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Employees get salary supplements

World

U.S. destroyer fires warning shots in Gulf

A U.S. destroyer on Sunday was tracking an Iraqi vessel in the Persian Gulf that defied two warning shots and tried to elude U.S. warships, U.S. military officials in Saudi Arabia said.

Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Steve Roy confirmed the incident and said that in about a dozen cases, U.S. ships have fired warning shots to enforce U.N. trade sanctions on Iraq.

The U.S. destroyer O'Brien fired two shots across the bow of the al-Bahar al-Arabi after the ship did not answer its radio and ignored commands to stop, Roy said.

The Iraqi vessel was intercepted and boarded, then permit-ted to proceed, Roy said. U.S. military sources in Dahran, Saudi Arabia said the ship was headed for Aden, Yemen and was being tracked by Italian and U.S. warships.

Nation

Jurors acquit rappers of obscenity charges

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - Jurors ruled Saturday that the ribald rap group 2 Live Crew was not guilty of violating obscenity laws in a concert that spurred the arrests of three band members.

The jury deliberated a little more than two hours after a twoweek trial based largely on a distorted recording of the concert.

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Private foundations supplement the salaries of more than 100 USC employees, including several top administrators whose regular wages exceed \$80,000 a year.

Three foundations tied to USC gave \$921,000 to 115 USC administrators and professors during the fiscal year that ended June 30, The State reported Sunday.

Eight top administrators received between \$5,000 and \$16,000 each. Many of the supplements increased salaries to the \$100,000-per-year range, The State reported, citing records from the state Human Resources Management Division and the three top USC foundations.

Some supplements at USC include:

Wages are more than meets the eye

■ \$16,000 to Interim President Arthur Smith last year when he was the university's chief academic officer. Smith already earned \$112,154 in his state salary.

■ \$16,000 to James Rex, USC's chief fund-raiser. He earns a state salary of \$87,090.

■ \$5,000 to R. W. "Pete" Denton, USC's chief financial officer who also acts as a consultant for one foundation. Denton's state salary is \$109,229.

\$18,000 to business Dean James Kane, who earns \$103,296 annually from the state.

■ \$10,000 to Paul Ward, USC's top attorney, who made \$87,995 in his state salary last year.

■ \$10,000 each to the chancellors at USC-Aiken, Coastal Carolina and USC-Spartanburg. All were paid \$87,576 in state salaries.

Faculty representatives criticize the salary supplements.

Smith's often-supportive faculty on the Columbia campus issued a blistering report in November of 1989 warning that morale is being eroded by a feeling the administration is top-heavy and overpaid. At least 36 people listed in the 1989-90

USC faculty and administrative staff phone directory had the title of vice president.

"Morale is worsened when we hear and read reports that salaries for administrators are so much higher above us," said Edward Beardsley, a history professor who has

taught at USC for 25 years. "I'm not saying I'm starving. But we've lost several good people to other schools because of salary."

Beardsley earns \$44,500 per year. He receives no supplement.

Ernst Benjamin, general secretary of the American Association of University Professors in Washington, noted that USC "is known for offering (high-paying jobs) to people who are public figures rather than have a strong academic background."

But Smith said salary supplements help attract and retain valuable employees. For example, the supplements help offset the state's lower retirement benefits, he said. Smith said if he is named president, he

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Coastal college might cut ties with university

By LAURA BARNES Staff Writer

USC's Coastal Carolina branch may split from the main campus in Columbia, Interim President Arthur Smith said Friday.

The Horry County Commission on Higher Education and the Coastal Educational Foundation have invited a three-member team to evaluate Coastal Carolina College's contract with USC.

"I think this is a good time in the history of the university system and in the evolution of Coastal Carolina College to address these questions," Smith said, "and I have great confidence personally in the team that has been selected to do this."

Smith said USC-Columbia will welcome the study as a "healthy process, not threatening in any way to any party."

The college is in the area with the fastest growing

Band leader Luther Campbell jumped to his feet, raised his right arm and smiled at supporters in the courtroom as the verdicts were read. Three of the four band members faced one misdemeanor count each.

State

Barnwell schools want nuclear plant funds

BARNWELL — Barnwell County schools want the county council to give them a greater share of \$2.6 million the federal government paid in lieu of taxes at the Savannah River Site.

The county recently got \$865,129 from the Department of Energy for 1988 and \$1.7 million for 1989. Savannah River is a nuclear weapons plant under the DOE's auspices. The money is payment for land donated to the plant.

