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"Make yourself open to romance because somewhere out there is someone who wants to give it to you really bad."

—columnist Scott Pruden
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World

Colombian leftists kidnap Americans

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) — Leftist guerrillas kidnapped two Americans to protest President Bush's visit here next week and said they would put their captives on trial, police said Tuesday.

The Americans, snatched in the drug capital of Medellin, were identified as David Kent and James Archer Donnelly, a police spokesman told the Associated Press.

Divers discover underwater ruins

ROME (AP) — Columns and marble blocks from imperial Rome have been discovered by divers on the bottom of the Tiber River, Italian media reported Tuesday.

Erosion uncovered the pieces buried underwater since the time of the Roman Empire, according to reports by state television and local newspapers.

Archaeologists said they believe the columns and marble were being sent from a deposit in an imperial port to the capital when a landslide along the Tiber buried them in the river bed.

Nation

School resumes in Alabama town

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — Public schools reopened Tuesday amid heavy security after a week-long shutdown in a racial protest. About 150 black students marched outside the high school and chanted "Shut 'em down! No school!"

White students walked inside well before the bell, with security provided by state troopers, National Guardsmen and military police as well as Selma police.

State

Greenville to buy semi-automatics

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — The City Council has agreed to spend nearly \$83,000 confiscated during drug and gambling raids to outfit the police department with semi-automatic handguns.

Police Chief Mike Bridges said the 9mm handguns are the weapons of choice for career criminals, and he wants his officers to be at least as well-armed.

Couple accused of bank fraud

COLUMBIA (AP) — A loan officer and a man the FBI describes as her boyfriend have been accused of defrauding Republic National Bank of \$1.7 million in a fraudulent loan scheme.

No criminal charges have been filed against lending officer Angela B. Swartz or Weldon D. Waites, who is the head of two area insurance firms.

Weather

Today, partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s and winds southwest at 15 mph.

Tonight, partly cloudy with lows in the lower 50s.

Thursday, mostly cloudy with highs in the mid 70s.

Alumni group wants more members

By DENNIS SHEALY
Staff Writer

The USC Greater Alumni Association began a new team-style statewide membership drive this past Monday.

The drive, under the direction of the Young Alumni and the Black Alumni Council, was the first organized effort aimed at increasing alumni membership.

"In the past, we contacted people by phone. This is the first really organized effort to get out and knock on some doors," Assistant Director of University Relations Lori Russell said.

The Black Alumni Council and the Young Alumni, special interest organizations within the Greater Alumni Association, have organized the drive into a team-style effort with captains and lieutenants. Each captain has ten lieutenants under him who are each to recruit five new alumni members.

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Together, the two groups hope to reach a total of 5000 new members by April 1.

Five thousand new members would allow the Alumni Association to award 11 more \$1500-a-year scholarships each year. Currently, they offer 189 scholarships, which are renewable each year for the same amount.

By increasing statewide membership, the Alumni Association also hopes to more evenly distribute the scholarships.

"The more alumni you have in an area, the more likely students from that area are to receive the scholarships," Black Alumni

Council Chairman Byron Terry said, "I would be going out on a limb, but I would say that students from Richland get the largest share of the scholarships. With more alumni around the state, the scholarships would be spread out a little more evenly."

The two groups are planning other events after April to continue Alumni participation and interest in USC.

"We're planning a monthly happy hour starting in May, open to all students and Alumni, including a pregame happy hour before the last Carolina-Clemson basketball game," Young Alumni Chairman Harry Gregory said. "We'll conclude with a party

in the Carolina Park after the Spring Game."

The importance of the activities is to allow Alumni to interact with students so they could see where the money they contribute goes and the good it does for the students of USC.

The Young Alumni are concerned with recruiting those graduates who have been out of school for ten years or less.

The Black Alumni Council seeks to recognize outstanding black students and alumni. They also stress the need for black students to support and become active members of the USC Alumni Association.

Recently, Delta Sigma Theta presented a \$13,641.03 check to Terry for the Richard T. Greener Minority Scholarship, which is awarded through the Greater Alumni Association.

For more information, call the Alumni Association at 777-4111.



Lidya Savkova, a visiting professor from the Soviet Union, chats with a student.

