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Quote of the day
 "As I travel life's highways and byways, it would be nice to hear someone say, 'that car's a piece of crap, but ain't his license plate pretty?'"
 —columnist Brant Long
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BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS

World

Bush signs treaty at drug summit

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) — President Bush signed a series of drug-fighting agreements with the leaders of Colombia, Peru and Bolivia today at a security-shielded summit aimed at escalating the war against cocaine.

Bush promised to seek expanded U.S. markets for Colombian products, part of an effort to coax Andean producers out of the coca business and into growing other crops.

Soviet troops try to quell riots

MOSCOW (AP) — More Soviet troops were rushed to Tadjikistan in an effort to quell three days of rioting, and the Central Asian republic's three senior leaders resigned, Soviet media said.

The republic's president, premier and Communist Party chief agreed to resign during a meeting of party leaders and activists, who are protesting housing shortages and the arrival of Armenian refugees, said Orif Aminov of the Tadjik branch of the state television and radio agency.

Nation

Blacks more likely to get tuberculosis

BOSTON (AP) — Black Americans suffer six times more tuberculosis than whites do, and one important reason appears to be a genetic susceptibility to the disease, according to a recent study.

The research found when living conditions are identical, black people are twice as likely as whites to get infected with the TB bacteria.

The relatively high rate of TB among blacks has traditionally been blamed on crowded housing and other conditions of poverty. While social factors undoubtedly play a central role, the study suggests innate susceptibility also contributes.

State

Man kills mother while watching TV

(AP) — In what is being described by authorities as "the most heartless killing ever," a 23-year-old man has confessed to stabbing his mother at least eight times and then watching television as she lay on the floor begging for help.

Lawren W. Jones was charged Wednesday with murder in the death of 54-year-old Thomasina Jones, Richland County Sheriff Allen Sloan said. Jones was being held at the Richland County Detention Center pending a bond hearing.

Weather

Today, breezy with showers likely and a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s and winds southwest at 15 to 25 mph with a 60 percent chance of rain.

Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and lows in the upper 40s.

Saturday, fair with highs in the mid 60s.

Board changes contract renewal policy

By LUCY SOTO
 Assistant News Editor

USC Athletic Department administrators will not be given employment contracts of more than one year without prior approval by the USC Board of Trustees as a result of an amendment of the bylaws passed by the board Thursday.

"This board has decided to put itself in line with other boards," USC President James Holderman said. "It (the amendment) formalized a process already in place. It is fiscal oversight."

Holderman said the amendment does not affect coaches in football and basketball because they are "market coaches." The original purpose of the last sentence in the amendment was "so that we would never have another Mr. Marcum affair," board Chairman Michael Mungo said. The amendment covers all administrative contracts in athletics.

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Robert Bennett
 USC Board of Trustees

Trustee Robert Bennett proposed the addition to the amendment allowing contracts of more than one year to be made with two-thirds vote, which is 15 of the 22 board members.

Another member of the board, Charles Simons III, said it may take a two- or three-year contract to attract some administrators.

"I don't feel that we owe the public a guarantee that we never get into a contract dispute again. We have a commitment to be as true and sensible as we can be in screening applicants," Simons said.

Trustee Lily-Roland Hall said the amendment might be an obstacle when hiring athletic directors.

"Let me describe for you a scenario. You're concerned about negotiating in the marketplace for a fine athletic director," Hall said. "Now, your going to send out the president of the university, and he's going to find someone who's a wonderful candidate for this job... and yet the president of the university says to this John Q. Athletic Director, 'I'm sorry I really can't offer you a job. I have to get approval from my

Board of Trustees that meets in six weeks."

