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## Postal Service raises stamp prices 4 cents

WASHINGTON — The cost of mailing a letter will jump to 29 cents, effective Feb. 3, the U.S. Postal Service announced Tuesday.

The announcement by Postal Service governors completes the complex, 11-month process of raising postage rates.

The decision boosts first-class postage from a quarter to 29 cents for the first ounce and from 20 cents to 23 cents for each additional ounce. The price of mailing a post card will rise from 15 cents to 19 cents.

Rate increases will also affect other classes of mail, including newspapers and magazines, which travel by second-class mail, and third-class advertising material.

## EC delays food aid to Soviet Union

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Community on Tuesday delayed consideration of \$1 billion in food aid to the Soviet Union to reprimand the Kremlin for its crackdown in the secessionist Baltic republics.

A \$540 million technical assistance program to that country may also be reconsidered in response to violence by Soviet troops in Latvia and Lithuania, the European Parliament's budget panel chief said in Strasbourg, France.

"We have to make the Soviets see that their behavior cannot be acceptable," said Jean-Jacques Kasel, Luxembourg's foreign affairs political director. Luxembourg holds the rotating EC presidency.

Both aid packages were promised at a European summit in Rome in mid-December. They came in response to Moscow's pleas for assistance to prop up the faltering Soviet economy and to offset shortages of food and other commodities.

But the European Parliament, the Community's legislative arm, announced Tuesday in Strasbourg that it was putting off consideration of food aid until its next meeting Feb. 18-22.

## Peru asks U.S. to write off part of debt

LIMA, Peru — President Alberto Fujimori has proposed the United States write off part of Peru's \$20 billion foreign debt and lower its trade barriers under a plan to combat drug trafficking, the government said Tuesday.

Fujimori faces a March 1 deadline to convince the U.S. State Department that Peru is cooperating in the drug war. Peru needs certification to qualify for \$100 million in U.S. economic and military aid this year to fight trafficking.

## 6 Chinese activists exiled to Hong Kong

BEIJING — A half-dozen human rights activists left China on Tuesday for Hong Kong after they were ordered out of the country.

The six, who were attempting to attend the trials of pro-democracy demonstrators, left China without incident six hours before the government's evening deadline.

One of those deported, university student Fong Tak Ho, said the group had gone to the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office in Beijing trying to find out how they could attend the trials and to relay rights concerns to Chinese officials.

— From Associated Press reports

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# Iraqi missile strikes Tel Aviv, kills 3

**From Associated Press reports**  
TEL AVIV, Israel — An Iraqi SCUD missile struck a residential area of Tel Aviv Tuesday, and the military reported that three people died of heart attacks and at least 70 were injured. An army spokesman said Patriot missiles fired during the rocket attack failed to hit any incoming missiles.

The spokesman, Brig. Gen. Nachman Shai, said that the sophisticated, U.S.-operated Patriot system that has proved so successful in Saudi Arabia failed to stop any incoming Iraqi SCUD missiles in Israel.

"They did not hit," he said of the Patriots on Israel radio.

"Let no one have any doubt, they did not hit. They were fired, they did not hit. They will hit the next time I hope, if there is" a next time.

Shai said two Patriots were fired at incoming Iraqi SCUDs. It was not immediately known how many SCUDs were fired. Earlier, Israel radio had said some Iraqi missiles were intercepted by Patriots.

One apartment building took a direct

hit, and about 20 others were damaged.

The missile hit densely packed apartments, flattening one building, badly damaging two others and shattering windows and shutters for dozens of yards around. Cries of people trapped under the ruins were heard about three hours after the missile struck, and army rescue teams were conducting "intensive operations" to pull them out, the radio said.

It is the third wave of SCUDs to strike Israel since Friday. The U.S. Army only began operating the Patriots over the weekend.

Israel did not retaliate against Iraq after the first two attacks at the request of the United States, which believes Iraq is trying to turn the gulf war into an Israeli-Arab conflict and thus split the anti-Iraq coalition.

But Foreign Minister David Levy suggested earlier today that Israel might have to respond to another attack. "Nobody in Israel is interested in being a sacrificial lamb or... waiting defenseless for gas to choke us," Levy said.

Iraq has repeatedly threatened to fire chemical weapons at Israel, but no such weapons were carried by the earlier SCUDs. A military spokesman said it did not appear that the missile that hit Tuesday carried chemicals either.

Details of the raid were not released immediately by military censors.

