

USC Briefs

Former CBS reporter to speak at banquet

Veteran reporter and senior news analyst for National Public Radio, Daniel Schorr will be the featured guest speaker for the Shafto Awards Banquet at 7:30 p.m. March 29 at Capstone House at USC.

Schorr's speech is one of several events planned during USC's College of Journalism and Mass Communications Media Days.

Tickets are \$15 for the public and \$5 for students and are available from the College of Journalism and Mass Communications, located in Carolina Coliseum. The deadline to purchase tickets is March 23.

Schorr is one of the last members of Edward Murrow's legendary CBS news team still active in journalism. His exclusive coverage of the Senate Watergate hearings earned him three television Emmy Awards in the early '70s. He has been honored by civil liberties groups for his defense of the First Amendment.

Minority seminar to be held Monday

The Second Annual Professional Development for Minority Students will be held Monday, March 26 in the Russell House Ballroom at 7 p.m.

The seminar will address such issues as the politics of organizations, accepting feedback (separating it from racism), effective communication, corporate culture concerns for minorities, mentorship for minorities, plight of the black male, minority women in the workforce and others.

The seminar is structured so individuals can attend two sessions of their choice, and meet and talk with the presenters. Area business leaders and USC faculty members will be conducting the workshops.

The seminar is free of charge, and a reception will follow.

Black Alumni Council to host free drop-in

The Black Alumni Council of the USC Alumni Association will host a free drop-in with light refreshments at 5 p.m. April 7 at Carolina Park, located at 1098 Bluff Road near Williams-Brice Stadium.

The drop-in is one of many events taking place during "The USC Showcase '90." Most events take place earlier in the day on the university's Horseshoe.

For information about the drop-in, people can call Alan Jay House at 771-6161. For information about the other Showcase '90 events, people can call Lynn Gregory at 777-4111.

Classroom cheating to be topic of moral forum

"Cheating in the Classroom — What's Happening?" is the topic of the latest USC chaplains' moral issues forum being held on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Russell House room 202. The panel members are: Associate Dean of Student Development Jerry Crotty, Art professor Chris Robinson, Former Student Government President Marie-Louise Ramsdale, Business professor James Bradley and Mathematics professor Mary Ellen O'Leary. Bernard Friedman, a member of the USC chaplains, will be the moderator. A question and answer session will follow. The forum is co-sponsored by the Office of the Provost.

Drugs, politics, trade policies highlight debates

Should drugs be legalized? Should America get tough on Japanese imports? Who should be Columbia's next mayor?

These will be the topics of contention during "Debate Week at Longstreet" March 23-28 at USC.

The four candidates vying for the mayorship of Columbia square off in Longstreet Theatre at Sumter and Greene streets March 23 at 8 p.m.

Incumbent Mayor Patton Adams will be joined by challengers Bob Coble, Temple Logan and Rick Baty to present their respective positions. WIS-TV anchor Susan Aude Fisher will serve as moderator.

William F. Buckley brings his provocative Firing Line television program and several special guests to Longstreet at 9 p.m. March 26 to debate whether drugs should be legalized.

The special two-hour debate will be carried nationwide on public broadcasting stations, including all SCETV affiliates in South Carolina. Admission to the debate is by invitation only.

Senate works to restrict flag burning

By The Associated Press

South Carolinians who want to burn the U.S., Confederate or state flag would have to consider whether it could "incite or produce imminent lawless action" endangering people and property, according to a bill passed by a Senate panel Thursday.

A Senate Judiciary subcommittee amended a bill sponsored by Sen. Ernest Passailaigue, D-Charleston, and sent it to the full committee for consideration next week.

The measure is the first discussed in the Legislature since a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June upholding flag burning as a form of political protest protected by the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of speech, religion and assembly.

After the court's ruling, the General Assembly adopted a resolution supporting President Bush's call for a constitutional amendment against flag burning. The non-binding resolution also expressed state lawmakers' "extreme displeasure" with the ruling.

The Supreme Court's decision also had the practical effect of rendering South Carolina's flag burning statute unconstitutional.

The law now makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum fine of \$100 and a 30-day prison sentence, to "publicly mutilate, deface, defile, defy, jeer at, trample upon or cast contempt, either by word or act," upon the U.S., Confederate or state flag.