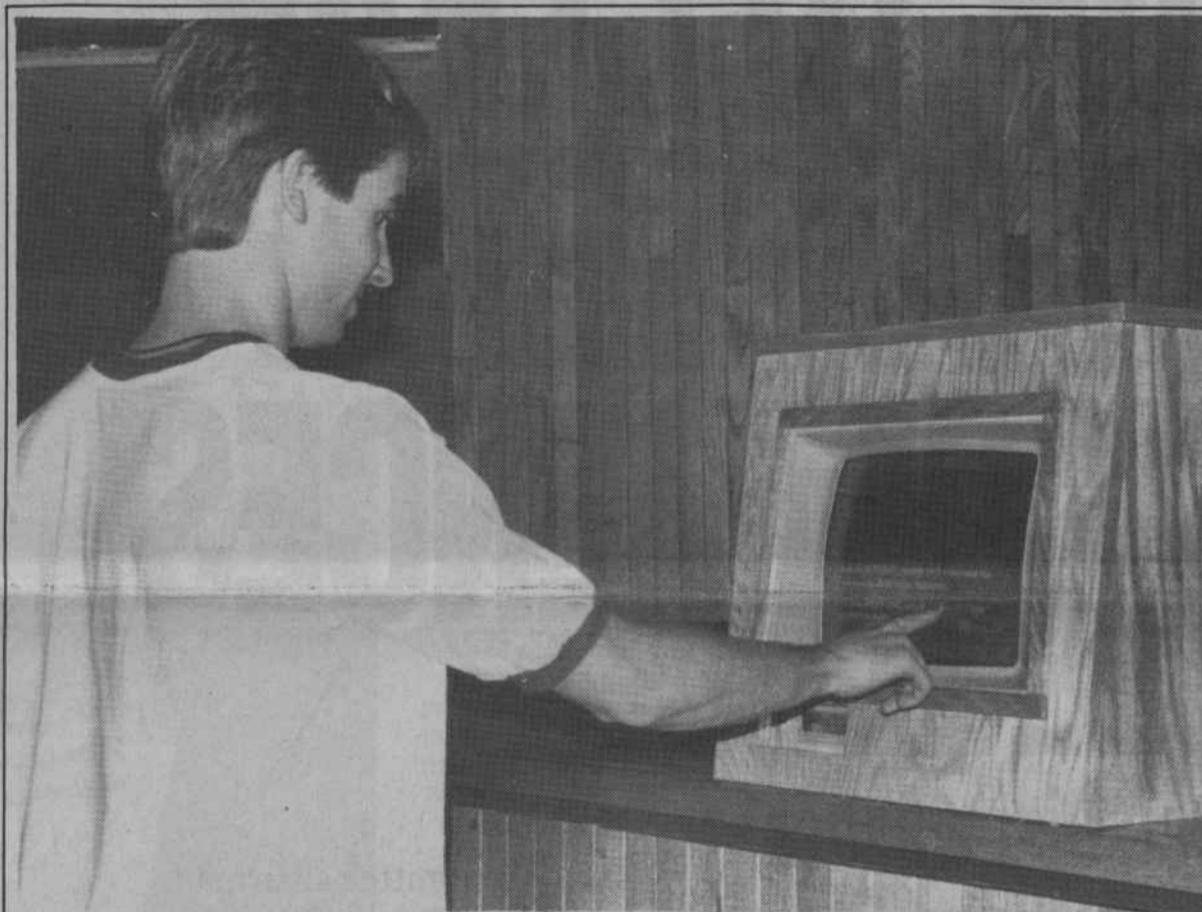
"Dr. Holderman can hire any athletic director," Bennett said. "For more than one year, he would have to get approval of the Board of Trustees."

Other administrative positions such as chancellor, vice president, academic dean and other positions reporting directly to the university president will serve "at the will and pleasure of the president" under the amendment, but are subject to the terms of university employment and cannot have separate employment contracts.

Another bylaws amendment was passed during the board meeting that requires all contracts of university officials in excess of \$200,000 to be approved by the board's Executive Committee.

In other business, the board adopted a measure providing \$15.8 million in bond

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Psychology Senior Scott Robinson uses the new Viewus machines in the Russell House.

Viewus informs, instructs

By SCOTT PRUDEN
 Carolina Life Editor

Viewus, a futuristic interactive video information service, is the most recent addition to Russell House's student information service.

"It's a nice way to show that this kind of technology can be used for instructional purposes," said Rosvelt Martain, interim director of Educational Support Services. The system, which employs touch screen and laser disc video technology as well as high resolution computer graphics, has been installed at the Russell House information desk since December.

The information is presented in two forms. Video Viewus is made up of two to three minute videos put together by organizations such as USC Admissions and Student Life. Each one is high in production values and offers an in-depth look into the selected subject.

Viewus also offers text information on almost every subject of interest to someone unfamiliar with the USC campus. It is presented with high resolution photos on the left side of the screen, and informational text on the right.

Although Viewus is to be a permanent addition to the information desk, Martain said its applications could reach into the classroom. "Viewus will be an excellent way for faculty to provide instruction for different classes."

Viewus is a collaboration between many campus groups, including Computer Services, Instructional Services, Student Affairs, Marriott Food Service, the Honors College and many others.

"All these departments committed their resources for a test run," Martain said.

Martain also said he feels that Viewus will contribute to USC's pursuit of world-class status. "We boast sometimes that we're the biggest and the best in the state, and it's time we did something about it."

Candidates spend less, direct focus on issues

By JEFF WILSON
 News Editor

Lacking the flash and hoopla of past Student Government elections, this year's campaigns have meant less money out of the candidates' pockets.

A week before last year's S. G. election, spending ranged from \$248 to \$385 in the presidential race and from \$50 to \$300 for vice presidential hopefuls. In this year's election, the figures are considerably less.

In the 1990 presidential race, the candidates have spent between \$50 to \$160. This year those vying for the vice presidential seat have outspent presidential candidates by as much as \$117.

Candidates running for S. G. president, vice president or treasurer may spend no more than \$400 on their campaign.

The candidates say the reason for the decrease in campaign spending is that the voters are more concerned with issues and not the posters and pictures.

Presidential candidate John Leary said he has spent approximately \$160 on his

campaign.

