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Israel to remove 12 settlements

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SHVUT RACHEL, WEST BANK — Jewish settlers dismantled a water tower at a West Bank outpost late Tuesday, hours after hard-line demonstrators prevented them from complying with an order to evacuate 12 illegal settlements.

The removal of the tower was the first step toward carrying out the government's order to take down 12 illegal settlements. Settler leaders have agreed to honor the order, but young settler activists had blocked them.

Earlier on Tuesday, Prime Minister Ehud Barak demanded that the settlers stand by their agreement to remove the settlements.

Late Tuesday, Israel and the Palestinians announced agreement on technical arrangements to open a passage for Palestinians between the West Bank and Gaza through Israel.

An agreement for the "safe passage" was signed Oct. 6, but new disagreements emerged. Now both sides say the route is to open Monday.

Working according to an agreement with Barak, to remove illegal outposts, the Settlers' Council, representing the 200,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank, sent a truck to haul a trailer off a hilltop, but protesters blocked the way and prevented the removal.

Singing and chanting, the demonstrators, some of them the children of the official settler leaders, moved boulders into the roadway to stop the truck.

In a statement, Barak said he expected the Settlers' Council to live up to the agreement in which Barak cut the number of settler outposts to be removed from 15 to 12.

However, a member of the council, Pinhas Wallerstein, said: "We are not out-post-removal contractors."

In all, settlers have erected 42 outposts on isolated hilltops after last year's signing of the Wye River land-for-security agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. The settlers said they wanted to hold on to as much land as possible and prevent it from being handed over to the Palestinians in future peace agreements. Most outposts consist of a

few trailers, a water tower and a generator.

Tuesday's protest underscored the growing rift between veteran settler leaders seeking dialogue with Barak and a small group of firebrand activists trying to hold on to settlements at all costs.

"God gave us the chance to be here. We're Jews. We have the land, and we are not leaving it," Daniella Weiss, a settler leader, said to cheers from the small crowd near Shvut Rachel, many of them students from a nearby Jewish seminary.

The protest was led by a new group called Dor Hahemshech, Hebrew for "The Second Generation," which feels that the leaders of the movement are losing their enthusiasm. Many of the group's members were born and raised in settlements.

"We are against the peace movement's ideology of being tired, of just wanting quiet," said Shivi Drori, a member of the group from Givat Harel, one of the settlement outposts.

He said he and his supporters would resist government attempts to dismantle

Citadel sex-bias suit to go forward

BY JENNIFER HOLLAND
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COLUMBIA — A federal judge ruled on Tuesday that The Citadel can be tried for sexual discrimination and five cadets can be tried for sexual harassment of a former female cadet.

U.S. District Judge Joseph Anderson threw out about half the 34 charges brought by former cadet Jeanie Mentavlos, and ordered that the cadets and the once all-male military academy should be tried separately.

Mentavlos, one of four women admitted to the state-run school in 1996, alleges she was hazed and harassed before she dropped out after one semester. She claims that Citadel officials violated her civil rights by failing to act against male upperclassmen who were hostile about the admission of women to the once all-male school.

Anderson said there was evidence the school might have covered up allegations of harassment, but didn't say what that evidence was.

Dawes Cooke, who represents The Citadel, said Mentavlos must prove a continuous course of misconduct. Instead, she has presented "a shotgun blast of numerous types of things," he said.

Mentavlos' attorney, Dick Harpootlian, said he can prove a pattern of harassment based on gender that the school did nothing to stop.

He said the cadets set fire to Mentavlos' shirt to expose her bra and refused to let her put out the fire.

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Dick Harpootlian
Attorney for woman
suing The Citadel

She also was permitted just 30 seconds to shower despite telling an upperclassman she was menstruating and needed to tend to personal hygiene matters.

"The Citadel cadets prey on those who are different," Harpootlian said at a hearing Tuesday.

"Everything that was done was not because she couldn't cut it, it's because she was a woman."

The cadets are set to go to trial Nov. 12. Anderson said he'll make a written decision on whether to toss out the remaining claims against the school pending the outcome of the cadets' trial.

Mentavlos, who graduated from Queens College in Charlotte, and is teaching sixth grade, did not comment after Tuesday's hearing.

Shannon Faulkner became the first female cadet when she entered The Citadel under a court order in 1995. She dropped out after less than a week, citing the stress of the court fight and her isolation in the corps.



SPECIAL TO THE GAMECOCK

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat, right, takes the hand of former South African President Nelson Mandela to help him down the stairs after Mandela's arrival at Gaza International Airport. Mandela is touring the Middle East as a private citizen.

Campaign for Aussie republic begins

BY MIKE CORDER
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SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA — The hand-scrawled sign sums up the feeling that many Australians have about the future relationship between the British monarchy and its former convict colony.

"God Save The Queen," said the sign, which was taped in a car's rear window. "Because only God can save her governor-general. Vote 'Yes' for a republic!" Australia, where the first white settlers arrived in British convict ships in 1788, will decide Nov. 6 whether to remove Queen Elizabeth II and her representative, the governor-general, as head of state.

The sign in the car is a quote from former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam, who was dismissed in 1975 by Sir John Kerr — the only time in Australian history that a governor-general flexed any political muscle.

Opinion polls show that most Australians believe that the highest office in the land shouldn't be held by a foreigner living on the other side of the world, and fa-

vor replacing the British monarch with an Australian.

