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### Quote of the day

"Oprah and the afternoon sit-on-the-coach-and-eat-bon-bons crowd are glad to parade around loads of men who'll gladly admit they're complete jerks."

—columnist Scott Pruden  
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# The Gamecock

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## BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS

### World

#### Soviets storm Lithuanian hospitals

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. — Soviet soldiers stormed two hospitals Tuesday to seize at least 23 Lithuanian army deserters and left behind a trail of blood in the first violent action by Moscow since Lithuania declared independence.

Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis said he feared it could presage a full-scale crackdown on the Baltic republic, whose Parliament voted to secede March 11.

### Nation

#### 3-state FBI sweep includes Mafia

BOSTON — Reputed kingpins from New England's most powerful organized crime family were taken into custody in a three-state FBI sweep that led to 113-count indictments which proved both the existence and vulnerability of the Mafia, authorities said.

"The case represents a stake in the heart of an organized crime family from the boss on down," U.S. Attorney Dick Thornburgh said after all but six of 21 alleged organized crime figures were under arrest Monday.

#### Sheriff drives robber to bank

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — An off-duty sheriff's deputy unknowingly became the driver of a getaway car after her passenger robbed a bank, authorities said.

County Deputy Cynthia Gambrell said she became suspicious of her passenger after they stopped at the Commerical National Bank on Monday. She said police pulled her Jeep over before she had time to act on her suspicions.

### State

#### SRS develops a code of ethics

AIKEN — The 400 reactor operators at the Savannah River nuclear weapons plant have adopted a code of ethics which outlines the standards by which they are to be judged and held accountable.

"Through this code of ethics, we're making a public statement that says we're committed to being safe, reliable and secure, and that our highest priority is to operate these reactors safely and responsibly," said Marion Key, an operations manager at the Savannah River Site.

### Correction

In Monday's edition of *The Gamecock*, an article incorrectly referred to Dr. Sabra Slaughter as a female. *The Gamecock* regrets the error.

### Weather

Today, increasing cloudiness with highs in the mid 60s. Winds east at 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight and Thursday, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of light rain and lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Compiled from wire reports

## Native professor examines Lithuania

By KATHY BLACKWELL  
Managing Editor

Lithuania gained worldwide attention when it declared independence from the Soviet Union March 11, and that attention continues to grow as the situation between the Baltic state and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev becomes more and more tense.

One person who has been closely following the unfolding events is Lithuanian native USC philosophy professor Ignas Skrupskelis, who left Lithuania as a child when his mother fled in 1944.

Skrupskelis said that although there has been a great amount of tension between the Soviet Union and Lithuania, he didn't expect it to go as far as it has. He points to Gorbachev's visit to Lithuania earlier this year as a main factor leading up to the break.

"I think Gorbachev made a very major mistake when he went to Lithuania. Had Gorbachev not gone to Lithuania, he could have delayed this," Skrupskelis said. "It was very surprising to me that he was very poorly prepared and did not know what he



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was doing. It really solidified the sentiment against him."

Besides Gorbachev's visit, Lithuanians were also concerned that after he got settled into his new presidential powers, Gorbachev would pass a separation law and rig it so it would be almost impossible to leave the Soviet Union, Skrupskelis said.

"So I think that part of what got them (Lithuanians) to take the action was to

make sure that the leaving was before any such law came on the books," he said.

Lithuania became part of the Soviet Union in 1940 when it was forcibly incorporated in an agreement between Stalin and Hitler. The United States has never recognized Soviet control over the Baltic states.

Skrupskelis said there are two overall reasons why Lithuanians feel they are entitled to be free from Soviet control.

The Soviet system is highly centralized, he said. "The most routine action needs clearance from Moscow." For example, his cousin, a museum director in Lithuania, has to consult with officials in Moscow over almost everything he has to deal with. "It's always 'You can't do this, can't do that,'" he said. "It's just ridiculous."

"You have, for one thing, an extremely centralized mechanism, which is run by people with a very different culture, with very different interests who have no understanding what it is the Lithuanians want. That's certainly one reason," Skrupskelis said.

"The other reason is that most Lithuanians conceive themselves as being part of Western Europe," he said. Geographically, Lithuania is actually not in Eastern Europe, so they are more culturally tied to Western Europe than the Soviet Union, he said.

Given these reasons, it is understandable why Lithuania wants to be an independent country, he said. "If you consider that the whole history and fate of a nation is being

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A star is born

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Political Science freshman Merchelle Murphy, Criminal Justice sophomore Roni McFarlan and Pharmacy junior Tony Clyburn (left to right) sing "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" at the Ban Singfest on Greene Street Tuesday.

