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... so I'm being dramatic, sarcastic and maybe a tad juvenile about this, but we must fight fire with fire — even if it is only with Bics.

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World

Assailant murders Colombian politician

BOGOTA, Colombia — Carlos Pizarro, 38, a former guerrilla leader who joined the presidential race last month, was killed Thursday by an assailant with a machine gun aboard an airliner after it left Bogota.

He was the third presidential contender killed since August 1989. The assailant was killed by bodyguards, police said.

Nation

Released hostage arrives on U.S. soil

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Freed hostage Robert Polhill returned to American soil today after 39 months of captivity in Lebanon.

The 55-year-old business professor touched down at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington at mid-afternoon.

He was released Sunday by his captors in the Middle East.

Southwest storms cause evacuations

Thunderstorms carrying heavy rain, high wind and at least six tornadoes crossed Texas and Oklahoma, forcing hundreds of people to evacuate Thursday.

The National Guard was called out Thursday to help evacuate businesses and hotels in north Brownwood, southeast of Abilene. Two of the three reported deaths in Texas were in that town.

State

Campbell backs timber legislation

SUMTER — Gov. Carroll Campbell says he backs federal and state legislation proposed to help with timber salvage and reforestation efforts in the wake of Hurricane Hugo.

Campbell toured Sumter County Wednesday with state Forester Jack Gould, local forestry consultants and members of the South Carolina Forestry Commission and South Carolina Forestry Association.

Legislation nears for state employees

A compromise between state workers' groups and business interests should clear the way for a 25-year retirement plan for some 160,000 state teachers and government employees, the plan's brokers said.

The compromise would allow early retirement with limited benefits for state employees who are 55 and have after 25 years of service, while now they can retire with full benefits after 30 years of service or when they reach age 60.

Weather

Today, sunny with highs in the low 90s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight, clear with lows near 60.

Saturday, partly cloudy with highs near 90.

Compiled from wire reports

Fake ID penalties might get stricter

Group studies alcohol regulations

By TOM WATSON
Staff Writer

A joint legislative committee Thursday heard complaints and recommendations from several persons interested in revising the existing laws regulating the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

The Joint Legislative Committee To Study the Problems of Alcohol and Drug Abuse was asked to establish a state "illegal per se" limit of blood alcohol measurement and to increase the penalties for persons caught with fake identification used to purchase and consume alcohol.

Laura Hudson, legislative liaison for Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, advocates a .00 per se limit of blood alcohol content

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for those under 21 years old and a .08 for persons 21 and older.

Currently, it is illegal for persons under 21 to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages, and the blood alcohol content level for those of drinking age is .1.

Hudson also stressed the need to control the problem of fake IDs. She suggested that the highway department give tavern owners the right to confiscate fake IDs.

"The fake ID very much impacts on the fatalities on our roads," Hudson said.

John Riddick, president of the S.C. Restaurant Association, agreed.

"We are of the opinion that it's going to take a more severe penalty in dealing with fake IDs," Riddick said. "You know how young people are with their automobiles. You tell them they can't drive, and that should reduce the number of offenses."

All who spoke at the meeting were in favor of the loss of driving privileges for at least six months for persons caught with a fake ID. They also were in favor of increasing the fine from \$64 to the possible \$2,000 fine imposed on restaurant and tavern owners.

Darrell Barnes and Duncan MacRae, co-owners of Yesterday's Restaurant, were in favor of increasing the penalty for underage drinkers.

Barnes and MacRae pay a "bounty" to their bouncers and doorkeepers for each fake ID they find.

"It's gotten so bad in the past month or

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AttenSHUN!

Pete Patterson, representing Dean Carol Kay of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, gives the Scholastic Honor Ribbon to Andrea Williams (left) and Fredrick Frazier (right) for the highest grade point average in their class for the fall semester. The Army ROTC held an awards and promotions ceremonies in the Russell House Thursday.

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Rogers' mural causes controversy

Debates arise over painting's meaning

By LAURA BARNES
Staff Writer

The golf tournament scheduled for this past Wednesday to raise funds for the George Rogers Scholarship was cancelled, and Rogers was suspended by the university without pay until resolution of his charges, but questions have arisen as to whether or not the university will paint over his mural.

A brown and tan likeness of USC's only Heisman Trophy winner, George Rogers, remains on the USC's Booker T.

Washington building as a looming reminder of Rogers' fame.

Painted in 1981 by artist Ralph Waldrop, the mural depicts Rogers' head with career achievements and honors listed close by.

Yet the mural was the target of vandalism in 1983, Waldrop said, after Rogers admitted to cocaine use during his career with the New Orleans Saints.

