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Fraternity wins national title for stepping

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Quote of the Day

"To the rest of the world, the hurricane is nothing more than an interesting tidbit of information, a kind of 'Do you remember' fact. I even saw it mentioned as a question on Jeopardy! a few weeks ago."

Columnist Jeff Wilson
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World

Cops arrest Arab, suspect in killing

WEST BERLIN — Police have arrested an Arab on suspicion of complicity in the 1986 bombing of the La Belle disco that killed two U.S. soldiers and one Turkish woman, a justice official said today.

Cornel Christoffel, spokesman for the West Berlin judicial authorities, said that a man he identified only as Ali C. had been detained in East Berlin on Aug. 27 on suspicion of aiding and abetting murder.

Nation

Winds in excess, flight cancelled

KITTY HAWK, N.C. — The pilot of the first aircraft to fly from California to the East Coast using solar power today called off his attempt to complete his trip by flying to the site of the first powered flight.

Northeast wind in excess of 20 mph forced Eric Raymond to cancel plans to fly his ultralight craft the remaining nine miles from the farm where he landed Monday to the First Flight Airport next to the Wright Brothers Memorial at Kitty Hawk.

His aircraft, the Sun Seeker, depends on sunshine and favorable wind. Solar cells produce power for its electric motor, which is used for takeoffs and landings. After takeoff, the plane rides thermals, columns of rising warm air, like a glider.

Scientists isolate gene for disease

BETHESDA, Md. — The National Institutes of Health announced Tuesday that scientists have isolated the gene responsible for osteoarthritis, a painful, crippling disease that affects about 16 million Americans.

Dr. Darwin Prockop of Philadelphia's Thomas Jefferson University and Dr. Roland Moskowitz of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland led the scientists who isolated a flawed gene that normally helps make collagen, a protein that strengthens joints.

State

SC drops in poll, EPA cites increase

GREENVILLE — South Carolina dropped from 11th in the nation in toxic emissions to 22nd in 1988, according to data compiled by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Industries emitted more than 68 million pounds of toxic chemicals statewide that year — more than 90 percent into the air, said the EPA data obtained by The (Greenville) News.

But state officials say South Carolina's decline in the rankings is due to other states becoming more honest in their reporting rather than South Carolina reducing emissions.

Compiled from wire reports

Police arrest stadium worker

Vendor sells alcohol at game

By LYNN GIBSON
News Editor

A concessions vendor was arrested for selling mini-bottles of alcohol along with soft drinks at the USC vs. Duke football game Saturday night.

Steven Anthony Garrick, 26, of 1520

Rice St., was arrested and charged with possession of liquor, police reports said.

He was taken to the Richland County Detention Center where bond was set at \$237, police reports said.

USC police became aware of the mini-bottles when a fan complained to the po-

lice, investigators said.

