

16 civilians killed in Lebanese shelling attack

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Lebanese air force jets strafed and rocketed Druse militia and Palestinian positions yesterday on a strategic ridge south of Beirut, and police said heavy artillery shelling of a Christian port city north of the capital killed at least 16 civilians.

Heavy fighting between the Lebanese army and Druse rebels raged into its third week, and Syria ordered its

forces in Lebanon to retaliate if U.S. warships shelled them.

In Israel and the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River, police tear-gassed protesters demonstrating on the first anniversary of the Beirut massacre of hundreds of Palestinian civilians by Lebanese Christian militiamen.

Israel radio said one policeman was wounded and 25 Jewish and Arab protesters were arrested during the demonstrations marking the Sept. 16-17, 1982, killings in

Beirut's Sabra and Chatilla camps. The massacre took place while the Lebanese capital was under Israeli military control.

Lebanese police and witnesses said artillery fire from Syrian-held north Lebanon struck Christian targets in the port of Byblos, 23 miles north of Beirut, for the first time in the civil war, as well as neighborhoods in Christian-populated east Beirut.

The police said dozens of shells and rockets slammed into vehicles and damaged buildings, killing at least 16

civilians and wounding 42.

The fighting broke out Sept. 4 when Israeli occupation forces pulled back from the central mountains and rival Druse and Christian militiamen moved to take over the areas.

The Lebanese army, most of whose officers are Christian, then joined the fight to rout the Druse, a secretive Islamic sect backed by Syrian and Palestinian guerrilla forces.

PLCB corruption limited, official says

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Although corruption within the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board enforcement bureau has been grabbing headlines across the state in recent months, this district's enforcement supervisor says he does not believe the corruption is widespread.

Richard G. Johnson, supervisor for District Five, which includes State College, has worked 18 years in PLCB enforcement. He said in an interview Thursday that he believes the hearings — conducted by the state Senate's Law and Justice Committee — concerned PLCB enforcement in other enforcement districts, mainly near Philadelphia.

However, Johnson said, "basically all enforcement officers took exception to (the hearings)."

Johnson added that the hearings may have had some justification. "Who's to say what transpires when you have 200 to 250 enforcement officers?" Johnson said.



Photo by Eric Hagedus

"I find it hard to believe that the corruption specified in the hearings is so widespread. If we have some bad people, then I'd like to get rid of them," Johnson said. "But I know my office doesn't have (them)."

State Sen. Stewart Greenleaf, R-Montgomery County, also said Thursday, that the state-wide hearings began about 18 months ago because the PLCB had established profit-making as a priority and, as a result, had been somewhat lax in its enforcement.

Greenleaf said he believes the PLCB should have made enforcement a priority.

"The preamble to the state's liquor code says the board's objectives are 'to protect the public welfare, health, peace, and morals of the people of the Commonwealth by controlling the manufacture of and transactions in liquor, alcohol and malt beverages,'" Greenleaf said.

The hearings uncovered several infractions, including enforcement officers taking bribes and "tipping

off" bar owners about upcoming inspections.

Greenleaf said he believes a large part of the enforcement misconduct can be blamed on the inherent conflict in policing the same industry from which an agency makes its money.

"You can't expect an agency that raises substantial profits from a business to close that business down," Greenleaf said.

For this reason, Greenleaf said he would recommend in his final report to the Senate on the hearings a greater separation of the commercial and enforcement aspects of the PLCB.

In addition, Greenleaf said he believes the "most offensive" finding to come out of the hearings concerns "nuisance bars — bars that ruin a neighborhood and (operate) for years, even though the neighbors complain."

Concerning the particulars of PLCB enforcement in the State College area, Johnson said the majority of investigations are the result of complaints against

drinking establishments.

From District Five's eight-county area, Johnson said his office receives complaints "almost on a daily basis."

Most of the complaints concern alcohol sales to minors, but Johnson said an increasing number of complaints concern gambling at video card games — video games in which the machine deals the cards. Some establishments are alleged to be paying off players who beat the machine.

"The courts have not decided whether (the card games) are gambling devices per se," Johnson said. "If they're judged to be gambling devices per se then an officer does not have to see a payoff (to determine that illegal gambling is going on at the drinking establishment)."

Johnson explained that PLCB officers or State Police must now witness a "payoff" to conclude that a violation has taken place.

Johnson said although his office tries to make yearly inspections of drinking establishments, limited

personnel makes this difficult. District Five's office employs 12 enforcement officers, Johnson said, "but an increase of 3 or 4 would really make a difference in the amount of work we could get done."

Johnson also said District Five does not concentrate any special efforts in State College. However, because of the large number of minors in one place, his office receives more complaints concerning underage drinking in State College than from other areas of the district.

"With 25 to 40 percent of the complaints, we will find violations," Johnson said.

According to a PLCB public document, "An Overview of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board," PLCB enforcement officers apprehended 1,103 minors for underage drinking in 1981.

The document also stated that, in 1981, the PLCB openly investigated 10,000 drinking establishments while performing another 13,620 undercover investigations.

Fall commencement planned for January

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University students who graduate this semester have been granted their wish for a commencement ceremony of their own following a surprise announcement by University President Bryce Jordan on Friday.

After some prodding on Thursday from Helen Wise, chairwoman of the University Board of Trustees' Committee on Educational Policy, Jordan announced the one-time-only commencement will be conducted on Jan. 7.

As Jordan announced his decision about the Fall Semester commencement, Emil Parvensky, president of the Undergraduate Student Government, indicated his pleasure with a very wide grin.

