



## Weekend weather

The weather promises to be nicer this weekend with partly sunny skies and only a 20 percent chance of scattered thunder-showers. Highs will be in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

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## USC spent thousands to fly guests, staff

By The Associated Press

USC President James Holderman, other top officials, guests and a few celebrities have flown aboard a private plane owned by one of the university's foundations at a cost to taxpayers of more than \$420,000, records show.

Records released Monday by the Carolina Research and Development Foundation show that among those who flew aboard the foundation's private twin-engine plane were: Jehan Sadat, the wife of slain Egyptian President Anwar Sadat; U.S. District Judge Sol Blatt Jr.; former Gov. Robert McNair; former political director to President Reagan, Lyn Nofziger; and novelist George Plimpton.

The Beechcraft King Air prop plane flew 1,265 hours between July 1985 and June 1989, according to foundation records. At a cost of \$425.22 per hour, charges for those flights amounted to \$538,000.

The university reimbursed the foundation at least \$423,000 in airplane operating expenses for trips taken by Holderman, other school officials, their family members and guests.

Holderman's president's account, which is funded with state tax dollars, paid for those trips, foundation fiscal af-

fairs officer John O'Donnell said.

Holderman said Monday that the university used the plane to fly faculty and staff to places such as Washington, D.C., for fund-raising purposes.

"Is \$129,000 too much to spend for \$40 million in grants? I don't think so," he said, referring to how much his president's account spent on plane trips in the 1988-89 fiscal year, which ended in June.

Holderman, who has been president at the university since 1977, flew 461 hours on the plane, criss-crossing South Carolina, and flying to Illinois, Washington, New Jersey and Miami. He was occasionally accompanied by his wife, Carolyn, records show.

Charges for Holderman's trips, which amounted to 36 percent of the plane's flight time, totaled \$193,000 of the \$423,000.

The remaining \$115,000 in costs incurred over the four years was paid for by the foundation and the school's athletic department, which used the plane to fly former football coach Joe Morrison and others on trips.

A one-way trip from Columbia to Washington on the foundation's plane cost the university between \$640 and \$900, depending on the flight time. A one-way, first-class

flight on a major airline is \$243 to \$253 per person with a two-day advance purchase, a travel agent said Monday.

The foundation's flight logs do not list all passengers on every trip. But among those who flew on the foundation's plane at taxpayers' expense were, according to the logs:

- Sadat. In fiscal year 1985-86, the university spent \$50,176 to fly her 35 times between Washington, Dublin, Va., and Columbia, where she was a guest lecturer at USC. The university paid her \$315,000 to teach three semesters and lecture for a fourth.

- Blatt. He traveled from Columbia to Hilton Head Island twice on Nov. 1, 1985, at a cost of \$1,020.

- McNair. He, with two other passengers, flew on Jan. 28, 1985, round trip from Columbia to Washington, with a stop in Greenville, at a cost of \$1,743.

- George Plimpton. He flew from Lexington, Ky., to Spartanburg to Charlotte, N.C., to Columbia on May 10, 1986, at a cost of \$893.

- Lyn Nofziger. An empty plane was sent to Washington on Nov. 16, 1986, at a cost of \$680, to pick up President Reagan's former political director, who was a guest lecturer at USC's College of Journalism and Mass

Communications. The cost of flying him to Columbia and back over the next two days was another \$1,743.

- Ira Koger, for whom the Koger Performing Arts Center is named, flew from Columbia to Jacksonville, Fla., at a cost of \$1,913.

- Nancy Thurmond. The wife of U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., flew with three others to Columbia from Washington at a cost of \$808 on July 11, 1988. On March 30, 1989, she flew roundtrip between Columbia and Washington with at least three other people at a cost of \$1,483.

The flight logs do not record the purpose of each trip, and Holderman said he was not sure if the university keeps other records for that purpose.

Overall, the university spent an estimated \$193,169 in fiscal year 1985-86 on travel aboard the foundation's plane; \$91,218 in 1986-87; \$109,389 in 87-88; and \$129,440 in 88-89, the records show.

Earlier this month, the Legislative Audit Council criticized the university's close fiscal relationship with the Carolina Research and Development Foundation and its three other private foundations.

## Advisory committee meets to organize

By RON BAKER

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An advisory committee set in motion the process of improving the credibility of the fiscal functions of USC's foundations at a meeting Tuesday.

The organizational meeting was the first gathering of the six-member Advisory Committee on University/Foundation Relationships, which was formed last week by USC Board of Trustees after the release of a Legislative Audit Council report that was highly critical of USC's relationship with its foundations.

The LAC report urged state lawmakers to take steps to increase the accountability of foundations for the spending of taxpayers' dollars.

At the meeting, the committee members determined its methodology and set a schedule. It should have made its final recommendations in eight weeks, according to the agenda set forth at the meeting.

The committee will reconvene on August 9 to review the positions of the board's members and to begin formulating its recommendations.