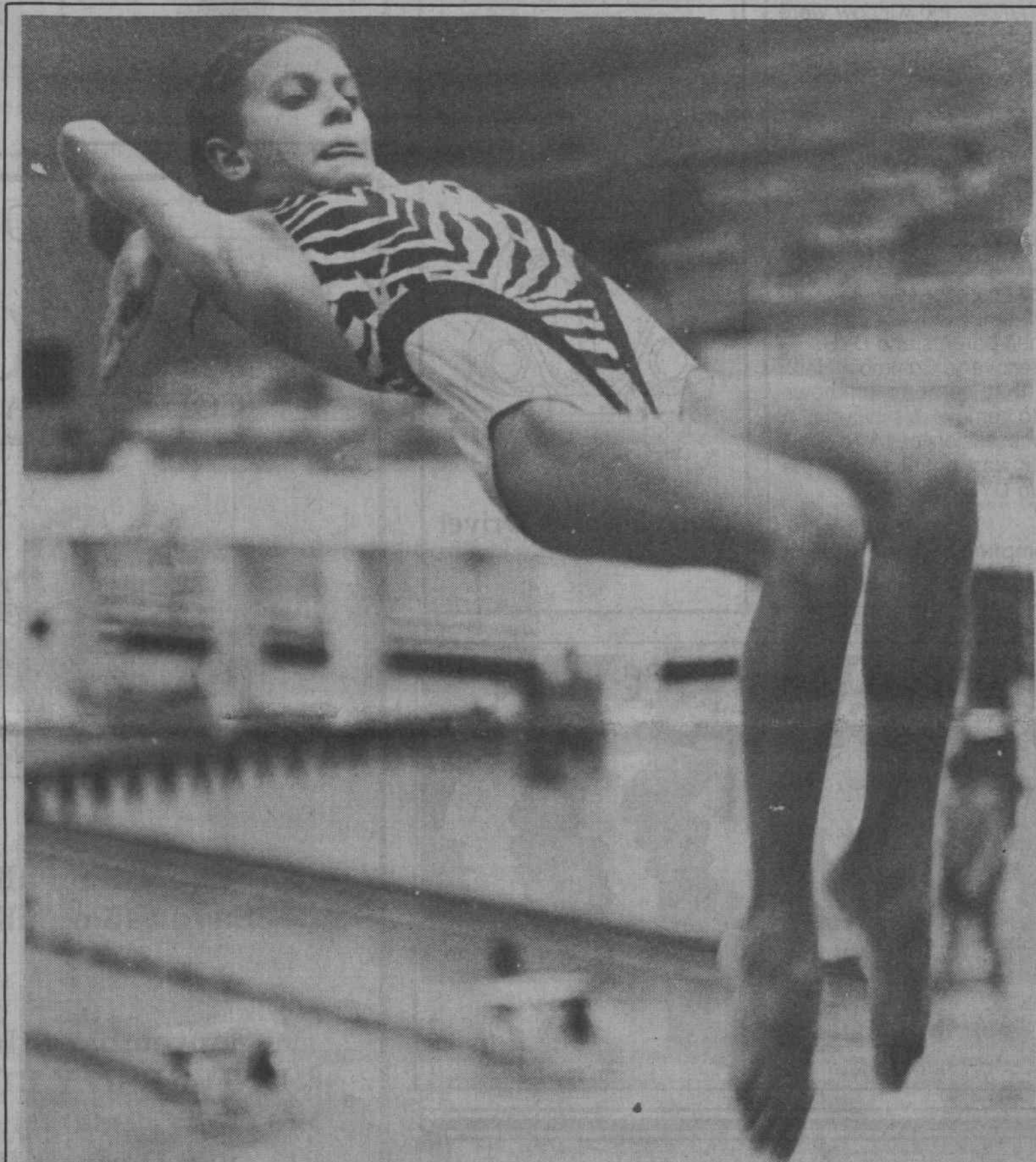
"Someone said he was selling drinks to people, and then leaning over and asking them if they wanted something else," investigators said.

Two undercover police officers went to Section 23 of Williams-Brice Stadium,

where the vendor was located, and purchased a mini-bottle for \$3.

"They were regular mini-bottles," one investigator said. "The labels were messed up, but the seals were intact."

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Julie Bouchillon/The Gamecock

Taking the Plunge

Anna Rawl, age 10, practices diving with the SC Divers. The group regularly practices at the Blatt Physical Education Center.

Soldier's families face adjustments

Ways to cope may ease pain

By ELIZABETH FOX
Assistant News Editor

Families of soldiers who have been stationed in the Middle East will face a series of emotions and stresses as they adjust to life without a loved one, according to a USC professor.

"Families can expect to go through several phases of adjustment as they try to cope, and spouses may experience loneliness, anxiety, problems with sleeping, stress-related health problems and feelings of isolation," said Dr. Frederic Medway, a USC psychology professor who studies the effects of military separations in families.

A few of the problems that spouses, mostly women, face is the sudden increase in freedom and responsibility, he said.

