would be advisable to ask the two governments to help fund the center. He did not feel the suggestion would be well-received by the governments, which provided almost \$6 million in construction aid when asked for funding on the mid-1980's.

An audit was ordered by a Trustee committee to study the first operational year of the center, but that information has not yet been released to the public.

Koger Center director Ron Pearson said much of the costs were eaten up by the expensive performances that have been held in the center, and that more less-expensive acts are scheduled for the future. He said other ways of cutting costs are being looked into.

USC researcher works to improve insulation product

By KATHY HEBERGER
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Insulation problems in communications satellites, nuclear bombs and high power lasers might never improve without the alumina ceramics research Tangali Sudarshan does everyday in his Swearingen lab.

"We want to find why it's not working and make improvements," Sudarshan said of his research with alumina ceramics, insulating material that must withstand high voltages without shorting out.

Neutron triggers for nuclear weaponry, X-ray tubes and the microwave tubes used

in space satellites all contain the insulating material, and Sudarshan says he has hopes for using it for environmental purposes like radioactive waste handling.

Sudarshan, an electrical engineer who came to USC in 1979 after working for the National Research Council in Ottawa, received a \$180,000 grant last year from the M. J. Murdoch Charitable Trust to use toward his alumina ceramics research.

One colleague, the French Atomic Energy Commissioner, came to USC recently for 10 days of work with Sudarshan.

Sudarshan said USC is one of the best

places he could be right now for his specialized ceramics research.

"USC probably has one of the best equipped labs in the country for the experiments we're doing," he said.

Graduate assistant Rom Bommakanti agrees, "We compete with some of the world's best universities in the experiments we perform."

Sudarshan's research requires equipment that can produce very high voltages. He works with an electrical generator, for ex-

ample, capable of producing a 300,000 volt pulse for one-millionth of a second.

He used the \$180,000 to buy equipment, pay graduate assistants and for personal needs. Sudarshan, who also has a grant from the Navy, says he hopes to receive another grant after the current grant's three year span is finished.

Bommakanti said he likes working for Sudarshan because "he gives students freedom in the work. He doesn't say 'Just do this.' We all enjoy the work. It's a lot of fun," he said.

Race relations not going well, according to S.C. blacks, whites

By SHARON WILLIAMSON
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Blacks in South Carolina view race relations more negatively than whites do, according to a survey conducted in November and December by USC's Institute of Public Affairs.

The study, designed by Robert Oldendick, questioned 585 adults chosen randomly by telephone number. Sixty-eight percent of those surveyed were white, which is representative of the state, according to Oldendick, director of the Survey Research Laboratory.

The results indicated that the largest difference in opinions was between the races, rather than between gender groups or age groups.

Over 80 percent of blacks surveyed stated that race relations were poor or fair, compared to 50 percent of whites who felt the same way.

"To some extent, these data may reflect reactions to the series of racial incidents that have taken place in South Carolina during the past year," Oldendick said.

Over 30 percent of blacks surveyed believed race relations had gotten worse over the past two years, compared to 19 percent of whites holding the same opinion.

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Robert Oldendick
Director, Survey Research Laboratory

than do whites, and are more likely to feel that the situation is getting worse," Oldendick said.

More blacks than whites were in favor of improved spending for state universities and colleges, public aid and mental health facilities, according to the survey's results.

Results also indicated that more blacks than whites believe the drug problem is the most important problem facing the state.

"The survey clearly indicates the differences between the races," Oldendick said.

Issues that the races agreed on were not race-related issues. Oldendick said blacks and whites tended to agree on issues such as Hurricane Hugo, the Beachfront Management Act and Local Option Sales Tax.

