

Recycling Office setting up bins to collect students' newspapers

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As an alternative for students who plan to ditch their newspaper after getting a dose of *Calvin and Hobbes*, the USC Recycling Office has special recycling bins to do the job.

"We realize that newspaper is the largest source of waste for students, and we wanted to make something available for them to recycle it," said John Newman, the graduate assistant who oversees the daily running of the recycling shop.

It takes about 17 trees to make 100 pounds of paper, according to Newman. And with *The Gamecock* printing 14,000 copies for each edition, it doesn't take long before

a small forest is cleared. In addition to newspapers, the office is also working with the Columbia Fire Department's "Aluminum Cans for Burned Children" project, which contributes money from the sale of cans to the USC School of Medicine to assist with the treatment of burned children.

For the moment, the office acts as a liaison between organizations and departments on campus wanting to set up a recycling program, and the city of Columbia, which actually handles the products and supplies the bins.

"We have helped the Wade Hampton residence hall institute a newspaper recycling program. The College of Nursing and the Thomas Cooper Library are both set to begin programs this semester," Newman said.

There is a newspaper bin on Blossom Street beside Moore dormitory and an aluminum can bin behind Longstreet Theater. The office plans to place another paper bin by the Reading Room in Carolina Coliseum soon.

The office is asking those who plan to use the newspaper bins not to put in magazines or paper bags.

Aluminum cans should be emptied first and may be deposited in plastic bags.

"We want to get as much student involvement as possible. We're trying to encourage them to recycle," Newman said.

Anyone with questions about recycling or starting a program should call 777-USED.

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Those weapons could spread such things as anthrax — which causes hoof and mouth disease in cattle — and cholera.

Dr. Michael Malone, the acting chief of staff, said some strains may be unlike anything physicians have treated.

"It's tough to talk about anything like that. Any organism used in a weapon is different from your standard organism," he said.

Malone said in a month, 184 of the 204 beds at the hospital could be freed for war casualties.

Meanwhile, the American Red Cross in Charleston is carefully reviewing hospital requests for blood

for elective surgery.

Spokeswoman Lee Ann Barrett said the blood bank, which supplies blood to 11 counties, is already experiencing a shortage. Part of the reason is 20 percent of the donations come from military peo-

ple. Many of them have been deployed.

The blood bank normally needs about 250 pints a week. That could increase by several hundred pints if war breaks out, Barrett said.

In the Upstate, the Carolina-Georgia Blood Center said it would need 35 more donors daily in the event of war.

In Columbia, a peace rally to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was planned for the Statehouse steps.

Roper Hospital in Charleston organized a show of support for troops. Hospital employees were

encouraged to wear yellow ribbons. Each day at noon through Friday, the hospital will observe a moment of silence.

State House of Representatives discussed the impending deadline Tuesday. They began their session Tuesday by singing "God Bless America."

"That is what we need right now," said Rep. Marion Kinon, D-Dillon, as he suggested the song. Kinon placed two U.S. flags on each desk in the House chamber in honor of the soldiers serving in the Gulf.

Teach-in

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time to work and Bush had missed "a golden opportunity" for a peaceful resolution to the crisis by being impatient.

"Iraq's GNP (Gross National Product) has been cut 50 percent in four months," he said. "At the height of the Great Depression in the U.S., the GNP never decreased by more than 14 percent. Iraq's economic defeat is unprecedented in world history."

"But this wasn't good enough for Bush," he added. "Bush gave Hussein two choices. One, unconditional withdrawal, and, two, war.

So he really didn't give him a choice."

Rosati went on to say the U.S.'s unwillingness to negotiate with Hussein was ironic because we had been allied with him in the '80s under Reagan, the U.S. government helped to arm Iraq and because at least 18 American companies sold Hussein equipment to aid him in building up his chemical weapons supply.

"The bottom line is now it's a question of American credibility and American prestige," he said. "The more we Americanize it, the

more it becomes a question of American credibility and prestige — and also of Bush's."

GINT professor Sharough Akhavi is a native of Iran and a nationally recognized expert who is frequently consulted for analyses about the Middle East.

Akhavi opposes war because he believes military action will harm the United States' long-range interests in the Middle East, and he believes war would not be contained to Iraq and Kuwait, but would spread quickly to Israel and Jordan.

Addressing the effects of the war on the Middle East, Akhavi said, "Redrawing the Middle East map will not be in the best interest of the U.S."

He said two other main conflicts that will be affected by an attack on Iraq are the Palestinian/Israeli crisis and the conflict of the Syrian presence in Lebanon.

Hal French of the Department of Religious Studies was one of the speakers on whether war was a moral and ethical option. Before

the discussion, he briefly described the religious aspects of the conflict.

"Religion should be a harmonizing factor in world affairs, but sometimes it serves to inflame the issues," French said.

"It's hard for them (Muslims) to understand the separation of church and state. For Islam, those two are inseparable," he said. "When you combine militant nationalism with religious fanaticism, you get a virulent form of hostility."

French said he was saddened by the "kick butt" mentality of some Americans, as if the war were a football game.

"People are going to be dying in a few days," he said. "People ought to be agonizing on the eve of destruction."

Besides the sessions, the teach-in presented videos on Vietnam and Iraq. Information on conscientious objector status and cards to send to U.S. troops in the gulf were also provided.

Vigil

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calls from Jim Knight, a USC engineering junior who served the center as house manager for a year and a half before his Air Force Reserve unit was called up for duty in the Persian Gulf.

Tonight, the Presbyterian Center will hold a special communion service to celebrate the new year. The service will also focus on peace, she said.


"I pray this will be settled soon as possible, as peacefully as possible. (We all) should keep praying

and telling our Congressman what we think," Sally Robinson said.

Washington Street United Methodist Church on Tuesday held a prayer vigil from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the sanctuary.


As the deadline for peace in the Persian Gulf comes and goes, campus religious leaders' views can be summed up with the out-going message on the answering machine at the Thomas Moore Center, "Let us all pray for peace."

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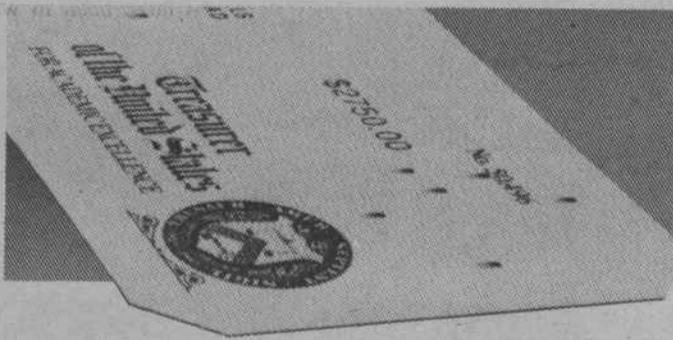
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