Committee Chairman and USC trustee Jim Bradley said its purpose is to study aspects of the relationships between the university and its foundations, being most concerned with public relations rather than legal matters.

"We cannot afford to have ques-

tion marks in the public or in the news media about our credibility," Bradley said.

"Anything which diminishes the credibility of foundations which serve the University of South Carolina renders a disservice to the university," said Ralph Gillespie, president of the Business Partnership Foundation, whose sole purpose is to improve USC's business school.

"Let me assure you that this committee is not a policy-making body," Bradley said. He said any final decisions would be made by the boards of the individual foundations, and he hopes the foundations will follow whatever policies the committee decides on.

USC Board of Trustees Chairman Michael Mungo, who is not a member of the advisory committee, echoed this hope. "We do need a uniform policy," Mungo said. He said the board's first concern is to guarantee consensus among the "university family."

"I submit that an appropriate method of operation for our foundations would be to make public all records and documents pertaining to appropriated public funds on an annual or semiannual basis. As to the remaining private funds, it would seem a third party circumstance to confirm propriety would be

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USC board Chairman Michael Mungo listens to comments made by President James Holderman, Tuesday at the Foundation Advisory Committee meeting.

## Time table set to replace plastic foam cups

### Dining services to change cup materials

By RON BAKER

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Environmentalists claim that this year's hotter summer is the result of a global warming trend resulting from the greenhouse effect and the depletion of the ozone layer, which is exacerbated by the production of many materials used on campus.

The chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) used in the manufacture of plastic foam products is a major contributor to both the depletion of the ozone layer and the greenhouse effect. University Dining Services uses plastic foam cups, plates, bowls and carry-out cartons.

According to Ken Medendorp of Dining Services, two environmentalist groups approached him last semester about the possibility of replacing the foam with paper products, which are less harmful to the environment.

A schedule is now in the works at Dining Services to phase out the use of some of these cups by replacing the large 22-ounce plastic foam cups with plastic-lined paper ones at Gibbes Court and the Sidewalk Cafe.

"The reason we're just going to start with those two areas, as opposed to the whole campus, is at this point we don't trust that our suppliers are going to have a supply in the system," Medendorp said. "As soon as they have, we're going to go campus-wide with it."

Dining Services does not plan to discontinue any other plastic foam packaging products used on campus.

Medendorp said this is because the waste produced when students eat in the Grand Marketplace and strew containers around the counters and the

floor prevents Dining Services from providing alternatives to students who may not want or need plastic foam.

"What I'm saying is that when we have one container for customers to drop on the floor, that's going to be better from an ecology standpoint than if we have two containers for people to drop on the floor," Medendorp said.

Medendorp said Dining Services is looking into a replacement for the white paper bags presently used. But it is hard to know which is more damaging to the environment, he said.

"When you see statistics that the white paper bags take up 26 cubic feet and the plastic bags only take up 12 cubic feet, what damages the environment more?" Medendorp asks. "Unfortunately, probably no one really knows at this point."

## Chinese students rally for first time since crackdown

By The Associated Press

Hundreds of Beijing students rallied to vent their anger over the crackdown on the pro-democracy movement, students said Tuesday. It was the first protest reported since the movement was suppressed in early June.

At least 300 Beijing University students gathered outside their dormitories Sunday night to sing sarcastic renditions of patriotic songs and to mourn those who died in the crackdown, said students who participated.

They also were protesting that some work units, especially in government offices, have rejected some students assigned to work for

them, questioning the students' ideological purity, the students said.

After about an hour, the students marched to the campus area where students had put up thousands of political posters during the spring democracy movement, the participants said.

They sang and beat pots and pans to mourn classmates who were killed June 3-4 when troops opened fire on student protesters and their supporters, the students said.

The Chinese government has said about 200 people died, but Chinese witnesses and Western intelligence sources said the death toll may have been as high as 3,000.

One student said some young

teachers, housed in a dormitory next to the poster area, joined Sunday's protest and lit firecrackers before the head of the school's Communist Party office ordered them to go home.

The student said school officials are investigating those who participated in the two-hour event, but no one had been punished yet.

He said seniors, the only ones left on campus now, feel oppressed by the month-long ideological study classes they have been forced to attend in order to graduate.

"No one dares to say what he really thinks. We all have to tell lies," he said.

Meanwhile, in Cambridge, Mass.,

a Chinese delegation to a conference of scientists and statesmen walked out after Soviet physicist Andrei Sakharov condemned the Chinese government's brutal repression of student protesters.

"We cannot forgive or disregard the conduct of the Chinese government, and we must find ways to demonstrate this attitude," the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize winner said.

Professor Shi Zhongben of Beijing University confronted the 68-year-old human rights activist, saying, "We can build peace through international cooperation — not by interfering in the internal affairs of other countries."



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### Doin' lunch

This furry creature was found eating a potato chip behind the Russell House. The squirrel and its friends were scavenging for food Monday.