Other problems result from a sense of powerlessness over the situation and the stress of not knowing how long the crisis will last.

However, problems do not end with the return of the soldier.

"Our research indicates that often times, the reunion experience is more difficult than being apart," he said.

"The key problem occurs when the soldier is completely excluded from decisions while he or she is away. It is important for the spouse at home to be given freedom to make important decisions

but not to totally exclude the soldier from those decisions," Medway said.

Medway offers a few suggestions on making the adjustment easier:

■ Provide the soldier with information on daily family experiences. Send photographs of the children and their friends. If possible, send videotapes of everyday activities and special events if soldiers have access to VCRs. If not, send audiotapes.

■ Write letters. Include those things that you might not talk about when you're together — religion or disciplining the children. Even mundane items — weekend outings, meals and church activities — will help soldiers feel at home. This keeps the absent family member involved and can ease feelings of alienation when a loved one returns.

■ Keep in touch with relatives. Having parents or grandparents nearby can soften the blow.

■ Make preparations beforehand. Discuss information concerning finances, bank accounts and car and property insurance.

■ Maintain family relationships. Keep alive the hope that the soldier will return soon. As much as possible, remain upbeat and take part in social events.

■ Be aware that anxiety and stress can sometimes lead to alcohol and drug abuse, fits of crying, withdrawal and serious health problems.

Heat continues, students urged to be careful

By JEFF WILSON
Editor in Chief

Even though it's September, the heat can make it feel like July.

With five dormitories on campus without air conditioning and football season in William-Brice Stadium underway, students are being warned to protect themselves against the heat.

Wes Tyler, with the state climatology office, said that in the next few days, the weather will continue to be in the mid- to high-90s.

"There will be a gradual increase in temperatures through the week before another cool system from the northeast comes in with cooler weather," Tyler said. "But it's not unusual to have warm temperatures right before the changing of the seasons. In Columbia, we have had 100-degree weather the first week of October. That's a real test of your patience."

Dr. James Turner, director of the Thomson Student Health Center, said his office has not treated anyone for heat-related illness or injuries.

He said there were some preventive measures students could take to keep the heat from becoming a problem.

Turner said students living in dorms with no air conditioning should keep the air moving as much as possible. Window fans and keeping doors open as much as possible were cooling options, he said.

He also recommends wearing light-colored, loosely fitting clothes, particularly when outside.

People should also drink as much liquids as possible, but Turner warns alcohol is not

a good mix with hot weather.

"Alcohol impairs judgment," he said. "When someone is drinking, they could fall asleep in a hot car. Things like that could cause problems."

Turner also said students should periodically take cool showers to relieve the heat.

But Tyler said it will start getting cooler at night. The temperatures should fall to the mid-60s at night. And in the next few weeks, temperatures could fall to the high-50s, he said.

Roommate contracts have pluses, minuses

By TIGE WATTS
Staff Writer

When students moved in to the USC residence halls, they discovered an addition — roommate contracts.

Last year, only a few dorms had the contracts. However, University Housing Services implemented the roommate contracts in all dorms this year due to changes in the visitation policy.

"We felt the visitation policy did not give roommates the chance to say 'no' to their roommates. The contracts serve as a vehicle for roommates to say 'no,'" Melanie Miller, a Housing Services official said.

Besides giving roommates the

chance to say "no," roommate contracts have also initiated better relationships between roommates, according to Seann Gray, a resident advisor at Rutledge.

