

News Breakers



International

session of the National Assembly in Hanoi, said the official Voice of Vietnam, monitored in Bangkok.

On Wednesday, the 395-member assembly elected Le Duc Anh, a retired general who led Vietnam's 1978 invasion of Cambodia, to the strengthened post of president.

"I'm aware that this trust is not reserved for myself, but for the party and state, that is, the confidence in the national renovation process, which has obtained initial successes," the radio quoted Kiet as saying after his election.



Nation

Scruggs' son murders

WHITE HOUSE, Tenn. — Country music star Earl Scruggs' youngest son killed his wife, then turned a pistol on himself, a prosecutor said.

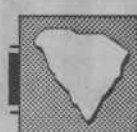
Steve Scruggs and his wife, Elizabeth, were found dead Wednesday in their house about 30 miles northeast of Nashville, prosecutor Dent Morriss said.

They had lived in this small town for about four years, neighbors said.

Scruggs was seen Tuesday morning at his mailbox about 100 yards from the home.

His wife had worked as an auditor in the Tennessee secretary of state's office for about three years, Brook Thompson, her supervisor,

said.



State

Mars Observer lift off

PASADENA, Calif. — When NASA's Mars Observer spacecraft blasts off Friday, it will follow a path marked by numerous fiascos and some stunning successes in the 32 years of superpower attempts to reach the Red Planet.

"Sure, I'm going to be nervous," Bevan French, scientist in charge of the \$891 million Mars Observer program at NASA, said. "We're all going to be nervous. But panicky or worried? No."

Mars Observer is scheduled to lift off from Cape Canaveral, Fla. It will be the first U.S. spaceship sent toward Mars since Viking 1 and 2 in 1975, and the first Mars mission by any nation since the Soviet Union launched two Phobos spacecraft in 1988 and lost contact with them.

SCB closes suddenly

The Southern College of Business closed suddenly Tuesday, shutting out hundreds of students at campuses in Rock Hill and Gastonia, N.C.

The closing came after years of allegations of misuse of federal aid

money and an investigation by the FBI and the education department's inspector general's office.

Regulators last week froze all financial aid payments. In a 19-page letter to the college's owner, Ronald R. Reed of Gastonia, they alleged school officials committed serious, repeated and intentional violations of federal grant rules.

McIntosh: "no contest"

AIKEN — Sammy McIntosh, a candidate for Aiken County clerk of court, pleaded no contest Thursday to a charge of enticing a woman for immoral purposes to a motel and was ordered tested for the virus which causes AIDS.

McIntosh, a Republican and former deputy sheriff, entered his plea before Augusta (Ga.) Recorder's Court Judge Carl Brown.

Lillian McGhee, who pleaded no contest to a prostitution charge in the same case, also was ordered to take an AIDS test.

Jan McBride, the court's acting operations director, said the AIDS test is standard procedure for cases involving sexual encounters.

A no-contest plea is not an admission of guilt but can be treated the same for sentencing.



USC

Students 'mugged'

Two USC students were robbed at 900 Barnwell St. near Capstone Wednesday night, Columbia police said.

Police said the two students were walking toward Capstone when they were approached by an unidentified man. The man took 19-year-old Mariah F. Hucks' purse and began to run away.

The other student tried to stop him, but was hit on the head with an unknown object, police said. Police said the suspect then fled the scene.

The student, who was hit on the head, was injured and transported to Richland Memorial Hospital. The student's name and condition was unavailable at press time.

Police said the man took items worth a total of \$41, including a purse, a checkbook and a wallet.

Crime Report

Compiled by Alissa Easton, Staff Writer

The following incidents were reported to the USC Police Department between Sept. 11-22

Sept. 11

■ **Civil Dispute**, Columbia Hall; a resident claims a former roommate has been calling continuously and making verbal threats.

Sept. 14

■ **Unlawful Use of Telephone**, Sims; victim's former boyfriend was calling and harrasing her twice a day for one week.

Sept. 16

■ **Civil Disturbance**, B-3 Parking Lot; as the victim was walking to her car, a passenger in a passing car yelled out obscenities.

Sept. 17

■ **Larceny of a Book/Jewelry**, Bates House; while victim was away for the weekend, a textbook and jewelry worth \$93 was stolen.

■ **Electrical Fire**, McMaster College; a ceiling fan was burning, so the fixture was turned off until maintenance arrived.

Sept. 18.

■ **Grand Larceny of Door**, Calcott College First Floor Hallway; unknown subject(s) removed a door estimated at \$300 from a telephone equipment room.

■ **Disorderly Conduct**, Law Center; a person was found lying on the ground asleep. The person was intoxicated. The person was treated and booked.

■ **Larceny of Tape Recorder/Player**, Brynes Center;

while the victim was making an overseas phone call in another area, a tape player and recorder was stolen from the victim's room worth an estimated value of \$62.

■ **Malicious Injury to Personal Property**, L-Lot, 600 Marion St; unknown subject(s) broke the victim's windshield with a brick.

■ **Assault and Battery**, Burney; the victim was arguing with the suspect over the laundry machines. As the victim turned to leave, the suspect struck her in the head with her open hand.

Sept. 20

■ **Assault**, Bates House; the victim said the suspect ran toward the victim with a knife after a verbal disagreement. The suspect was held back before any contact was made.

■ **Larceny of Wallet**, Thomas Cooper Library; while the victim was away from bookbag, USC I.D. card, \$3 in cash, a calling card and a Nations Bank card were stolen.