Israel's military censorship system requires news agencies such as The Associated Press to submit copy for clearance by telephone, which slows transmission of stories. Television networks have censors assigned to their offices who can give immediate clearance to broadcasts.

Gadi Sadovsky, the chief army medical officer in the Tel Aviv area, said three people were killed. Other military officials said the dead were all elderly people who suffered cardiac arrest during the attack, and Israel radio said they were not in the apartment building hit directly.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the wounded included three in serious condition, among them an infant with a head injury. Five

were reported in moderate condition, and 62 slightly wounded.

Television film showed people, some of them bleeding, being loaded onto stretchers and into perhaps a dozen ambulances lined up along a street that was strewn with rubble. The side of one building appeared to be demolished. Broken pipes spewed water into the street. One woman walking outside the shattered buildings appeared to be carrying an injured child.

A woman covered with blood was carried out of the rubble and placed on a stretcher. A man was carried out right after her and put on another stretcher.

As rescuers working with searchlights and flashlights peered into the damaged buildings, onlookers carrying gas masks watched from the sidewalk.

Residents in suburban Tel Aviv reported hearing a roar similar to the sound of low-flying warplanes, followed by an explosion.

Israel radio police reporter Michael Huler, who saw the missile land, said it emitted "a frightening sound" and fell "at a dizzying speed." He dropped to the

ground.

"The missile fell several dozen yards away. I wasn't hurt, only sprayed by pieces of glass and other objects that flew from all around. And after the stillness, there are shouts, screams, children crying, people running."

It was the third Iraqi missile attack on the Jewish state since Friday. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had threatened to strike Israel in retaliation for the U.S.-led war effort in the Persian Gulf.

Air raid sirens first went off throughout Israel at 8:30 p.m., and the radio urged all residents to go into sealed rooms and don gas masks as protection against a possible chemical attack.

The all-clear signal sounded a half hour later.

It was the first firing of the Patriots in Israel since they were airlifted to the Jewish state on Saturday.

The two earlier Iraqi missile attacks Friday and Saturday slightly injured 29 people and heavily damaged several apartment buildings in the Tel Aviv area.

# Graffiti defaces announcements of MLK events

By BRIAN GOLSON

Staff Writer

Graffiti degrading Martin Luther King Jr. Day was painted on the North and South Campus cubes Sunday night.

The words "National Plagiarism Day: MLK fought for the right of everyone to plagiarize regardless of color" were painted in neon orange on the cubes, which normally are used to announce upcoming events. Activities planned for this week will celebrate King's birthday, and the national holiday honoring the civil rights leader was observed Monday.

The anti-King slogans were covered with gray paint on North Campus and with brochures and advertisements on South Campus by late Monday afternoon.

Laura Anderson, Black Student Movement minister of information, said the University should be outraged by the graffiti.

"I think it is ignorant and belittles all the great things Martin Luther King Jr. did. To take the time to spray-paint 'National Plagiarism Day' on a cube is just ridiculous," she said. "This should not be on the forefront of anyone's mind during this important week, both in the Persian Gulf and celebrating the heritage of Martin Luther King Jr."

The graffiti shows the intolerance and institutionalized racism that exist at the University, Anderson said.

Sonja Stone, associate professor of African/Afro-American Studies, said, "This event is very unfortunate because, while it is true King plagiarized much of his (doctoral) dissertation, this fact does not diminish his stature as a fighter for civil rights."

Dana Lumsden, a junior from Boston, said the incident should not diminish emphasis on King's work this week.

"This incident will not affect the

"This... will not affect the celebration."  
— Dana Lumsden

celebration at all. This person did nothing but remind us what Dr. King fought for and what we must continue fighting for."

Anderson, Stone and Lumsden agreed that all members of the University community must work to end racism at the University.

The graffiti incident is the first such act committed this semester, but a number of racist incidents occurred on campus during the fall semester, including the writing of racial slurs on a Harvey Gantt campaign poster.

Stone said, "I do worry about race relations on this campus. I am still looking to the administration to provide programs to alleviate the tensions at UNC."

"Based on the past 18 years I have been here, we will continue to see this type of activity until there is a moral commitment from the University, backed up by programs and strategies, to eradicate racism."

Lumsden said the University should recognize that racism is a continuing problem at the University.

"I think the University should stop calling these events 'isolated incidents' and view them as something systematic and repeated that results from the atmosphere on this campus — an atmosphere that does not further the understanding of differences."

University Police and University Housing representatives would not comment on the graffiti because they had not received complaints.

# Police director to be selected by March

By MATTHEW EISLEY

Assistant University Editor

After 16 months of interim management, University Police probably will have a permanent public safety director by March, officials said.

