

News Breakers

International

Serbs drop bombs

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serb planes dropped cluster and napalm bombs on three towns in north-central Bosnia, Sarajevo radio reported today.

The attack, which followed the capture of a strategic town in northern Bosnia, appeared to indicate the Serb fighters want to gain more territory before being forced to dig in for winter.

The radio said 11 planes took part in the attacks Wednesday on Maglaj, Tesanj and Teslic, about 90 miles north of Sarajevo.

It said the planes dropped cluster and napalm bombs and fired rockets at the towns. The report could not be confirmed independently.

The radio said 12 people were killed and 50 wounded in Maglaj, which it said was still being shelled today.

Serbs scored a major victory late Tuesday in overrunning Bosanski Brod, a city on the Croatian border that was the last major northern stronghold of government forces.

China disturbed

BEIJING — The Chinese government said Thursday it is deeply disturbed by Hong Kong Gov. Chris Patten's proposal to make the British colony more democratic before handing it back to China in 1997.

The Chinese response indicated a heating up in the war of words and wills that has raged since the blunt-speaking Patten took office in July.

In a speech Wednesday, Patten

proposed lowering the voting age, increasing the public role in electing legislators and other changes in order to give Hong Kong residents more say in their government before coming under communist rule.

It was not clear whether Patten would go ahead without Chinese agreement.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wu Jianmin said today the proposed changes were obviously "inconsistent with the provisions and spirit of the Sino-British Joint Declaration," under which Britain agreed to return the tiny enclave it seized 150 years ago from a crumbling Chinese empire.

Nation

Reactor to operate

WATERFORD, Conn. — Federal regulators have allowed a nuclear reactor to remain in operation despite five control room operators who failed an annual examination.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Wednesday that Northeast Utilities, which operates the Millstone complex, has enough control room crews that passed the exam to keep the Millstone 1 reactor going.

But the agency warned it might close down the reactor if the operators who failed the mandatory requalification test fail a retest. The reactor, one of three at Millstone, lost provisional satisfactory status last month when five of 15 operators failed the NRC exam.

The reactor's status was changed to unsatisfactory, for the second straight year. The other two reactors also are in operation.

Black hiring in L.A.

NEW YORK — The much-maligned Los Angeles Police Department ranks among the nation's best in hiring blacks, while New York is last among 50 cities.

Los Angeles' force is 14.1 percent black, reflecting the city's 14 percent black population. Only Honolulu and Washington ranked higher in the survey by Sam Walker, professor of criminal justice at the University of Nebraska.

Los Angeles' score was a surprise, Walker said. The department came under fire after the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King by white policemen in 1991, and the city erupted in riots after the officers' acquittal.

"Los Angeles has a perfect score and yet look at everything we know about L.A. and race," Walker said.

State

Food stamps improved

COLUMBIA — Food stamp recipients in one South Carolina county will be paying for their groceries with something similar to a credit card rather than with the familiar paper coupons.

The six-month program, scheduled to begin July 1 in Darlington County, would have food stamp recipients pay with a debit card which would work much like a credit card.

If the program is successful, officials hope to use it statewide within two years. The U.S. Agriculture Department says this is the first such program in the country under

new regulations developed after several demonstration projects elsewhere.

USC

New USC executive

Lawrence Dark has been appointed executive assistant to the president for equal opportunity programs at USC.

The former head of the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence, a non-profit organization in Baltimore, Dark replaces Cliff Scott, USC's associate general counsel, who had been serving as the interim affirmative action officer since July 1991.

Reporting directly to USC President John Palms, Dark will be responsible for all efforts to increase awareness about equal opportunity programs and affirmative action efforts at the university.

He will also work with USC faculty, administration and staff on recruitment, retention and training issues as well as the promotion of a positive campus climate and cultural diversity.

New Shuttlecock stop

The USC "Shuttlecock" will put a new stop on its route starting next Wednesday.

The new stop will be at the Carolina Plaza on Assembly Street, USC transportation officials said.

The "blue" shuttle, which handles the Coliseum-Nursing route, will make the new stop.

There will be no Shuttlecock service on Monday and Tuesday next week, when USC will have fall break.

Crime Report

The following incidents were reported to the USCPD between Oct. 1-6

Oct. 1

■ Grand larceny of a cello, McMaster College; unknown people removed a combination lock and a cello from a locker.

■ Assault (Verbal threats), Thomas Cooper Library; a USC employee said a student assistant threatened her after she directed him to do some work at the library.

■ Malicious injury to personal property, Barnwell College; unknown people shattered a person's windshield, causing \$200 worth of damage.

Oct. 2

■ Unlawful use of telephone, Sims Residence Hall; the victim answered the phone at the Sims desk, and a male subject made threats and spoke obscenities.