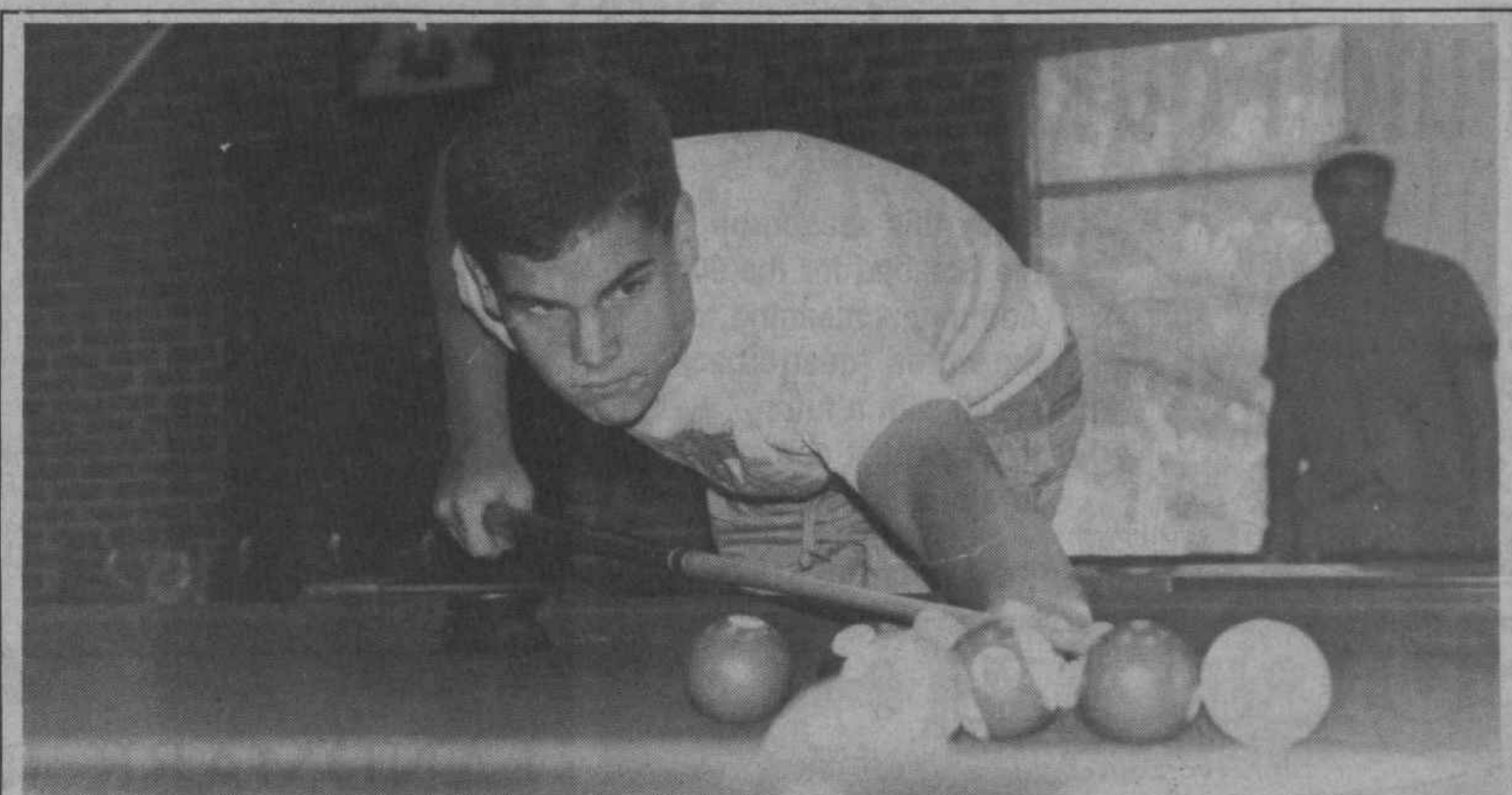
"I have seen better relationships between roommates that have sat down and talked about the contracts," Gray said.

Miller said the contracts have given roommates a secure feeling about expectations through the year with their roommates.

"Students have felt very positive about their relationship once they completed the contracts," Miller said.

The contracts help break the ice

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The Color of Money

Journalism sophomore Fred English practices his pool skills at the Russell House gameroom.