The county council has prop-osed giving Barnwell's three school districts \$400,000 of the money received for 1988 and 1989, and the same amount from a similar \$1.7 million DOE payment next spring.

Preservationists adopt Charleston principles

CHARLESTON - Preservationists ended a four-day conference by unanimously adopting a set of guidelines known as "The Charleston Principles" and urging communities across the nation to do the same.

The principles are designed to encourage local governments to commit themselves to identifying and protecting historic places.

The adoption of the guidelines Saturday by the National Trust for Historic Preservation capped the four-day conference that attracted about 2,500 preservationists from across the country.

Compiled from wire reports

John Fletcher/The Gamecock Michael Mungo, chairman of the board of trustees, addresses the board as Interim President Arthur Smith looks on. They discussed the possibility of Coastal Carolina separating from the USC system.

USC, Soviets meet to discuss geological proposal

By PAT SMYRL Staff Writer

Scientists from USC and the Soviet Union met this weekend to discuss an ongoing reaserch project on climate changes at the world's oldest lake in Siberia.

The Lake Baikal Drilling Project was initiated at the university in May of 1989 by Dr. Doug Williams, a geology professor. The U.S.S.R. Academy of Science was approached with the proposal and the first meetings were held at USC in July 1989.

The purpose of the project is to learn more about the Earth's climate changes over the last 25 million years and to study the lake's unique ecosystem.

"Our long range planning involves drilling sedimentary samples from the lake. Right now the project is partially in the planning stage and partially in the execu-

"Baikal holds twenty percent of the world's fresh water, so it's not just a Soviet lake but a world lake."

Nikolai Dobretsov Vice Chairman

Siberian Branch of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Science

tion stage," Williams said.

The first U.S./U.S.S.R. expedition to Lake Baikal was held this summer and was coordinated by USC and The United States Geological Survey and concentrated on the upper fifteen-to-thirty feet of sedimentary layers of the lake. The team consisted of a diverse group of geologists, geophysicists and biologists operating off a 145-foot ship and land-based locations sponsored by the Limnological Institute at Irkutsk.

Only shallow drilling was done because the team does not currently have the equipment to reach the depths of the lake.

"We are planning to apply ocean drilling techniques to the lake in the future," Williams said.

One of the participants was Liasl Rhodes, a marine science senior at USC. She was working with the land based biological team attempting to identify the different trophic levels of the Lake Baikal ecosystem.

"My job was basically to identify who eats who," Rhodes said.

The meetings held this weekend at the university and at the Mills House in Charleston involved scientists from the United

States Geological Survey, France, Australia and Switzerland as well as those from USC and the U.S.S.R. The workshop was the largest gathering of Soviet and American biologists, geologists and geophysicists

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Many of the Soviet scientists who visited the university expressed excitement about the project.

"Lake Baikal offers the unique possibility to study climate changes over the past 10 million years. It is important to cooperate on this project to learn more of global change," said Academician Nikolai Dobretsov, vice chairman of the Siberian Branch of the U.S.S.R. Acadamy of Science.

More expeditions to the lake are planned for this summer.

"We can study the history of the region

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Student group protests Israel at State House

By TODD VENEZIA Staff Writer

A group of about 20 students from USC and nearby colleges staged a rally at the State House Thursday denouncing the recent actions of the Israeli government and their policies toward the people of the West Bank and Gaza

"We are gathered here to urge to protect Palestine and to implement the provisions of the resoultions," said Nadia Naser, former head of the now defunct Arab Student Association.

The U.N. resolutions, which received unprecedented support from the United States, denounced the actions of the Israeli Security Forces in the incident this month that

involved the forces in Jerusalem opening fire on bottle- and rockcarrying Palestinians. The incident left 19 dead and over 100 wounded.

"A resolution also calls for the insertion of U.N. peacekeeping troops into the area," Amnesty International Co-Coordinator Carl Maas said.

Israeli officials claim that it was a carefully orchestrated attack on Jews praying at the sacred wailing wall and that the ISF acted in justifiable self-defense.

The Palestinians claim that Jews were trying to start excavating on the site of the wailing wall.

"They claim that it is the Temple of David," Midlands Tech

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Renee Meyer/The Gamecoc

International Studies sophomore Katrina Wylund participates in a protest in front of the state capital building. The group was demonstrating for peace in the Middle East.

economy and population in the state, and a split would