Courtesy Of University Relations

Soviet teacher gives students new insight

By KATHY HEBERGER
Staff Writer

Teaching Russian is all Lidya Savkova says she needs to stay happy, but she said she also longs to see her family and feel the atmosphere in her homeland.

"We live in a very exciting world," said Savkova, an exchange teacher who came to USC through an international teacher exchange program. "Although I'm not in Russia now, I can feel the full effect of what is happening there."

"Everyone is so much more active in politics. Previously you got directions from above and followed them. Only now are people realizing that they are the real masters of their country's destiny. They want to live well and want their country to prosper greatly," Savkova said.

The recent decision to allow multiple parties in the Soviet Union after 70 years under communist rule surprised Savkova.

"When I was in the Soviet Union last August, I could not imagine that a Central Committee meeting decision would make a multi-party system. It is such a major step," she said.

The developments are important, Savkova said. But based on her interaction with the Russian people, she says she was only "a little surprised" about most of the current changes. "These changes reflect

demands of the people for change. They reflect the people's need to vent their feelings and express themselves," she said.

Savkova said she doesn't think the changes will completely alter the socialist system, and the people don't want a complete change from socialism.

"We want real socialism — government for the people. If socialism operates in the right way under the right leaders, it is good for ordinary people," Savkova said. "The problem for so long was that it was good only for the people at the top."

Perestroika, Gorbachev's movement to vitalize the Soviet Union's economy and national image, is wonderful for Russia, Savkova said. "I think he's greatly admired by many people," she said.

"What I don't like is when people expect immediate change. It's very difficult to change the psychological outlook of a people. You cannot change overnight," she said. "Gorbachev is trying to bring change to Russia, and they want to see perestroika working now. I think it will take at least a generation to see its results."

"I'm very excited about the changes because I think they open great opportunity for closer relations with the U.S. despite our differences," she said.

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4 students will be chosen to spend year in England

By JANE LONG
Staff Writer

Four USC history students will be selected to spend the 1990-91 school year studying at the University of Warwick in England.

Rising juniors and seniors who are selected will receive a \$550 grant to use for plane fare or living expenses. Tuition will be the same amount as if they were attending USC for a year.

History Professor Edward Beardsley said

the program is not just for history majors.

"Many students who have a cognate or the equivalent in history could apply for the program, but they just don't realize it," he said.

"Four hundred to five hundred kids could be eligible for this program, although it has generated little interest in the past," Beardsley said.

The exchange students will be required to take 30 credit hours, but only a few of them must be history courses.

The University of Warwick has been described by previous exchange students as being a very politically active and exciting campus, Beardsley said.

About 3,500 students live on campus and most socialize at the student union on campus. It is located 90 minutes by train from London and sits in a field on the outskirts of Coventry.

Knight, now a junior said, "Coventry is about the size of Columbia, and the people are really friendly."

Interested students should contact the history department for application information. Applications for the exchange program will be taken by Beardsley until March 9.

The process includes submission of transcripts, letters of recommendation, a brief essay and a personal interview. Students should have a 3.0 GPA or better to compete successfully.

Students will be notified of acceptance in April and can begin preparing for a "royal" departure to Coventry, England in October.

Faculty adviser to get recognition, \$1000

By KRIS TAYLOR
Staff Writer

USC is establishing an annual \$1,000 faculty adviser award for outstanding performance in efforts to improve undergraduate advisement.

Student Government President Marie-Louise Ramsdale, who helped initiate the program, said the award would be equivalent in stature and value to the already existing Amoco Outstanding Teacher Award.

Paul Riddler, assistant vice president for Research Grants and Planning, said such an award has never been given at the university before.

"We have been trying to put such an award into place for a number of years," Riddler said. "It is something the campus has needed for a long time."

He said the award was an incentive to faculty to become better advisers.

Ramsdale agreed, saying the award would create quality advising from the faculty.

To be eligible for the award, one must be a full-time tenure, track faculty member on the Columbia campus who advises undergraduate students.

According to the proposal sub-

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Takin' a break

Undecided junior Melissa Perry and undecided sophomore Calvert Campbell talk on the wall outside of the B. A. Building.

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