Later, in a statement before the board, Parvensky said he was so pleased with the "unexpected decision" that he "wanted to get up and dance on the table."

But because that "wouldn't be very professional," Parvensky instead commended Jordan and the board for their actions.

A poll taken during Fall Semester registration showed that 55 percent of the students who responded favored a mid-year commencement, Jordan said. About 40 percent of students who expected to graduate responded to the poll, he said.

After he received those statistics, Jordan said he decided a Fall Semester commencement would be conducted in January.

"We would prefer to have it in December," Jordan said, "but there is simply no way that could be done because of the format of our semester. We would kill off our student records folks and the registrar's office if we tried to have it in December."

Jordan also said he had received a large amount of mail on the

possibility of a Fall Semester commencement — with "not a single letter in opposition."

The question of a one-time Fall Semester 1983 commencement ceremony arose last March after James R. Dungan, secretary of the Calendar Conversion Council, announced that under a semester calendar, there would be no time for a fall semester commencement.

"Professors and college deans need at least three days after finals to get grades recorded," Dungan said at the time. "The new calendar doesn't give enough time between finals and the beginning of Christmas vacation for this."

Classes are scheduled to end this semester on Dec. 13. After two study days, final examinations begin on Dec. 16 and end six days later on Dec. 22.

After Dungan's statements, several student groups began to publicize the issue, leading to a May conversion council meeting largely dedicated to the subject.

The consensus at that meeting, said former council chairman James B. Bartoo, now acting University executive vice president, was that one last fall commencement should be held.

Following that consensus, former University President John W. Oswald announced that students would be surveyed at fall registration.

A committee established by the University's Campus Relations Office distributed a questionnaire during registration to students who filed an intent-to-graduate card — otherwise known as a number 10 card.

The following questions were asked on the questionnaire:

- Would you like your diploma to be sent to you after graduation?
- Would you attend a commencement held on Jan. 7?
- Would you return for the Spring Semester commencement ceremony?

Student convicted of assault

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After nearly three hours of deliberation a jury Friday found a former University civil engineering student guilty of simple assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the stabbing of a Phi Kappa Tau fraternity brother last April.

Although no sentencing date was set, Kurt Matscherz, now attending Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Beaver County, could receive up to a year in jail on the charge of using a deadly weapon, said defense attorney Anthony Gerace.

Matscherz faced four counts of assault — two counts of aggravated assault and two counts of simple assault — for the April 10 stabbing of Randolph E. Baker (senior-accounting) following an argument during a party at the fraternity house, 408 E. Fairmount Ave.

A statement released yesterday by fraternity president Kevin Cherry said the two individuals acted "under a very unusual set of circumstances."

"In no way should Mr. Matscherz's conviction be construed as a reflection upon our institution or that the circumstances were motivated by this institution," the statement said.

In an opening statement presented after the prosecution witnesses had testified, Matscherz's lawyer, Gerace, said he would attempt to prove that Baker was the aggressor and instigator of the incident and that his client acted only in self-defense.

From the witness stand, Matscherz said that Baker, upset by Matscherz's unsuccessful attempts at getting a dance with a woman Baker was talking to, goaded him to the second floor of the house where he threatened to kill Matscherz.

Matscherz described Baker as physically intimidating, stronger, heavier and faster than himself. Upon reaching the second floor, Matscherz testified, Baker said: "I'm going to take you down to the pledge room and kill you."

Matscherz then said Baker began throwing a series of Karate-style kicks and punches, some landing, some falling short, forcing him to retreat backward, down the corridor. After backing into a chair, Matscherz

said, Baker lunged and impaled himself on a three-inch folding lock knife that Matscherz had taken out of his pocket during the attack.

In her closing statement, Assistant District Attorney Sheryl Serratta said the position at which Matscherz held the knife — which he demonstrated earlier to be at his waist — would not have caused Baker's wound to be high on his chest if he indeed ran into it as Matscherz claimed. She also said that it is "incredible" that anyone would run at someone clearly holding a knife.

The only witness to the event, Douglas Rogers (junior-service administration) testified that he saw no one in the corridor, but said he heard an argument coming from Baker's second floor room. As a pledge, Rogers patrolled the corridor for unauthorized party guests. On his way back through the corridor he stopped in the bathroom for a quick check there and, seconds later he came out to see Baker and Matscherz "verbally fighting" against the wall opposite Baker's room.

Rogers said he then heard Matscherz say: "I'll do it. You know I will."

After noticing that Baker was bleeding, he said he immediately went for help.

Dr. Dale Danneker, general surgeon at Centre Community Hospital where Baker was treated, said the knife penetrated the heart's left ventricle after piercing the fluid sack, called the pericardium, which surrounds the heart.

Danneker said that Baker had no pulse and no blood pressure when he arrived at the hospital because the pericardium, swollen with blood coming from the left ventricle, was exerting pressure on the heart, preventing the flow of blood. This type of wound, he said, is almost always fatal.

The temporary loss of blood pressure, Danneker said, could account for Baker's memory lapses about the incident.

Baker testified that after ribbing Matscherz about the woman the two exchanged playful "cuffs" to the back of the head.

"I cuffed him on the back of the head. He cuffed me back, and we kept Please see Fraternity, Page 18.



Photo by Thomas Swarr

Still hoping

Penn State running back Jon Williams reacts to fourth quarter action during Saturday's game against Iowa.

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weather

Partly to mostly sunny today and tomorrow with a few showers possible late each day. The high will be 83 today and near 85 tomorrow. Partly cloudy tonight with a low of 60.

—by Glenn Rolph