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Quote of the Day

"Folks, believe it or not, I actually have a subject to discuss instead of rambling endlessly as I usually do."

Brian Shelton, columnist
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BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS

World

Soviet soldiers shoot apparent draft evader

VILNIUS, USSR — Soviet soldiers on Tuesday shot and wounded a Lithuanian, apparently a draft evader, as he attempted to flee a military checkpoint, a Lithuanian government spokesman said.

It was the latest report of attacks by Kremlin forces in a crackdown on the pro-independence Baltic republics. At least 19 people have been killed since Jan. 13 in Lithuania and Latvia.

Jonas Tautkus, 20, was returning to the capital of Vilnius from the city of Kaunas in his father's car when he was stopped at a military checkpoint at about 2:15 a.m. Tuesday, sources within the Ministry of the Interior said.

Ranking Palestinian murdered in Kuwait

AMMAN, Jordan — A ranking member of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile was assassinated in Kuwait Tuesday, a senior PLO official reported.

Refiq Shafie Kiblawi, the assistant deputy speaker of the Palestinian National Council, was shot as he was leaving his house in Kuwait by men who fled in a Volkswagen car, said Salim Zaanoun, deputy speaker of the council.

Nation

Wyoming House stops anti-abortion bill

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A House committee rejected an abortion bill that would have been the most restrictive in the country.

As drafted, the "Human Life Protection Act" would have outlawed abortions except in cases where a mother's health was in jeopardy, or in cases of rape or incest. In the latter two instances, a woman seeking an abortion would have had to report the crime within five days after she was able to.

The House Judiciary Committee on Monday voted 5-4 against the measure.

State

Senator suspended; will fight charges

Sen. Horace Smith has been temporarily suspended from the state Senate after requesting that he be excused while he fights a charge of mail fraud and criminal conspiracy.

Smith, D-Spartanburg, wrote a letter to Senate President Pro Tempore Marshall Williams requesting that he be freed from his Senate duties, Senate Clerk Frank Caggiano said Monday. He said Williams complied.

Smith has served in the Senate since 1967. He was indicted this past Wednesday on one count of mail fraud and criminal conspiracy and could be sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$250,000 if convicted.

Correction

In Monday's *Gamecock* the USC Rugby Club schedule incorrectly had the team playing the College of Charleston on Saturday. They will be playing the Charleston Men's Club.

Compiled from wire reports

Smith a finalist for FSU

By TIGE WATTS
Assistant News Editor

Interim President Arthur Smith filed an application to become president of Florida State University the day after he said he would remain as USC's provost.

Smith withdrew his name from USC's presidential search Jan. 8 in a letter to Board of Trustees Chairman Michael Mungo after the imminent appointment of Georgia State President John Palms to the position became apparent to the media and university community.

"Beyond this transition period he (Palms) will have my complete and continued support in my capacity as provost of the university," Smith said in his letter to Mungo and the other members of the board.

A day after Smith pledged his support to Palms and his transition to the presidency, Smith submitted a formal application for the vacant Florida State presidential position.

In his application, Smith wrote Lawrence

Abele, chairman of Florida State's Presidential Search Advisory Committee, "Please consider this letter as my formal application to be considered a candidate for the position of President of The Florida State University."

The Associated Press first reported this past week that Smith did indeed apply for the Florida State position and was selected as one of 11 finalists.