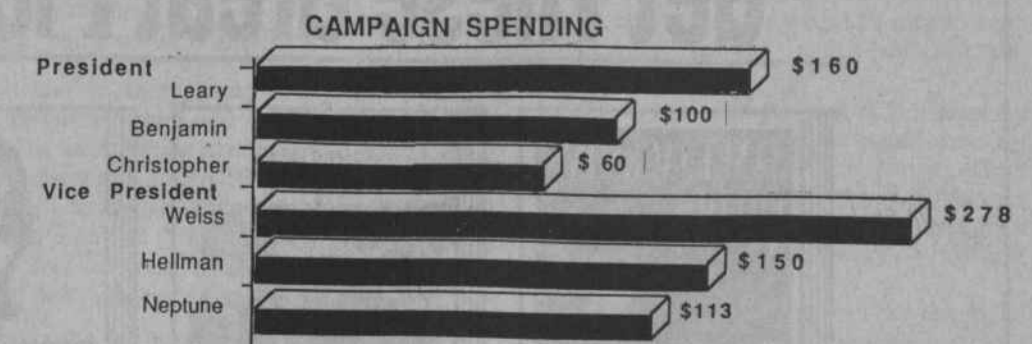
"I think this year the candidates are following the campaign spending ceiling closer because there is a general consensus that spending above the limit just compromises the integrity of the elections," Leary said.

Stephen Benjamin said he has spent slightly more than \$100 in his bid for the S. G. presidency.

"The candidates probably aren't spending as much because of a lack of funds. That's what I think it is at least," Benjamin said. "I hope the voters will try and key in more on the issues and open their ears a little more and make intuitive decisions, instead of just voting for the guy with the most publicity," he said.

The third candidate for president, Jon Christopher, said he has spent about \$50 on his campaign.

The vice presidential candidates cited similar reasons as the presidential candidates for the decrease in spending from last year. Vice Presidential candidate Todd Weiss,



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who has spent \$278 and expects to spend a total of \$350 on the elections said, "It's always been the practice in the past that the winners turn in their result — how much they spend, all their receipts. The losers never do."

Weiss, who advocates a policy where winners as well as losers are required to account for their campaign expenditures, said he did not exceed the \$400 limit, but he knows many candidates who have spent more than this in the past.

The current policy requires losers to turn in their campaign receipts only if someone files a complaint with the Election Commission. If the commission decides the candidate has overspent, he is disqualified.

Eric Hellman, a vice presidential candidate, said he has spent \$150 on his campaign.

He said he expected to spend \$400 on his campaign, but after getting posters and making copies, his expenses were less.

Vice Presidential candidate Todd Neptune said he has spent \$137 in campaign expenses.

He said the posters and other campaign publicity are not as important as the issues.

"The issues are not going to be developed through posters and things like that. They all come from the candidates and what they have to say. That's all that matters," Neptune said. "The little classy stuff doesn't tell you anything about anyone."

Bush might cause three-ticket limit

By ROBERT THOMAS
 Editor-in-Chief

Undergraduates participating in the May 12 commencement will most likely be allowed three guest tickets because of security reasons and the huge interest in President Bush speaking at the ceremony.

"We want to help graduating seniors who are now beginning to plan for the ceremony, but White House security officials will make the final decision and that may not be before early April," Vice President of Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt said.

USC spokesperson Debra Allen said the Registrar's office, which has not finished processing all the graduation applications, estimates 1,600 undergraduates will participate in the ceremony at Carolina Coliseum.

If students are allocated three guest tickets per graduate, then guests of graduates would fill nearly 4,800 of the coliseum's seating which can range from 12,401 to 13,600.

Pruitt said a final decision on the allocation of tickets will not be made until early April.

A limit in tickets was used once before for the 1985 commencement when comedian Bill Cosby spoke, Allen said.

"We had a very good experience when Cosby spoke at commencement," Allen said about the allocation of tickets to graduates.

Allen said enough students turned back in the tickets they did not give out, so other students needing extra tickets could have them.

Meanwhile, USC President James Holderman announced Thursday at a Board of Trustees meeting that legendary actress Helen Hayes would also be attending

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the commencement.

Hayes, former co-chairman of USC's Summit Fund Campaign and "first lady of the American theater," introduce composer Andrew Lloyd Webber when he receives his honorary degree.

Forty-one year old Lloyd Webber, who was originally asked to receive a honorary degree two years during the USC Year of the Arts, composed the Broadway productions of "Cats," "Phantom of the Opera," "Evita" and "Starlight Express."

Former national and S. C. teacher of the year Terry Dozier of Irmo High School will introduce First Lady Barbara Bush when she receives her honorary degree at the commencement, while Gov. Carroll Campbell will present President Bush when he receives his degree.

Many graduates participating in the event have expressed concern about the limit in tickets they will be allocated. However, Student Government President Marie-Louise Ramsdale, who will also graduate during the ceremony, is satisfied about the quality of speakers.

"Although I am disappointed that all members of my family can not come, I am excited about the caliber of speakers we will be having," Ramsdale said.