

# WORLDWIDE

## ■ Bomb explodes in Paris train

PARIS — Yet another terrorist attack occurred in Paris Tuesday, injuring 29 people when a bomb exploded in an underground train.

The attack was the latest in eight attacks carried out or planned in France within the last three months. French officials attribute the attacks to Islamic militants. The militants have been protesting French ties to the Algerian military government, favoring a fundamentalist government instead.

Weeks ago police killed a young Algerian who they claimed was behind the earlier bombings. Officials now believe a larger, well-organized body is responsible for the bombings.

French anti-terrorist police have been patrolling the streets in an attempt to thwart more bombings.

Security has also been increased in department stores, with agents rifling through bags to ensure no bombs can be planted that way.

The bomb was similar in design to several others attributed to sympathizers of the Armed Islamic Group.

In elections in Algeria four years ago, the Algerian government refused to recognize a victory by that party.

## ■ March stresses race problems

WASHINGTON — Monday's Million Man March prompted six Congressmen to request that President Clinton appoint a national commission on race relations in America.

It also led Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam and organizer of the march, to claim that the event had brought him national attention.

The six congressmen who proposed the commission said it would be a presidentially appointed, bipartisan commission that would work toward a new era of progress between the two races and to a discussion about race relations.

Park Police claim that the event drew a crowd of 400,000 people to the nation's capital. This attention was increased by the 2.2 million households that tuned into CNN to observe Farrakhan's speech.

The actual number of people in attendance at the march is a matter of some debate, as event organizers accused Park Police of racism, claiming they had underestimated the number of people in attendance.

Organizers estimated the number to be over a million people. One organizer, Benjamin F. Chavis, the former chairman of the NAACP, claimed to have evidence of this number but could not say what the evidence was.

Members of the Nation of Islam threatened to sue the Park Police in order to receive what they believed to be the true attendance numbers.

# Petition calls for students' rights

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Some students are taking action against what they see as the local Big Brother.

A petition to limit what its organizers perceive as infringement on student rights by the administration circulated campus this week. Drafted by junior Brian Yeazel, the petition has 500 signatures thus far and will continue circulating until February.

The petition states, "We view recommendations aimed at curtailing interaction with social organizations or any other student organization as violations of student sovereignty and are antithetical to the University's ability to promote freedom of choice, expression, and open-mindedness."

Yeazel, a member of Theta Chi fraternity and the Student Life Committee, said he started the petition three weeks ago and will collect as many signatures as possible before February, when the SLC will vote on proposals that will affect the Greek system.

At the end of the last semester, proposals to reduce the pledging period to two weeks and limit Rush events were

considered as a result of a subcommittee report.

The SLC voted to maintain the status quo and to hire a consultant to evaluate Greek life. This February, the committee will vote on whether to allow second-semester freshman to rush or to dissolve freshman Rush altogether.

Yeazel said that he is opposed to the proliferation of the idea that the Greek system is an obstacle to intellectual and cultural endeavors as articulated in the "Lilly" report and that he believes it is necessary to maintain an already waning social atmosphere at the university.

"There shouldn't be any taboos about joining a social organization," Yeazel said. "Someone should not be intimidated by the phrase 'a social organization is not a way to intellectually or culturally acclimate yourself.'"

Yeazel said that his goals are to show that a student voice exists, and to pinpoint student concerns to show exactly what students think.

"The goal here is not to make it a Greek issue, but a student issue," he said. "That's really what it is."

In the SLC vote last semester, all three student representatives on the committee agreed that freshman Rush

should remain as a matter of student rights, according to Yeazel.

Yeazel said he acknowledges that intellectual, cultural and social facets of a college experience are all necessary.

However, he said, it does not do any good to limit access to any one of these facets, which he believes would occur with a removal of freshman Rush.

Moreover, Yeazel said he believes that the arguments being used to advocate the elimination of freshman Rush could be used to restrict any student organization.

"I think that's definitely dangerous," he said.

He said he is waging this battle against what he calls "paternalistic rhetoric" on two fronts: among the Greek organizations, and by word of mouth. He will eventually be setting up tables and distributing information in mailboxes to publicize the petition.

Yeazel said that he wants to make sure any student can see the petition. He said he has not encountered or heard of anyone opposed to the language thus far, but welcomes all comments or suggestions. He can be reached at Ext. 6323 or P.O. Box 7394.

# POLICE BEAT

## ■ \$8,000 diamond ring stolen

A student's diamond engagement ring worth \$8,000 was taken from a Tribble Hall bathroom where it was left between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Oct. 9.

**THEFT** — A university employee's pocketbook containing \$175 was taken from a Calloway Hall office between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Oct. 12.

A student's bicycle worth \$400 was taken from outside a Student Drive residence between 3 a.m. and noon Oct. 12.

A visitor's book bag containing \$60 was taken from a Luter Residence Hall lounge Friday between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

**DAMAGE** — The rear windshield wiper on a student's vehicle was broken on Wake Forest Road between 11:30 p.m. Oct. 6 and 7 p.m. Oct. 8.

A window was broken in a student's vehicle in Lot Q near Scales Fine Arts Center between 11 p.m. Oct. 6 and 12:30 p.m. Oct. 11. Another student's vehicle was similarly damaged in Lot Q between 3 p.m. Oct. 8 and 5 p.m. Friday.

Ceiling tiles were broken and furniture was overturned in the Collins Residence Hall lobby between 1 a.m. and 2:50 a.m. Friday.

A card reader at a Poteat House suite door was torn from the wall Friday.

A window was broken in the Sundry Shop Friday.

A Collins window was broken between 10:55 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday.

**MISCELLANEOUS** — Two local residents were issued trespass warnings after they were found sitting in a car parked near Townhouse Apartments at 11:30 p.m. Friday. Both smelled of alcohol, and marijuana and drug paraphernalia were found in the car. The driver was charged with driving while impaired.

A former ARAMARK employee was issued a trespass warning Oct. 10.

A student in Davis House reported receiving several harassing phone calls over the last several weeks.

Two students in Kitchin House reported a harassing message on voice mail Saturday.

Sixteen students reported losing their identification cards.

Campus Police handled 59 calls Oct. 9-15, including 32 incidents and investigations and 27 service requests.



Jordan Wong

## Snack time

Sophomores Aaron Schachter and Chris Halpan and freshman Dan Vivarelli eat on the wall in front of Poteat House by the post office.

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