news roundup

World

Vietnam and China still in battle — Vietnam is sending more troops to the north to counter the invading Chinese army. China invaded Viet- nam last weekend in retaliation for Vietnam’s invasion of Cambodia. If the fighting continues, the Soviet Union may intervene because of a defense treaty with Vietnam.

Khomeini government sets new policy — In a policy-setting move, Iran’s new government broke all relations with Israel and received PLO leader Yasser Arafat Saturday night. The new government will resume oil shipments to the United States but not to Israel or South Africa.

National

School bus drivers strike — Defying two court orders, 2000 New York City school bus drivers struck this week, stranding 100,000 stu- dents, many of whom are handicapped. The drivers are striking for a better contract, including job security. Drivers have attacked and vand- alized taxis hired to transport handicapped children, with the children on board in at least one case.

Local

Girls killed in drunk driving accident — Four North Reading high school girls were killed and one was injured when the Volkswagen they were “cruising” in Monday crashed head-on into a station wagon. The Registry of Motor Vehicles disclosed Wednesday that the four girls kil- led were drunk at the time of the accident; furthermore, the blood alcohol level recorded for the driver was 47%, the highest ever recorded in Massachusetts.

Senate and House at odds over drinking age — The Senate approved and sent to the House a measure to raise the legal drinking age to 21; it will not consider the Senate’s measure until Mon- day.

— By Steven Schwartz

Weather

Increasing cloudiness with winds shifting to southeast and south during the day. Highs 48-52. Rain beginning by early evening and continuing through the night with gusty winds and warm temperatures, low 40-44. For Saturday, continued mostly cloudy . with scattered rain.

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