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"If our politicians worried more about the country and less about their next re-election campaign, we wouldn't need last-minute budget compromises."

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**BRIEFLY
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World

**Hijacked Chinese jet
crashes, killing 120**

BEIJING — A hijacked Chinese jetliner crashed into two other jets and exploded today after landing at an airport in southeastern China. An official report said 120 people were killed and 53 seriously injured.

A Western survivor said there was a struggle in the cockpit of the hijacked Boeing 737 as it landed at Canton's Baiyun International Airport, causing the plane to careen into an empty jet and a Boeing 757 loaded with passengers bound for Shanghai.

**Indian paratroopers
burn trading village**

HANDWARA, India — A paramilitary patrol responded to a grenade attack by burning 400 houses and firing on villagers, killing at least 17 people and leaving hundreds missing, a town official said Tuesday.

Many victims were dragged from their homes and shot at close range, and others died in the fire that gutted the densely populated market area, witnesses said.

The incident occurred Monday in Handwara, an apple trading town 50 miles from the Jammu-Kashmir state capital, Srinagar.

Nation

**Atwater completes
radiation treatment**

WASHINGTON — Republican National Committee Chairman Lee Atwater has completed radiation treatment for a brain tumor and has appeared in public several times recently, although he still remains hospitalized, RNC spokeswoman Leslie Goodman said.

Atwater has been a patient at George Washington University Medical Center, since mid-August, when doctors learned a condition initially diagnosed in March had worsened. He has left the hospital several times to spend time with his family.

State

**Gasoline prices jump
4.2 cents per gallon**

Prices on regular unleaded self-serve gasoline has jumped 4.2 cents in South Carolina since last week, according to a survey of the AAA Carolina Motor Club.

The survey covered 70 cities in the Carolinas, 28 of which were in South Carolina, said Quentin Anderson, public relations director for the club.

The last survey was done Sept. 25.

The average for regular unleaded self-serve gasoline now amounts to \$1.28.6 cents per gallon, he said. In North Carolina, the price jumped 5.5 cents and averages \$1.35 per gallon.

The nationwide average as of Tuesday was \$1.34.6, Anderson said.

Correction

In the Middle East forum story in the Oct. 1 issue of *The Gamecock*, GINT professor Shahrough Ahkavi said "Pyrrhic victory," not "empiric victory." *The Gamecock* regrets the error.

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Ruth Weston, a worker at Gamecock Park, stuffs the new plastic bags with food.

University Dining turns to plastic bags to sport group logo

**Recycling issue not
a factor in decision**

By TIGE WATTS

Staff Writer

University Dining's switch from paper to plastic bags was based on having a University Dining logo on the bag, a food services official said.

"Environmental reasons had some influence in the decision, but it was not a major reason," said Ken Medendorp, senior food services director of University Dining of Marriott.

Initially, some USC students believed University Dining was concerned and thus switched bags for that reason, Medendorp said.

What most students did not realize was that the most effective way a plastic bag can be recycled is if it is brought to a recycling center, said Harvey Lucas of the USC Recycling Office.

In addition to the University Dining logo, there is a "Recycling" symbol on the bags.

"A lot of grocery stores started printing those symbols just to ease the consumer's conscience, but it's up to the individual to

see that the bags get recycled," said Lucas, a philosophy junior.

University Dining has provided no separate recycling bin for the bags, Medendorp said.

Lucas said the nearest recycling bin for plastic is at the Food Lion in Five Points, and added that even the paper bags had limited recycling possibilities because they could not be mixed with newsprint.

"The root of the problem is both still deplete natural resources," he said. "Paper is the lesser of the two evils because it's degradable."

Medendorp said University Dining buries their waste, and a major benefit of plastic bags is their light weight. A thousand paper bags weighs twenty-nine pounds, whereas a thousand plastic weighs less than thirteen pounds.

The decision-making committee believed they would help relieve the environmental problems by cutting down on the amount of the waste, he said.

"We felt we could help the environment and contribute less to the waste amount by switching to plastic. Our waste amount is a

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Teaching assistant problems result in language tests

By SHELLEY MAGEE

Staff Writer

A new legislation, which has been passed by nine states, requires that all foreign college instructors speaking English as a second language must be able to prove themselves fluent enough to communicate material effectively to their students.

Those states include Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Florida, California, North Dakota, Texas, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma.

Student complaints about problems in understanding foreign professors and teaching assistants have become common in the last ten years, during which foreign students have become a large portion of the graduate community. These troubles are not strange to USC, where graduate students predominantly teach lower level math and computer courses.

"I can rarely understand what the grad student says in my computer lab," journalism sophomore Kevin Bush said, "and it's hands-on material so I have to know what's going on. I find myself tuning him out and just reading the book."

USC standards require all foreign graduate students to pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language. This is a written examination for minimum standards and does not test verbal ability. The Test of Spoken English, administered by the English Program for International Students, is taken by graduate students wishing to be teaching assistants in addition to the TOEFL.

From the TSE, a recommendation is written to the professor for whom the TA wishes to work, and the student is rated on a scale from one to six, six being the fluency level of the average American stu-

dent. It is suggested that in order to teach a class, the TA should have a proficiency level of five or six.

However, a professor can ignore the recommendation and put a TA in the classroom with a score of 2 or 3.

EPIS holds no veto power over such decisions, and there are TA's holding classes who appear not to have met the suggested requirements.

Although legislation could stop this problem, it may very well start another in the process. There are a lack of American students to teach classes in the colleges of math and computer science. If the foreign students were forced out of teaching positions, it is possible those departments would find themselves having to cut classes that are very much in demand, according to EPIS spokesperson Alexandra Krapels.