But the republic model proposed in the referendum has deeply divided the nation and could lead to its defeat: The new head of state would be a president nominated by the prime minister and elected by a two-thirds majority of each house of parliament.

The proposal has proved unpopular among Australians who want to directly elect their president.

"I want a republic, but I don't want the type of republic [Australian Prime Minister John] Howard is offering," newspaper vendor Robert McCormack told *The Australian* newspaper. "I want to be able to vote for the president."

Australia has been independent since 1901, but like many Commonwealth nations, including Canada and Papua New Guinea, it still recognizes the British monarch as its head of state.

Lobbying by pro- and anti-republic groups moved into top gear this week, with both sides launching multimillion dollar television advertising campaigns.

Both the "Yes" and "No" campaigns are running

neck and neck in polls and battling hard to win over a crucial 14 percent of undecided voters.

The pro-republic movement got a boost when members of the nation's popular rugby union team, the Wallabies, who are competing in the World Cup in Britain, cast their votes this week.

The entire 30-man squad voted early in an improvised polling station in the residence of Australia's ambassador to Ireland. Ballots are cast early outside Australia so they don't delay the official count.

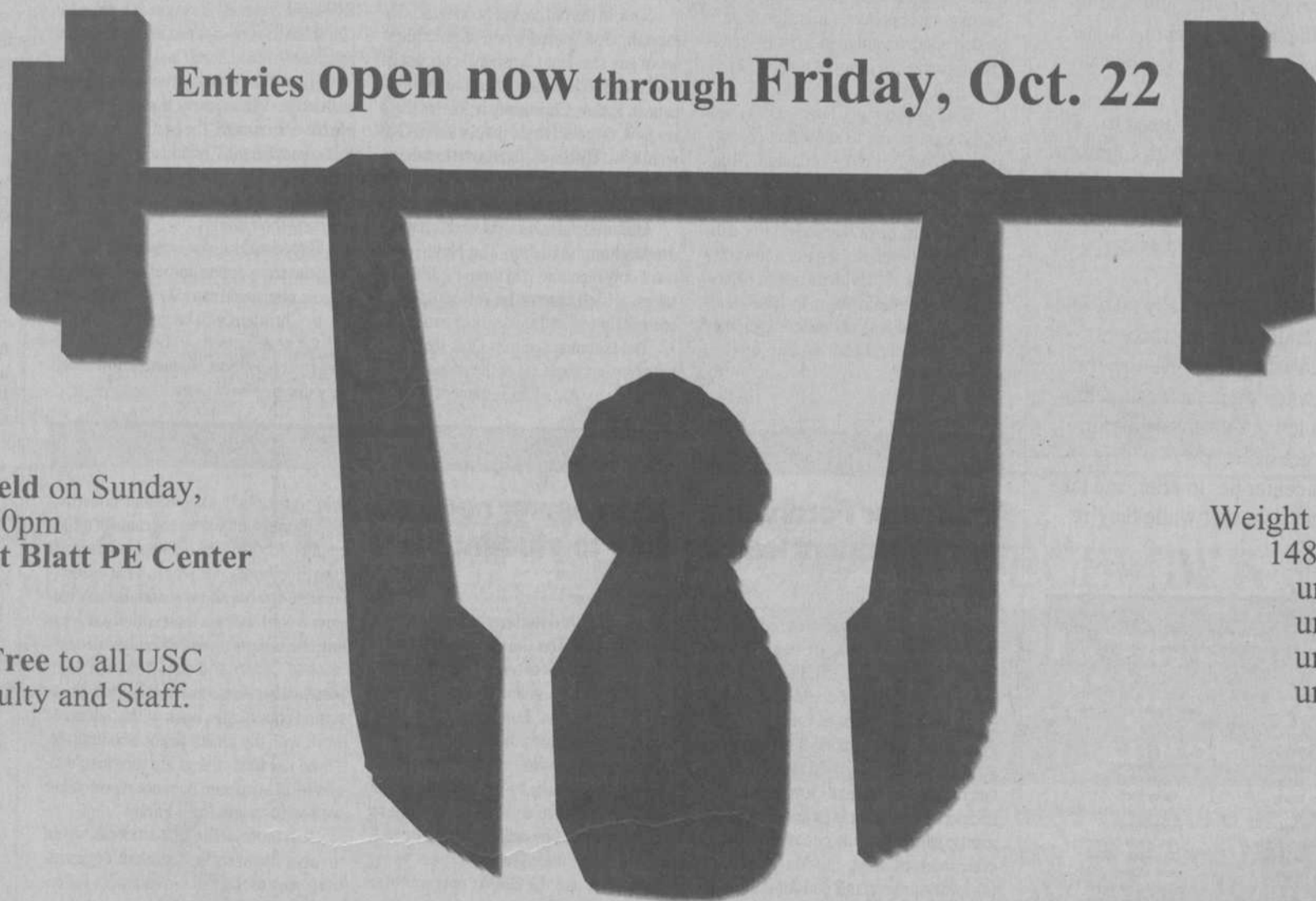
Captain John Eales said he voted for the republic.

"I think Australians in general don't look at the British monarchy as their monarchy," Eales said. "I just feel giving a 'Yes' to a republic is probably the last chance to say we are on our own two feet as a country."

Among other well-known Australians backing the republic is Hazel Hawke, wife of former Prime Minister Bob Hawke. She said it would be "just plain dopey" to keep the queen.

Intramural Bench Press Meet

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