■ Larceny of money, Barnwell College; \$20 in cash was stolen from a student's bookbag.

Oct. 3

■ Malicious injury to property, LaBorde Residence Hall; an unknown person used a fire extinguisher, causing the fire alarm to go off. The Columbia Fire Department responded, but there was no evidence of a fire.

■ Assault, Bates West Residence Hall; the victim, who was delivering pizzas, said the subject threatened him.

Oct. 4

■ Unlawful use of a telephone, Moore Residence Hall; the victim said an intoxicated white man called his residence and threatened a resident adviser in the building.

Oct. 5

■ Unlawful use of telephone, Purchasing Department; the complainant said she gave the subject her business card with her home and work phone numbers. She said the subject is calling her and leaving her life-threatening messages.

■ Larceny of money, Russell House; the victim said the subject took \$10 from her purse while eating lunch with her.

Oct. 6

■ Assault and battery, Bates West Residence Hall; the complainant said two roommates got into a fight. The reporting officer said the two students were having a verbal disagreement, and both wished to prosecute each other. The students agreed to spend the night at separate places.

■ Larceny of a purse, Thomas Cooper Library; the complainant said someone stole her purse from the library. The purse was recovered in the men's restroom on the main floor. A \$100 bill was missing from the purse.

■ Larceny of a bookbag, LeConte College; someone stole a student's bookbag when the student's back was turned. The student lost more than \$100 in items with the bookbag.

■ Larceny of a wallet, LaBorde Residence Hall; the victim said someone stole his wallet, worth \$27.

■ Auto breaking, grand larceny of golf equipment, CS-7 lot; the victim said someone broke into his secured vehicle and stole a radar detector and two USC golf bags.

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Gone Fishin'

You will not be seeing The Gamecock for a while due to Fall Break. We hope you will miss us, we will be back Friday. See ya soon!



Police want to keep up Dinwiddie interest

By MARC LaFOUNTAIN
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The Columbia Police Department is doing everything it can to keep public attention focused on Dail Dinwiddie, Columbia Police Chief Charles Austin said Wednesday.

The 23-year-old USC graduate student disappeared Sept. 23 from Five Points after the Columbia U2 concert.

"At first it was front page news. Now you are finding it on page three of the B section," Austin said.

"The more public attention we can give to this case, the better chance we have of finding Dail Dinwiddie," he said.

Austin said he was pleased to

see Dinwiddie's story on "America's Most Wanted," however, he said he would like to have seen a reenactment of the disappearance in the program.

"Little is known about what happened to Dail," Austin said. "Still, sometimes people see things, and they don't realize what they are seeing."

"When they later watch a reenactment, it may finally make them realize what they witnessed is important," he said.

Dinwiddie's mother, Jean, said her family has been approached by several private investigators. They have offered to work on the case at no charge, she said.

No investigator's have been retained by the family, Jean Dinwiddie said.

Rumors have surfaced in Columbia saying Dinwiddie has been found dead and killed in a variety of ways, Austin said.

"We don't want people to sense an unwarranted fear," he said. "In cases like this when rumors spread...people feel like hostages in their homes."

"When people hear a rumor, they need to confirm it first," he said.

Jean Dinwiddie said she is confident her daughter will be found and hopes the public will not lose interest.

"I have a lot of confidence in them (CPD). The public has been wonderful, and I have been overwhelmed by their support," she said.

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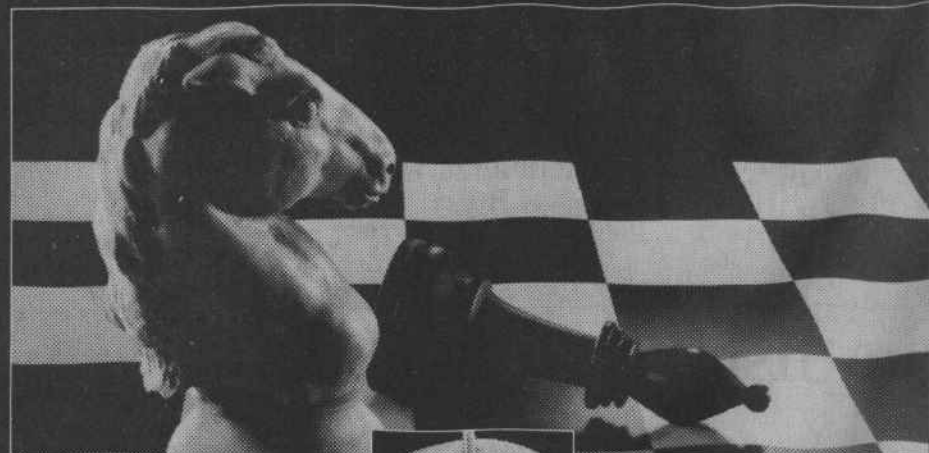


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