"I honestly don't know if we could do it," Krapels said. "We have not ignored the issue at USC. We have had the tests for years. But to make a real difference, these students must have intensified individual attention. We need more support."

Ohio State University, where the state law exists, requires that the students pass the Spoken Proficiency in English Assessment Kit exam, and pass a mock classroom test that is videotaped, according to Assistant Dean Jim Siddens of the graduate school at Ohio State.

The Ohio State EPIS program evaluates the tape and the student must score sufficiently on the exam before he can enter the classroom as a teacher. For those who need help there are required classes designed to

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New library system has pluses, minuses

By GORDON MANTLER

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A new student might think nothing of the new numbering of library levels ranging from mezzanine to level one, but for many upperclassmen the new floor labeling is causing confusion.

"I've got lost a few times," said Johnny Vo, a biology junior. "After a month, I still have to think about it."

Over the summer, the naming of the library levels were changed to the current state after a proposal by the new Dean of Libraries Arthur Young.

The new order replaced the ground floor labeling with level five and the numbers decrease as the floors go down.

"We found some people were confused with the old numbering system," Young said, "When you went into the elevator and started going down, the numbers would go up."

"Another issue was a ground level that was not on the ground; it was below ground," he said. "I think most tend to think of a ground level as the lobby, which was not the case."

Even though there have been complaints concerning the new numbering system, many stu-

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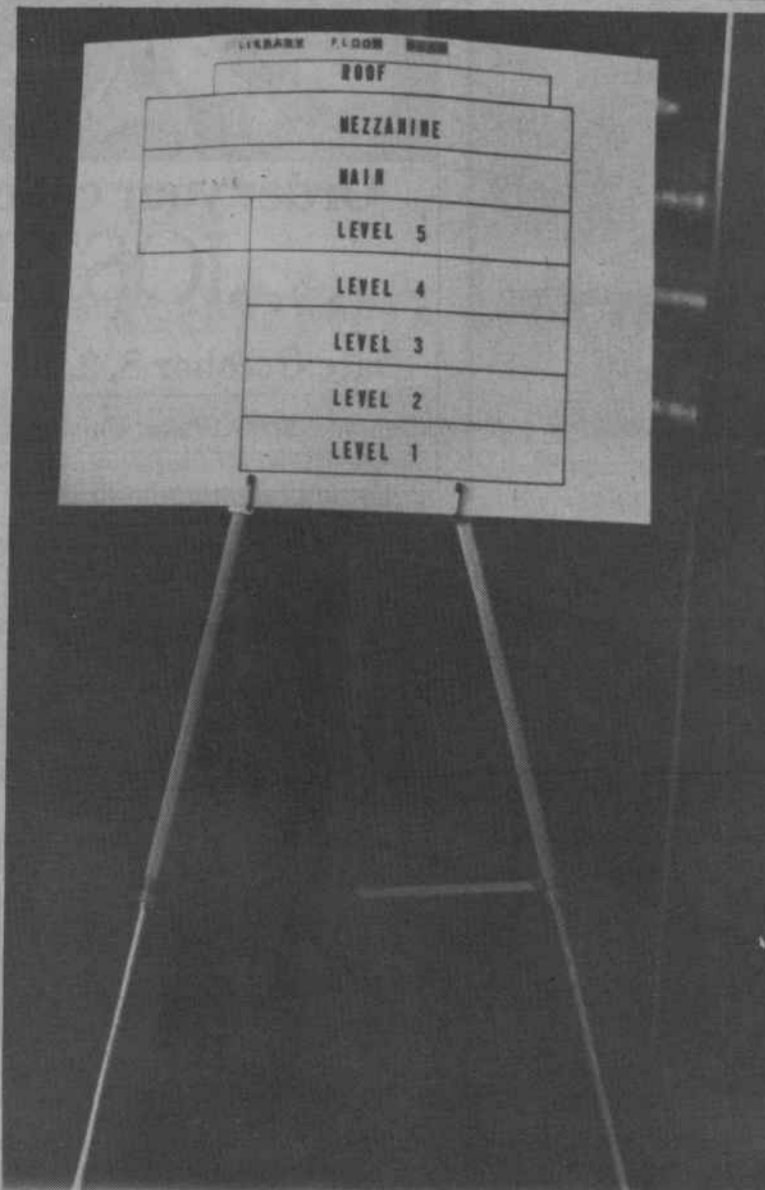
dents did not even notice the change.

"I only pay attention to the order they (the floors) are in the elevator," said Dena Verdesca, an English sophomore. "It hasn't caused me any problems."

Business sophomore Jim Moore said "It's kind of weird, but ... it makes sense."

Young said this year is the transitional period for the new numbering system and, after a year, most students will be used to it.

The floor number is not included on any of the catalog cards, or on the computer system, USCAN, so as not to cause confusion in locating materials.



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A sign in the Thomas Cooper Library displays the change in the floor levels.

Health fair to promote awareness

By TIM KAUFMAN

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The fair has come to USC — not the one with cotton candy and roller coaster rides but a fair with everything from health screenings to live exhibits of dangerous wildlife.

It's the 1990 Fall Health Fair Extravaganza, and its on the Russell House Patio from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today.

Sponsored by the Open Door Health and Wellness programs, the fair will feature 35-40 booths on such topics as exercise, mental health and nutrition.

It is being conducted to "create awareness of campus resources" and "promote healthy living and good decision-making as far as health issues and safety" are concerned, said Darlene Small, coordinator of the Health Fair.

One portion of the fair will concern free health screenings. Students can be tested for problems concerning vision, blood pressure, body fat, anemia, stress and a variety of other health concerns.

Coordinators hope student participation will help to change their lifestyle "towards healthier living," said Small, a graduate student.

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