"They threw white paint on it, and we fixed it up," Waldrop said.

Brian McCarter, a USC junior majoring in philosophy, said, "We ought not to deny the reality of (Rogers') situation. We should allow white paint on the mural; indeed, we ought to buy the paint ourselves."

Waldrop fears vandals will attack again following Rogers' arrest for possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

Destruction of the mural is not the justice Waldrop is looking for.

"If (Rogers) got caught for illegal drugs, then a judge may decide jail is his punishment. I'm not sure having the mural destroyed is the punishment," Waldrop said.

"He won the trophy before he took drugs," he said.

Waldrop, a USC graduate, painted the mural with partial funds from the public sales of posters the artist created depicting the mural, he said.

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Charleston college bans alcohol in dorms in attempt to curb violence, vandalism

By KIM WEHAN
The Cougar Pause

CHARLESTON — The College of Charleston has instituted a ban on the use or possession of alcoholic beverages in residence halls for the fall semester as a way to curb alcohol-related incidents for vandalism and violence, College of Charleston officials said.

There will be no alcohol allowed in Buist dormitory, College Lodge, Craig, Wentworth and St. Philip's dormitory.

The residence houses, Rutledge dormitory and the greek houses are not under the jurisdiction of the new policy.

"It takes some seniority to live there, so most of those students are over 21. Plus, we wanted to give upperclassmen, who can legally drink, an option to live on

campus," College of Charleston President Harry Lightsey said.

More than 80 percent of the students living in the five largest dorms, which would fall under the new policy, are under 21.

College of Charleston officials are hoping incidents of aggressive behavior and vandalism, such as false fire alarms, will be reduced because of the new policy.

There were 53 false alarms in the dorms this past year and 12 in January. St. Phillips dormitory has been plagued with such problems as noise and destruction of college property, mostly on the men's side.

At USC-Coastal in Conway, a similar policy has been in effect for almost a year, and according to officials there, it

has been a positive influence on their college's environment.

"We are about to complete a year under the policy, and our incidents of violence and vandalism and just general rowdiness have dropped by half," said Robert Squariglia, associate chancellor for Student Affairs. He reports incidents of this type have proven to be about 87 percent alcohol-related.

For a short time earlier this year, a committee at Coastal recommended a "dry" campus, with no alcohol on school grounds or at any school functions. The proposal died after a student and faculty outcry.

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Cockfest gets loan to bring top comedian

By JEFF WILSON
News Editor

The Student Senate Wednesday approved a \$18,000 loan that would help fund the 20th annual Cockfest.

Cockfest organizers will use the money to try to bring "Saturday Night Live"'s Dana Carvey or some other well-known comedian to USC for the homecoming pep rally.

"Carvey is our top prospect, but it's not confirmed. That's what we're looking at, but nothing will be definite until later next month," Cockfest Chairman Aubrey Hawes said.

The bill introduced by Senate Finance Committee Chairperson Beth Biggerstaff stated that the loan will be repaid with money generated from selling tickets to Cockfest.

Tickets are expected to be sold for \$2 for USC students and \$3 for the general public, but Hawes said the price was tentative and subject to change.

Hawes, whose fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, started Cockfest 20 years ago, said the tickets would probably be sold through the Gamecock Club and Athletic Department ticket outlets such as the Round House, the coliseum, the Russell House Business Office and Williams-Brice Stadium.

All the funds generated from the event will be placed in the Cockfest account with USC.

The Senate bill also stated that Cockfest would not be eligible for additional student activity fee funding until the loan is repayed.

"It's a loan," Biggerstaff said. "If something happens or something fell through, which I don't feel that will happen, they can't access the loan."

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USC celebrates reading, learning for local children

By DENNIS SHEALY
Staff Writer

Children of all ages will share in a special treat this weekend as USC plays host to its fourth annual celebration of children's literature, known as Augusta Baker's Dozen.

Each year, USC's College of Library and Information Science, in cooperation with the Richland County Public Library, invites writers, illustrators and publishers of children's literature to the university for two days of storytelling to local grade school children.

Lectures will also be given to adults on the importance of reading to children and aspects of the children's literature publishing industry.

"The whole point behind the event is that if children are exposed early in life to pleasurable experiences with stories and books, they will be more likely to acquire a life-long love of reading, learning and literature," Gayle Sykes of the College of Library and Information Science said.

This year's featured guests are husband and wife Donald Crews and Ann Jonas, who both are writers and illustrators, and Susan Hirschman, a senior vic



Augusta Baker

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