

WORLDWIDE

■ Iraq fires missiles on aircraft

WASHINGTON — Iraqi forces fired surface-to-air missiles at U.S. fighter jets over Iraq on Sept. 4. They missed their target, but succeeded in heightening tensions between Washington and Baghdad.

U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry said Iraq would "very soon learn that we are not playing games."

Perry told reporters that any U.S. response to Wednesday's missile attack on American aircraft would be "disproportionate" to the Iraqi attack.

Defense officials say the United States is sending B-52 bombers to a base in the Indian Ocean and will also send F-117A stealth fighters to the region to back up threats of possible new American attacks. Last week the United States launched 44 Tomahawk and airborne cruise missiles against Iraq to punish Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for sending troops to attack Kurds in the north of the country.

■ Perot selects running mate

WASHINGTON — Ross Perot's new running mate says voters have a distorted image of the Texas billionaire, and he's predicting victory once the people learn the truth. Economist and political unknown Pat Choate was tapped Tuesday to fill the Reform Party ticket. Choate accepted the nomination after two members of the House and a former senator turned down the offer.

■ Burundi leader wants calm

BUJUMBURA, Burundi — Burundi's military leader, Pierre Buyoya, is pleading with his ethnically divided nation to stay calm following the murder of Archbishop Joachim Ruhuna.

The Roman Catholic prelate was ambushed Monday in an attack blamed on Hutu rebels. In light of the tension that has followed, Buyoya went on state-run radio today, asking people to "stay calm and not to commit any acts of vengeance."

"That is the best way to respect Archbishop Ruhuna and honor his memory," said Buyoya, who seized power in a military coup in July. The archbishop, a 62-year-old Tutsi, made enemies on both sides of Burundi's ethnic divide by his condemnation of all violence.

■ Senate denies benefits to gays

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted 85 to 14 Tuesday to deny federal benefits to people involved in same-sex marriages. This bill now goes to the White House for President Bill Clinton's signature. The Senate also defeated a bill that would have made it illegal to discriminate against homosexuals in the workplace.

Hurricane Fran leaves town of Wake Forest 'like a war zone'

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Hurricane Fran, striking North Carolina with winds in excess of 150 miles per hour, caused a greater loss to the university than a mere power outage and cancellation of classes. The hurricane struck at the heritage of the university as it ravished the old campus in the town of Wake Forest, marring the once beautiful and historic site.

Located 110 miles from Winston-Salem, the campus of the now Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary was left in shambles following the storm's strike early Friday morning. But the worst damage was done to the trees.

The magnificent trees that covered the campus were flattened and destroyed. Many trees that were landmarks to the community and students of the college are gone.

The trees were first planted when former university president Charles Taylor, returning from a trip to Europe, decided that the campus was sadly in need of new landscaping. During his administration in the 1890s, over 200 different types of trees were planted. From the towering and majestic oaks, to the graceful and noble magnolias, the campus' trees dated back to over 150 years ago, at the end of the Civil War.

Almost all houses along the town's Main Street suffered structural damage. Sheds, porches, and even automobiles were crushed or destroyed by fallen trees.

Many of the town's major roads are still impassable due to downed trees and power lines. A layer of debris about

four inches thick covers the landscape of the whole area after winds slammed into the town. Residents of Wake Forest have been without power for almost an entire week, and will probably not regain electricity for the next several days.

Many staff and faculty members at the university have family and friends from the area. Hallie Arrington, an associate registrar who has family living in Wake Forest, reported the scene was "like a war zone."

However, the worst damage centers around the old campus itself. Though the town's structural and surface damage can eventually be recovered and fixed, some of the losses suffered by the campus are beyond repair. A window of Binkley Chapel was blown in. The old Faculty Drive, now a part of Main Street, suffered major damages to all its houses.

Chaplain Ed Christman said, "If a place has things that have special meanings to people who simply look at them, and then suddenly they are gone, the whole community suffers. This is a blow to the heart and soul of Wake. I was there in March, and didn't really appreciate the beauty of the place, and now I'll never get to again. I don't really want to go back to see it."

Students who have visited the old campus and appreciate the history found there have begun to grasp the loss that the university has experienced. Junior Joy Vermillion, originally from Wake Forest, has planned to travel with 15 to 20 students this weekend to the old campus to begin the lengthy recovery and cleanup process.



UFO sighting

Sophomore Brian Pieslak tosses a frisbee to a group of freshman girls during a break from studying.

POLICE BEAT

■ Police find drugs in Gardens

A Campus Police officer arrested a Winston-Salem resident for drug possession and paraphernalia at 8:45 p.m. Saturday in Reynolda Gardens.

During a routine patrol, the officer noticed a car parked in the road and two people standing nearby. After a search, the officer found marijuana joints in the car and in the possession of one of the suspects. A pipe was also in the car.

A trespass warning will be issued to the suspects during a scheduled court appearance. The other person was issued a trespassing warning that night.

DAMAGE — A combination door lock in Davis House was damaged between 11:45 a.m. and noon Friday. The damaged was estimated at \$75.

A car parked in Lot M, next to Reynolda Hall, was scratched between 6 p.m. Friday and 1:15 p.m. Sunday. An estimate of the damage was not available.

THEFT — A book bag and textbooks worth \$320 were reported missing Sept. 2. The items, which belonged to a student, were taken between 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Aug. 31 from a cafeteria table where they were left unattended.

Car speakers were stolen from two cars parked in Lot Q, next to the Scales Fine Arts Center. The first incident occurred between 8:15 p.m. Sept. 1 and 3 p.m. Sept. 2. The second incident occurred between 9:30 p.m. Sept. 1 and 6:55 p.m. Sept. 3. In each case, access was gained by breaking a car window. Each set of speakers was worth \$200.

A student's wallet was taken from a table in the Benson University Center between 9:20 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sept. 2. The wallet and its contents, which were worth \$57, were left unattended.

A student's bicycle was taken from a bike rack at Student Apartments between 11 p.m. Sept. 4 and 11 a.m. Sept. 5. The lock, which secured the \$300 bike, was still attached to the rack.

Another student's bicycle worth \$317 was taken from a bike rack at Johnson Residence Hall between 9:30 a.m. Sept. 5 and 2:15 p.m. Friday. The bike's lock was still attached to the rack.

Tools were taken from a Kitchen House room between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sept. 3. The tools were worth \$154 and owned by the university.

A sound processor, laser disc player and video-cassette recorder were taken from a storage area in Carswell Hall between 9 a.m. May 12 and 12 p.m. Sept. 3. The total value of the university-owned items was \$2,810.

Campus Police handled 43 calls from Sept. 2 to Sunday, including 13 incidents and investigations and 30 calls for service.

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