Four finalists have been chosen by a University search committee, said Carolyn Eifland, acting associate vice chancellor for business. The last two candidates will be interviewed this week by the committee, the police staff and other University officials, she said.

"I'm hoping we can make an offer and have somebody on board by March 1," Eifland said.

"All four (finalists) have at least 20 years of law enforcement experience," she said. "All are highly qualified and way overmeet the minimum."

About 70 people applied for the position, Eifland said.

John DeVitto, who served as interim public safety director from November 1989 until this week, will be replaced by Ernest Margelot until a permanent director is hired, Eifland said.

Margelot, a former chief of police from Hanover, Penn., began working here Tuesday, Eifland said.

DeVitto will resume duties next week as director of transportation and parking services, the position for which he was hired, she said.

Eifland, who has been in her present position since November, has sought the opinions of University police officers and supervisors in the selection process.

"I want the police department to be a part of the process, and I want them to know it," she said.

One University Police supervisor said Eifland's approach was a welcome change.

"It's a 100 percent turnaround," said Capt. Paul Caldwell. "Before, we had no involvement and no input... about who was picked. It was done strictly in South Building."

"She's gotten the whole department involved in it, and the response has been really good so far," Caldwell said. "Our involvement in picking the new director is really strong."

Numerous University Police employees have filed grievances during the past several years.

Eifland said the candidates had been fully informed of the grievances and alleged low morale in the department.



DTH/Brian Jones

## Accent on music

Edwin Cruz-Rivera, a first-year graduate student in marine sciences from Puerto Rico, sings "Baricua en la

Luna," which translates to "Puerto Rican on the Moon," in the Pit Tuesday afternoon.

# N.C. files lawsuit accusing company of unfair sales practices on campus

By STEPHANIE JOHNSTON

University Editor

The state of North Carolina, on behalf of N.C. college students, filed a lawsuit last week accusing a Pennsylvania-based company of failing to notify students about its cancellation policies and unfair collection practices while selling housewares.

The lawsuit, filed in Orange County, states that American Future Systems Inc. violated the N.C. Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act and the N.C. Debt Collectors Act by failing to adequately inform purchasers about the company's cancellation policy and by

harassing customers when they tried to cancel orders.

David Kirkman, assistant attorney general, said the attorney general's office has kept a file on the company since 1988. The most recent additions include 55 to 60 complaints against the company filed by N.C. college students, he said.

Ed Satell, president of American Future Systems Inc., said that the lawsuit was an abuse of the state's power and that the charges were invented by the state.

The state is asking the company to pay \$5,000 for each violation of the trade practices act and \$1,000 for each violation of the debt collectors act. The state also is asking the court to cancel any contract that was signed under the alleged violations and is requesting that the company refund any money paid under the contracts.

The suit states that company representatives approached female students, usually freshmen or sophomores, at public and private colleges and asked them to host a "Tupperware-type party" in their dorm rooms or apartments.

The representatives promised the hostesses a free trip to Florida. The lawsuit states that the incentive was actually a discount on hotel rates, but Satell said the trip was free hotel accommodations for three days and two nights.

At the parties, the representatives told the students that by buying the china and silverware they would be "planning for the future," the suit states.

Dorothy Bernholz, UNC student legal services director, said students bought houseware packages for \$800 to \$1,000 and financed them through the company.

But the representatives failed to tell the students that the orders could be canceled within three working days, the lawsuit states. N.C. state law requires companies to inform purchasers of their cancellation policies both verbally and in writing.

Representatives also misled students into thinking they could cancel their orders by telephone and harassed them

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10th Annual  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
Birthday Celebration

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

11 a.m.	Viewpoints: Five Black American Artists, Carolina Union Gallery, through Feb. 8, works by Francis Baird, Olivia Gatewood, Vandorn Hinnant, Eugene Martin and Floyd Newkirk. Sponsored by the Carolina Union Gallery Committee.
Noon	Useni Perkins, "Black Male Youth and Civil Rights." Black Cultural Center.
1 p.m.	"Indians and the King Legacy." The Pit. Presented by SANGUM.
7 p.m.	Dr. King's Humanitarian Contributions and the Relevance of "Equality," and "Human Dignity" in our University Community. Conducted in all residence halls. Presented by the Department of Housing.

Eyes on the Prize Discussion. A segment of the documentary, followed by group discussion. BCC. Sponsored by SAAR and NCARRV.

Be obscure clearly. — E.B. White