

USC BRIEFS

Aerobics certification program opens

USC is offering a 12-week aerobics certification program beginning Jan. 22 for exercise enthusiasts who would like to teach aerobics classes at gyms and fitness clubs.

Classes will meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Mondays in the Blatt P. E. Center.

The registration of \$195 per person includes course materials, the "Professional's Guide to Aerobic Teaching" and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training from the American Red Cross. A reduced fee is available for groups of two or more from the same organization or business.

The comprehensive program will include discussions of weight loss and diet principles, basic anatomy, exercise physiology and injury prevention and screening as well as intensive training in learning aerobics routines and up-to-date information on aerobic dance techniques.

Participants will learn how to prevent serious injury and perform emergency action principles.

They will complete a written exam and performance evaluation and will receive the USC Aerobic Instructor Certificate.

For information, call USC's department of health promotion and education at 777-6255.

Mungo establishes scholarship fund

Michael Mungo, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has donated \$90,000 to establish the Michael J. Mungo Scholarship Fund.

This is the third scholarship program funded by Mungo, who has previously endowed scholarships in the College of Business Administration and the Carolina Scholars Program.

The permanently endowed fund will award scholarships based on need and merit to undergraduate students who are enrolled in pre-seminary study programs.

"Mr. Mungo's gift is a significant indication of his regard for our students and demonstrates his desire to help them in one of the most meaningful ways possible," Religious Studies Department Chairman Hal French said. "We are grateful and indebted to him for this support."

Mungo said he would like to see the recipients of the scholarship make future contributions to the fund so that others following in their footsteps will also benefit.

Association gives law school \$50,000

The USC School of Law has received \$50,000 from the S. C. State Fair Association to establish a scholarship fund in honor of G. G. Dowling of Beaufort.

The fund will provide scholarships to S.C. residents interested in becoming lawyers.

Dowling, who graduated from USC's law school in 1938, is a long-time member of the board for the State Fair Association.

A senior partner in the Dowling law firm of Beaufort, Dowling has served as a representative from Beaufort County in the S.C. Legislature, and as chairman of the S.C. Highway Commission and the S.C. Probation, Pardon and Parole Board.

Dowling served as an enlisted man and officer in the U. S. Army during World War II, and from 1974-79 he was a presidential delegate to the Geneva Convention on Rules of Warfare.

He has been president and chairman of the board of the S.C. Chamber of Commerce and president of the USC Alumni Association.

No complaints filed, registrar says

Spring registration poses few problems

By KRIS TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Registering students are not facing this past semester's class cancellations, university officials said.

Registrar T. L. Gunter said everything was running according to routine this semester, and no complaints had been registered with his office as of Thursday afternoon.

"No significant numbers of cancellations have been reported to me," Gunter said. "If there were any major problems, I would have heard about them by now."

Concerns over class cancellations have risen since the cutting of nearly 35 classes last semester. Many students could not get into required classes due to a lack of funding and qualified faculty.

Lucy Lawhead, schedule coordinator for the university, said there had been no cancellation

problems this semester.

All sections of English 102 were filled as of Thursday and no more sections would be offered, Lawhead said.

"Everything is going pretty good so far as classes are concerned," she said.

Provost Arthur Smith said the difference in registration between this semester and last had to do with timing.

"A lot of things change during the time between when we make the class schedules and when students are actually signing up for them," Smith said.

"When we are planning for the fall semester, we are making assumptions on our budget, our number of sections, etc. We are planning ahead," he said.

The excessive number of cancellations this past semester came due to a surprising budget cut of \$1.8 million following early registration.

"We weren't expecting it," Smith said. "The university had to absorb those cuts, and cancelling classes was one way of doing that."

This semester, however, the university was aware of its budget and other such factors when they were preparing the spring roster, he said.

But registration did have other problems, Lawhead said.

"Every semester, there has to be something which drives me up the wall," she said. "This semester the problem is with the computers."

Registration workers at the coliseum have had to deal with delays in computer response of up to fifteen to twenty minutes.

"This is causing a backup and slowing everything down," she said.

Lawhead said Computer Services told her there was nothing they could do about the delayed response time because registration was taking place at all the system campuses, and phone registration was also going on.

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through when knowledge is absorbed. A link has been found between the information in the RNA molecules and the memory of the individual.

By further studying this information, Stephens said, knowledge could one day be packaged into a small pill. Thus, he reasoned, students could end up "popping" MATH 101, as well as other courses.

He added, however, that these knowledge pills would not eliminate the need for schools.

"If we could package knowledge and put it into people, then schools could focus on what I feel they should be doing now — and that is showing people how to use the knowledge they have," Stephens said. "And with the increasing amounts of knowledge, the packaging systems could prove invaluable."

He said the RNA transfers are already being tested, using laboratory rats.

One rat is taught to run a maze,

and then RNA information from that rat is put into a second, untrained rat. The second rat is then put into the same maze, and, in many cases, is able to run the maze correctly the first time.

Another possibility is the creation of biological computer chips that could be planted in the brain and allow people to expand their knowledge indefinitely.

But instant knowledge is not the only thing that could affect lifestyles in the 1990s.

"There is going to be a definite worker shortage in the next few years; and with more people working, people are going to have less and less time to do everyday things like cooking," Stephens said.

He said grocery stores will increasingly turn into fast-food stores where people can pick up prepackaged meals on their way home from work.

"Hopefully, concerns about diet and nutrition will continue into the '90s, and these prepackaged meals

will reflect that," Stephens said. "They could be nutritious and healthy, and people would not have to worry about what they were eating or fuss with counting calories and fat content."

Another invention that could promote the health and well-being of people in coming years is a sober-up pill. The pill would instantly absorb alcohol in a person's system, and thus eliminate (or at least lessen) drunk driving.

Stephens said the only problem with the pill might be people who would get into accidents while drunk and then pop a sober-up pill before the police arrive.

He also said society's views on crime and punishment could undergo a vast change.

"Several national health organizations are now mapping the brain, finding out which chemicals the brain releases to influence particular behaviors," he said.

"If they can isolate the chemicals that cause criminal behavior, we may be able to change a mur-

derer's behavior with a chemical injection," he added.

One new technique that Stephens predicts will be widely used in the future is already on display at Disney World's Epcot Center.

Air-growing food may soon bring relief to areas where the soil is inadequate to grow food. Using the air-growing method, plants get the nutrients they need right out of the air, and no soil is necessary.

This technique could also help the earth retain its nutrients, and thus benefit the earth itself.

"A lot of people think the '90s will bring an environmental revolution," Stephens said.

"Some things are already being done to support that; and that is good because, if we don't start doing something, there won't be an environment for very long," he said. "Maybe, if we can stop destroying the environment, ways can be found to repair what damage has been done . . . but it has to be soon."

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Workshops will be held on the following days:

Thursday, January 18, 1990	12 noon - 1 pm	Campus Activities Center
Monday, February 5, 1990	4pm - 5pm	Campus Activities Center
Tuesday, March 20, 1990	3pm - 4pm	Campus Activities Center
Friday, April 6, 1990	1pm - 2pm	Campus Activities Center

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