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Bombs injures over 65

MANCHESTER, England — Two bombs rocked Manchester during the morning rush hour Thursday, injuring at least 65 people and forcing police to evacuate the city center. Police blamed the Irish Republican Army.

Most of the injured were showered with glass shards when the second bomb exploded as police cordoned off a shopping district in response to a telephoned warning. One person was seriously injured, hospital officials said.

The first bomb went off in the city's Parsonage commercial district at the height of the rush hour, injuring four people and badly damaging a tax office and other buildings. Police said it may have been a car bomb.

"There was a terrific noise and an enormous surge of wind," said Jim Watson, an officer with the Inland Revenue Service.

Clinton picks team

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — President-elect Clinton is likely to announce several members of his economic team next week, including a treasury secretary, transition officials say. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Lloyd Bentsen has emerged, at least in speculation, as a top contender.

But Clinton has been keeping his Cabinet views to himself and a close circle of advisers.

And despite widespread reports that Bentsen is the current front-runner for treasury, a spokesman for the Texas Democrat, Jack Devore, said late Wednesday "it's just speculation."

Even so, there are clear signs that Clinton is about to name his top economic lieutenants.

He is expected to have most of the team in place before the Dec. 14-15 economic conference here at which he will sound out dozens of prominent business leaders and economists.

Contractors released

COLUMBIA — Four owners of a Seneca construction company facing bribery and ethics law charges each were released on \$50,000 bond Thursday after making initial court appearances in Richland County.

The owners of Thrift Brothers Co., one of the state's largest road contractors, were accused by the state grand jury last month of doling out money and other favors to Highway Department employees.

Gary Thrift, Glenn Thrift, Samuel Thrift and Tom Thrift made no public comment during their brief appearances before Circuit Judge Costa Pleicones.

Samuel and Tom Thrift were represented at the hearing by Charleston attorney Gedney Howe, who successfully defended a state lawmaker on bribery charges last year.

commission, which she led this past year, felt the selection process surrounding the queen was creating too much contro-

Both Lovelace and Homecoming Commissioner Ilana Myerson said they were not against the idea of having a queen, but they do not want one under the provisions of the senate bill. Lovelace said she would like to see a male and female recognized.

Myerson also suggested creating an "ambassador" which both sexes could compete for.

Elam said the leaders of the senate were not representing their constituents. He said senate President Pro Tem Shine Brooks, Myerson and Lovelace, who each lead senate committees, and Weaver and Bangston, are voting against something almost 80 percent of the students at USC want.

"They are using stall tactics and are refusing to discuss the issues here."

Weaver said she has apologized to Elam for running out. She said she did not hear Elam say he would table the bill, and she thought it was going to be voted on at the meeting.

Lister, who is in favor of the bill, said she expects the vote on it to be close. She encourages all students to let their senators know how they feel about the bill.

Conference at USC

College students from throughout the Southeast will be in Columbia Feb. 5-6, 1983, for the third annual Everyday Heroes Conference sponsored by USC.

The two-day event provides an opportunity for students to share ideas and stimulates awareness and interest in volunteerism. Experienced members of civic and college communities will provide guidance and lead discussions on issues concerning campus involvement in community service.

Conference registration will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday Feb. 5. That afternoon participants will go "Into the Streets" and work with local community service agencies.

On Saturday Feb. 6 students will be offered more than 24 workshops on topics such as leadership development, marketing the volunteer experience, Greek initiatives in service and seeking funds for community service programs.

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GPA," he said. "A student may work very hard and diligently for the USC community and only have a 2.2 or 2.3."

Lister said she has never seen a quorum call take place in the senate. Before Wednesday she had never seen a senator run out of a meeting.

She said she observed some senators waiting outside the chamber and then come back in after the meeting was adjourned.

While she was not happy about the senators leaving, Lister said she understands why some have strong feelings for or against the homecoming queen legislation.

"This doesn't put the best face on student government," she said. "But people get very emotional about homecoming. It strikes at the heart of their memories as a college student."

USC did not have a homecoming queen this past year because of a decision made by the homecoming commission.

Education senator Marti Weaver said the

versy.

Weaver said she ran from the senate chamber because she had to be at another location and did not want to miss the debate on the bill.

"I knew I would break the quorum, but I couldn't stay there any longer, and I have things I want to say about this bill," she said. "Now the bill will be held over, and at the next meeting I can voice my opinions."

The results of a question on last year's SGA election revealed nearly 80 percent of those who voted favored a queen. Elam said this was one of the reasons that made him want to bring the queen back.

Humanities senator Kim Lovelace is against the bill and said the survey results are not an accurate record of student opinion on the issue.

"Less than 10 percent of the student body took that survey," she said. "That 80-percent figure is very misleading."