## Tuition increases less likely in '90s

### Study says cost of education not to rise as fast as in '80s

By College Press Service

Even as schools around the country announce hefty new tuition increases for next year, tuition won't rise as fast during the rest of the 1990s as it did the past decade, a new study predicts.

"There are many favorable things happening all at once" to keep tuition increases from rising sharply, economist Carol Frances said.

Frances cited slight increases in state appropriations for public campuses and in public support for financial aid. In addition, most institutions have almost finished raising their faculty members' salaries to levels that are competitive with private industry.

"The rate in year-to-year change (in tuition) peaked in the 1980s," Frances said. "If you look back, the slowdown in state funding in the early '80s is when tuition increased so rapidly."

Frances, who conducted the study for the American Association

of State Colleges and Universities, the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, the American Association of University Professors and the Association of Urban Universities, predicts yearly tuition increases of about 7 percent during the next few years.

Tuition increases averaged 12 percent annually in the early '80s and have dropped to about 8 percent in the last three years, Frances reported.

The College Board's annual report added that neither student aid nor family incomes kept pace with rising college costs in the '80s.

"I think the education people who are running the institutions are extremely concerned about the costs of education and are trying to keep students from having to borrow," Frances said.

Even so, while many campuses boast their tuition increases for the 1990-91 year are the lowest in 15

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## Awareness Week looks at illiteracy

By KRIS TAYLOR  
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The high illiteracy rate in South Carolina and throughout the nation has prompted a university-wide Literacy Awareness Week sponsored by the Office of Community Service.

Rajan Shah, a finance and marketing junior and an intern in the Office of Community Service, said this week has been set aside to make students aware of the illiteracy problem and to show them that they can have an impact on the problem.

"The most important thing is that one person can make a difference," Shah said. "When you have 25,000 students on this campus, think what could be accomplished if everyone taught one person to read."

The two major goals of the campaign, according to Shah, are to provide information to students concerning the illiteracy problem in South Carolina and to recruit students who want to tutor and help others learn to read.

Shah and other interns in the office will be setting up tables outside of Russell House to provide such information and to allow interested students to make contact for tutoring.

Statistics provided by Shah say that 550,000 adults in South Car-

olina are functionally illiterate. This number of people could fill the Carolina Coliseum 44 times.

The fact sheet also stated that 46 percent of South Carolinians that are 25 years or older have less than a high school education.

"Students here who have been reading ever since they can remember take it for granted. They don't realize what a gift they have," Shah said.

Community Service Programs Coordinator Gail McGrail said the tutorial program is only one project the Office of Community Service tries to get students involved in doing volunteer work.

"Our office is committed to helping students benefit through volunteer service. Literary awareness is an area where there is a great need," she said. "We try to help students find their niche."

Columbia has an excellent tutorial program, and there are currently five university students participating in training workshops, according to Shah, the training is comprised of four three-hour classes which teach the tutor how to teach illiterate persons.

Shah also hopes to recruit any students or faculty who are interested in tutoring. Interested persons can call the Office of Community Service at 777-6688.

## Minority students face career issues

By DEBORAH RYAN  
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Minority students at USC learned how to prepare themselves for the issues they will face in professional careers at the second annual Minority Professional Development Seminar Monday.

Black professionals from major corporations spoke to over 200 students on subjects ranging from the politics of organizations to interview preparation.

The event was sponsored by members of the Career Center and the Minority Task Force, which is made up of black professional faculty and staff members and students.

The Task Force was created two years ago to address the needs of minority students getting ready to enter the work force.

Last year, the seminar had 11 speakers and only one topic session, but the students' positive response resulted in two topic sessions. A total of 17 speakers represented the fields of industry, government and higher education this year.

The corporations' response was also so positive that some speakers had to be turned down, Assistant Director of Placement Carol Lyles said.

The seminar also included a reception to give the students a chance to interact with the representatives of corporations.

Lyles said the seminar has been considered a suc-

cess by the students and corporations because of the request for more programs, and it can boast one specific success story as a result of last year's seminar.

Tony DesChamps, a May 1989 graduate and Task Force member, attended the seminar last year and started networking with some of the corporate citizens he met there, and is now in a management training program with North Carolina National Bank.

Representatives of the corporations speak on a voluntary basis, but USC funds the seminar, which includes the cost of the reception and announcing the event with flyers.

Larry Salters, chairman of the task force, said with the upcoming cuts in funding they may not be able to hold the seminar next year.

"Funds are being cut across the board and USC will be strapped financially, so we are looking for corporate backing," Lyles said.

Harold Owens, a Charleston-based regional salesman for Pepsi-Cola, spoke to students on mentorship. He told students that they need mentors early in their career and helped them to identify mentors in the work force.

Owens said it is beneficial to have different mentors throughout a career and learning to choose the right one is important.