Sept. 22.

■ **Indecent Exposure**, P.E. Tennis Courts; two people playing tennis said they saw a white male expose himself at a fence. The subject remained in area until one of the victims screamed. The suspect fled on foot.

■ **Found Property**, S-8 Lot; a B.F. Goodrich tire was found leaning against a wall near two vehicles.

Sept. 23.

■ **Assault and Battery**, Capstone; an officer saw the suspect and the victim talking and then a victim got up to leave she was struck in the head.

Tropical storm nears N.C.

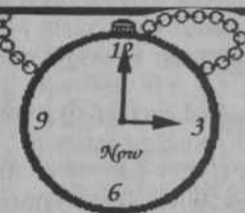
By The Associated Press

Tropical Storm Danielle was marking time off the East Coast Thursday, but could reach North Carolina in a day or two.

At 5 a.m. EDT, Danielle, with top winds of 45 mph, was stationary about 185 miles south-east of Cape Hatteras, N.C., said Miles Lawrence, a forecaster

with the National Hurricane Center.

Lawrence said Danielle could reach North Carolina in a day or so, but its course remained uncertain. It was located near 33.7 north latitude, 72.9 west longitude.



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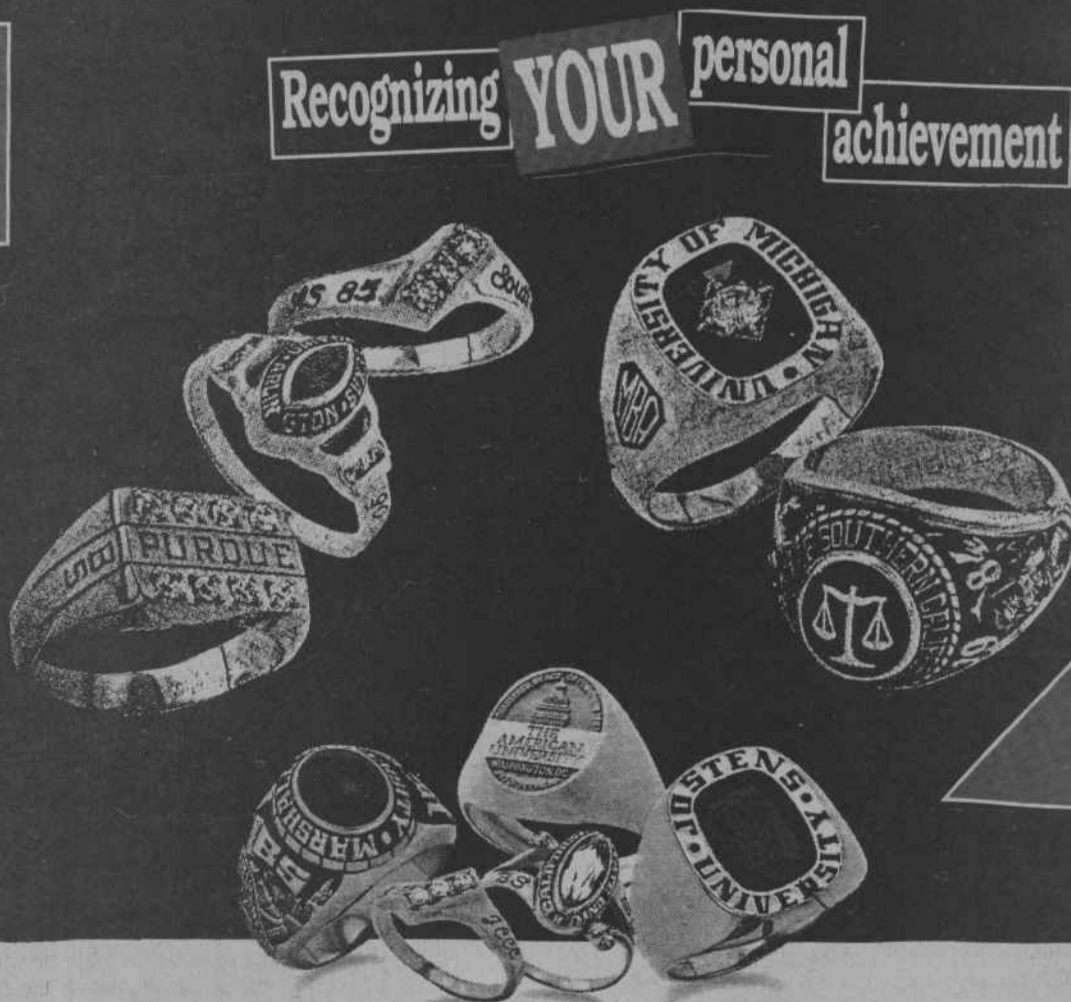
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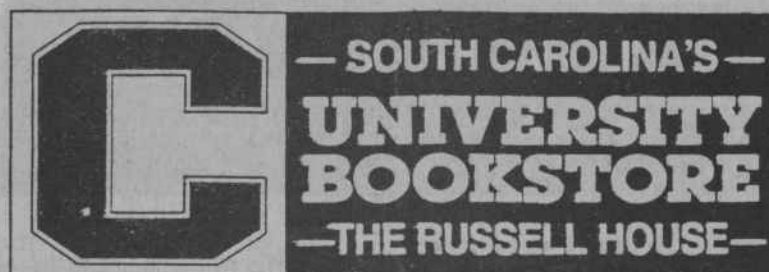
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