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German Minister shot

German television reported today that Interior Minister Wolfgang Schauble had been shot and injured. "We only know that Schauble is injured. We do not know how seriously," a news-reader said. No official confirmation was available. — NZPA-Reuter

Bank unlocked

Iraqis have finally managed to break into the safe of Kuwait's central bank but will have trouble making use of the gold inside, a Kuwaiti Minister said yesterday. Finance Minister Sheikh Ali al-Khalifa al-Sabah said that the coffers contained \$US10 million (\$NZ16 million) in foreign currencies and \$US350 million (\$NZ564 million) in gold bars but it is stamped with Kuwaiti seals. — NZPA-Reuter

Lucky escape

St Peter's Anglican Church, currently undergoing a \$500,000 restoration, was lucky to escape damage early today after a car lost control and ploughed into it. MOT said the accident happened at about 1.30am when a vehicle lost control and smashed into the Willis Street church. Scaffolding surrounding the front of the building was "mangled" but the church received minor damage.

WEATHER

Local weather to midnight tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with scattered rain and drizzle and fresh mild northerly winds. Rain becoming more persistent tomorrow. Full regional details page 51

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Council finds Bonham guilty

The Medical Council has found Professor Dennis Bonham guilty on charges of disgraceful conduct relating to the treatment of women with carcinoma in situ at National Women's Hospital.

The council has found him guilty on two charges of professional misconduct, four of disgraceful conduct and one of disgraceful conduct in a professional respect.

In releasing its findings today, the council said it was saddened to have had to make these decisions, given the major contribution Professor Bonham had made to obstetrics and maternal health.

The charges against Professor Bonham followed a complaint laid by the Medical Association in the wake of Judge Silvia Cartwright's report on what came to be known as "the unfortunate experiment".

Professor Bonham was head of the postgraduate school of obstetrics and gynecology at National Women's Hospital at the time of Professor Herbert Green's controversial study of cervical cancer between 1963 and 1986.

The council said in reviewing all the charges cumulatively, a charge of disgraceful conduct in a professional respect was sustained. It found that Professor Bonham should have recognised



Professor Dennis Bonham

that the original research proposal was dangerous in the light of prevailing world opinion, and was deficient in a number of respects. However, because the decision to proceed with the research proposal was not Professor Bonham's alone, the council made a lesser finding of professional misconduct.

During the research trial, the council found that Professor Bonham should have known that by 1969 three cases of invasive disease had developed.