When the statute became law in 1916, it mentioned only the state flag. Six years later, the American flag earned protection. In 1958, lawmakers amended the statute to include the Confederate flag.

A Columbia community activist, Brett Bursey, is believed to be the last person charged with desecrating the flag in South Carolina, according to the state attorney general's office.

Bursey burned the Confederate flag outside the home of then-University of South Carolina President Thomas Jones in 1969. The case was never prosecuted, and the charge is pending.

Last year, Bush proposed such an amendment last year to undo the Supreme Court decision. But Democrats on Capitol Hill pushed legislation banning flag burning to avoid amending the Constitution.

Bush allowed the bill passed by Congress to become law without signing it, saying that he feared it would not pass constitutional muster. Conviction under the law carries a maximum one-year prison sentence.

In the first legal challenge to the Flag Protection Act, a U.S. District judge in Seattle ruled the anti-desecration law unconstitutional because it violated the First Amendment.

Less than a month later, a federal judge in the nation's capital dismissed charges against three defendants accused of violating the statute. The judge again cited the guarantee of freedom of speech and rejected Justice Department arguments that the law was intended to protect the flag as a symbol rather than to regulate speech.

Last week, the Supreme Court raised the possibility it will decide by early summer the constitutionality of a flag burning law.

The court partially granted a Bush administration request for speedy consideration of the law, ordering challengers of the law to file legal briefs by Monday.

The justices will wait until they receive those briefs before taking any further action in a pair of administration appeals to overturn the lower court decisions.

State Sen. Sam Stilwell, R-Greenville, said the Judiciary subcommittee tried to "read between the lines" of the original Supreme Court ruling. "If you could couch the law in such a way to prevent lawless action or destruction of property or danger to people, then you can prevent them from misusing the flag."

Under the bill, a person could not "knowingly utilize" the three flags in a manner "calculated to incite or produce imminent lawless action resulting in danger to persons or property of others and is likely to incite or produce such result."

In effect, someone wishing to burn a flag would have to consider the consequences of the action, Stilwell said.

"It's just the same old thing as you have the right of free speech but you can't holler fire in a crowded theater," he said.

Sen. John Courson, R-Columbia, said the measure sends "a very strong message out to anyone who wants to abuse the flags listed in the bill. The General Assembly in this state feels very strongly that these banners should not be abused."

"When one burns the flag of the United States or of the other entities listed, that action is used to incite people to react in a very negative way and this is what we're trying to address in this bill," Courson said.

The bill does not change the penalties for violators.

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"These are unfounded, unproven allegations that have no substance," he told *The State*. "We absolutely deny them. There is no proof of these allegations."

Paul Ward, general counsel for USC, declined comment on suit Thursday, saying it was against the university's policy to talk about pending litigation.

USC's statement on policies and procedures concerning sexual harassment, which is distributed throughout the university and can be found in Carolina Community, states that penalties for sexual harassment range from verbal warnings to suspension or dismissal.

Under state law, the defendants in a civil law suit have thirty days from the date they have been served to answer the suit or file a motion that would delay the time required to answer.

Ashley was served on Monday and the university accepted service on Tuesday.

After the defendants respond, there is a discovery phase, which is when both sides request information and evidence.

If the suit isn't resolved during discovery, it's put on the trial docket. There must be at least a 120-day waiting period before the trial can take place.

Lucy Soto contributed to this story.

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PHOTO CONTEST

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The winning entry will be featured, with credit given, on the cover of the 1990-91 telephone directory and will receive a \$25 prize.

Deadline: All submissions must be received in Russell House, Room 313 by 5pm, April 20, 1990.

Rules:

1. Entries may be submitted in glossies or slides, but must be in color and negatives will be required.
2. Any number of submissions may be entered by an individual.
3. Content should be confined to the University of South Carolina, Columbia Campus and may cover any aspect of student life.
4. This contest is open to all USC students. Faculty and staff are ineligible.
5. Entries will be judged on content, quality & creativity by Student Media Professional Staff. The Office of Student Media reserves the right to select a photo outside this contest if necessary. All decisions are final.

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