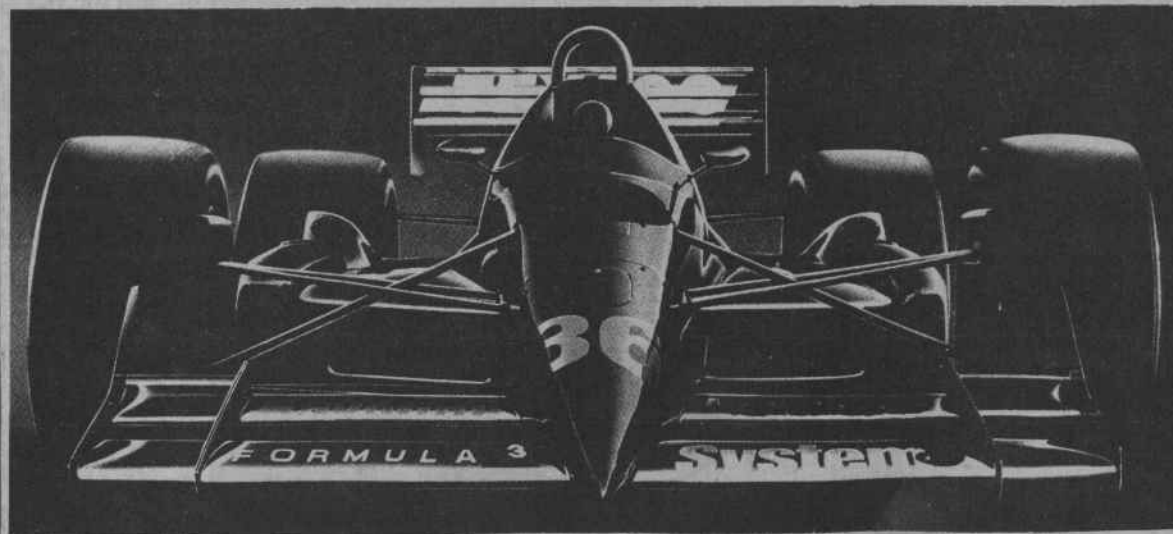
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Crime Report

The following incidents were reported to USC Police through Dec. 1.

Nov. 21

Assault with Intent to Kill, Russell House. A male was walking through the west end of the Horseshoe and was assaulted. The male was pushed in the chest and shoved to the ground. While the assault was taking place, racial slurs were being made by the suspects. In the end, a handgun was fired and the victim fled on foot.

Nov. 23.

Larceny of a Bookbag, Grand Market Place. An unattended bookbag was stolen from a table at the above location. There was no property of any value in the bag. The estimated value of the bookbag is \$35.

Nov. 24.

Illegal Use of Telephone, Bates West. An unknown caller has been calling the victim repeatedly. The victim turned in a tape of the phone calls as evidence.

Larceny of Bicycle, Bates West. An unknown person removed a locked bicycle from a rack. The bicycle was locked with a U-bolt. The estimated value of the bicycle is \$360. That includes the lock and bicycle.

Larceny of Bicycle, Maxcy.

An unknown person removed a bicycle secured to a rack. The estimated value of the bicycle is \$655.

Larceny of Bicycle, Columbia Hall. An unknown person removed a bicycle from the secured rack. The estimated value of the bike is \$685.

Nov. 28.

Larceny of a Necklace, Maxcy. Unknown subject(s) removed a necklace from a drawer at above location. The necklace was estimated at \$200.

Auto Breaking, E-1 Lot. Unknown persons used an unknown object to shatter the right side window. Things were scattered on the floor and cassettes were stolen. The estimated value of the window is \$500 and the cassettes were estimated at \$150.

Dec. 1.

Assault and Battery, Horseshoe. A victim was walking and was assaulted from behind. The victim was knocked to the ground and suffered some injuries.

Altered parking decal, C-1 Lot. While police were on patrol they noticed an altered parking ticket. The matter was dealt with and the ticket was changed.

Motorcycle accident injures two teens

From Staff Reports

Two 18-year-olds were hit by a car Thursday afternoon while riding a motorcycle at the intersection of College and Sumter streets, Richland County EMS spokesperson George Rice said.

The two men were not wearing helmets at the time of the incident and both were transported to Richland Memorial Hospital shortly after EMS arrived at the scene at

3:27 p.m., Rice said.

The Columbia Police Department said officer Jeffery Dickey and Sgt. Gordon Crews are investigating the incident.

Neither could be reached for comment at press time and Richland Memorial Hospital could not release the condition of the victims without knowing their names.

CPD and EMS were not certain if the victims were USC students.

Young changes his mind

From Staff Reports

Student Body President Tom Young said he did not mean to say "nothing has come across my desk concerning race relations and no one has come by my office to

discuss any racial concerns," in an article printed Wednesday.

He said he meant that nothing concerning affirmative action has come across his desk since he has been in office.