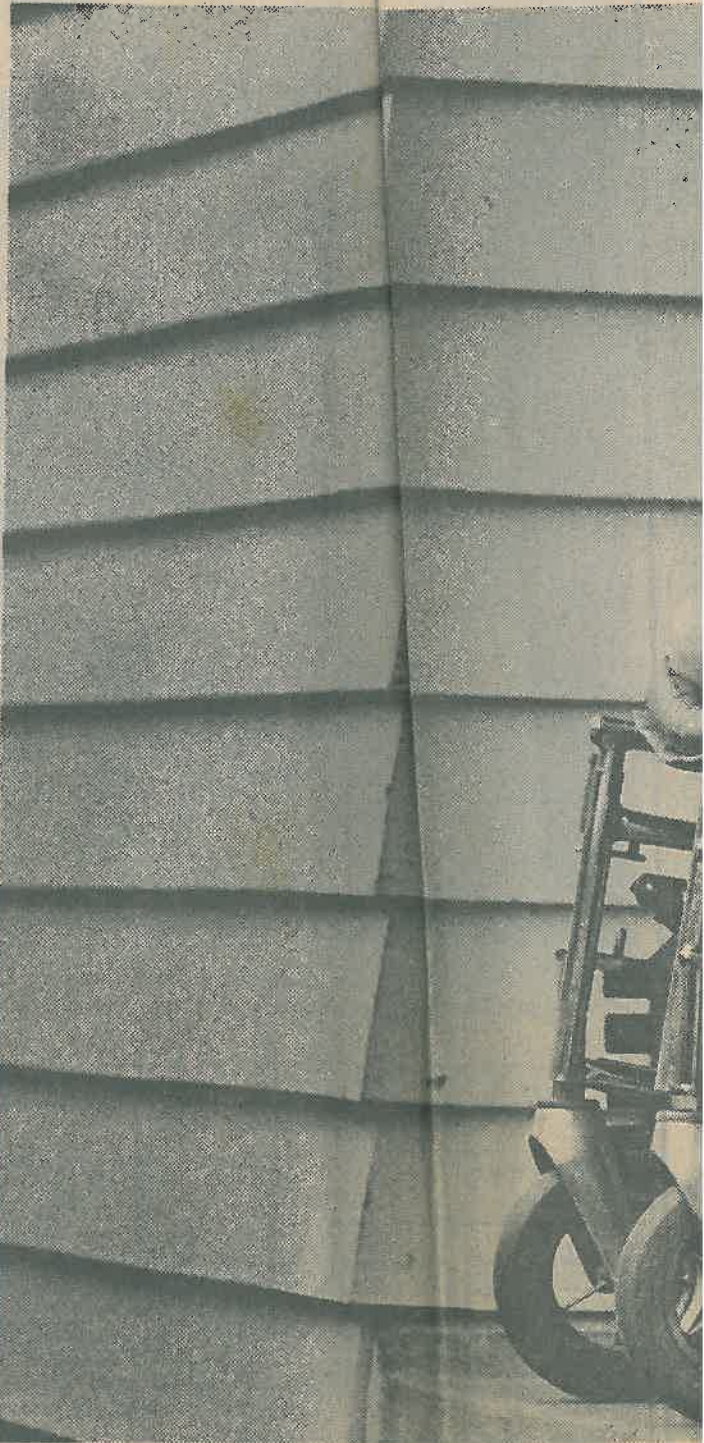
It also showed that from 1969 onwards, numerous articles by National Women's staff were published, drawing attention to the shortcomings and risks in Herbert Green's trial. For his responsibility for this part of the trial, the council found Professor Bonham guilty of disgraceful conduct.

In his management of the trial, and failure to institute appropriate reviews of progress, he was found guilty of professional misconduct. For his failure to ensure there were suitable standards of informed consent, he was found guilty of disgraceful conduct. On the charge that he failed to recognise that the trial was ethically unsound, he was also found guilty of disgraceful conduct.

On the charge that he failed to ensure that the trial was regularly subjected to effective regular monitoring by the Hospital Medical Committee, and, from 1977, by the Ethical Committee, he was again found guilty of disgraceful conduct.

On the charge relating to the swabbing of newborn babies at National Women's, the council said the proposal as carried out lacked justification. But it did not accept that any harm to the infants was reported. The council found no evidence that Professor Bonham had been told of this research, and the charge was dismissed.

Still keen on conce



Louise Charles — philosophical about the theft of her wheelchair.

Upper Hutt teenager Louise Charles says she is still keen on big crowds, despite having her wheelchair stolen from the Alannah Myles concert this week.

"The experience hasn't put me off going to another concert — I'd still be keen," she says.

Louise, 15, and her sister watched the Alannah Myles concert from balcony seats in the old Wellington Town Hall on Wednesday. She discovered her wheelchair was missing when she went to pick it up from a nearby doorway.

Someone told her it was seen being dumped in a construction area near the hall, but a search of that area was fruitless.

Louise said she managed to borrow a wheelchair from the council to get her from the hall to the car.

Disabled for Mini C

It was the first time her wheelchair had been tampered with and Louise said she felt "angry that someone would do this."

Although her wheelchair was "a bit of a wreck" and she planned to get a new one soon, she was totally dependent on it.

Louise was born with no legs, but describes herself as "able up the top."

She was very grateful to a courier who heard her father's plea over the radio and lent a wheelchair. She desperately needed it to take part in this weekend's Disabled Mini Olympics at Lower Hutt.