Smith

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Drills held at dorms

Fire alarms set early in morning

By DAVID ANDREWS
Staff Writer

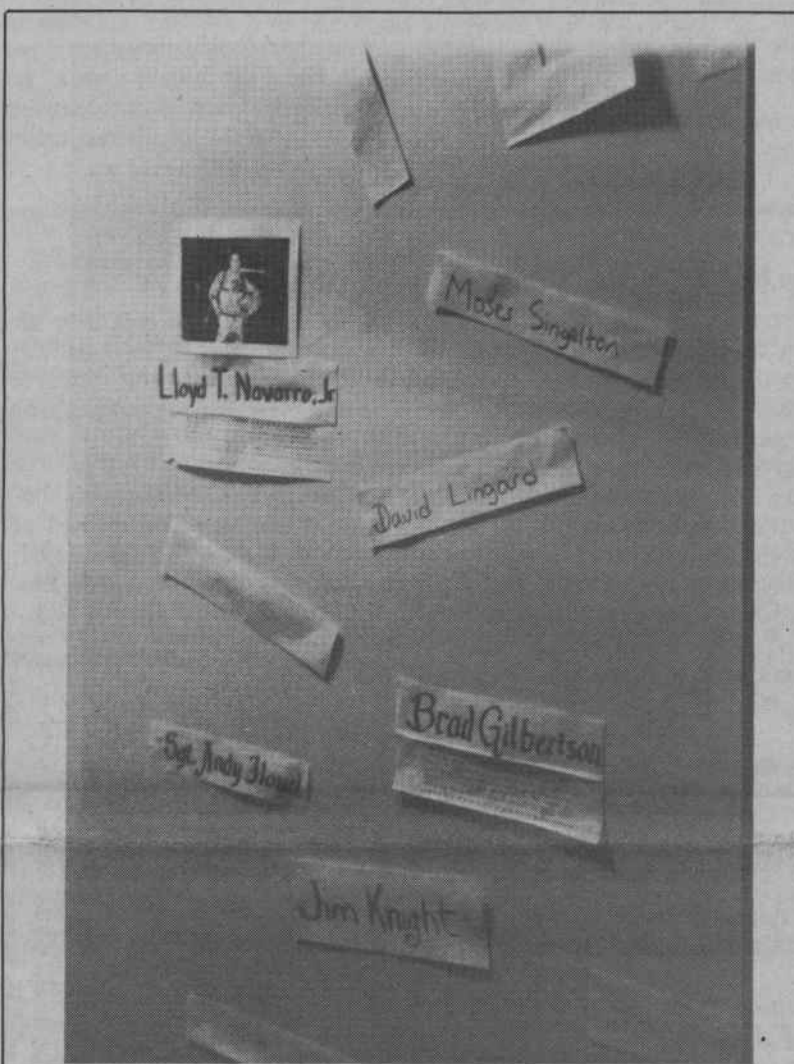
Many USC students were aroused by the scream of fire alarms in their residence halls during the cold early morning hours of Jan. 23.

Lawrence Beauford, director of environmental services at USC, said half of the residence halls on campus were drilled that night, including Capstone and some of the Towers area. He said some students complained about the timing of the drills, which were held between midnight and 6 a.m.

Stephano Andreas, a Columbia Hall resident, said he thought the alarms were a prank by other students. Columbia Hall's drill was held at about 4 a.m., when temperatures were in the mid-20s.

"When we got back inside and

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Julie Bouchillon/The Gamecock

Where are you now?

Residents of Wade Hampton covered this wall on the fourth floor of their dorm with names, pictures and comments about friends and family members who are serving in the Persian Gulf.

Police arrest man for thefts in quad area

Suspect caught leaving Towers

By CHAD BRAY
Staff Writer

After a rash of break-ins in the McBryde-Towers area, University Police have arrested one suspect in connection with the case.

Eddie Lee Jennings, 28, of 1001 Maxcy St. was charged with second-degree burglary, possession of burglary tools and resisting arrest on Thursday outside Moore residence hall. He was also charged with second-degree burglary and grand larceny Monday.

On Thursday, junior resident adviser Jimmy Honeycutt saw a "black male wearing a black leather jacket, black sweater and carrying a black umbrella" entering a room on his hallway.

While Honeycutt called the police, the suspect exited the residence hall on Blossom Street and was apprehended by responding

officers outside the residence hall.

After the suspect agreed to be questioned, police say that he was searched for weapons and found to be in possession of a 35mm camera and two "screwdriver-type tools."

Jennings was transported to the police department and questioned. During the questioning, police found that the camera belonged to the university and told Jennings that he was under arrest.

Police say Jennings then "jumped from the seat and ran out the back door, running north on Main." Police apprehended him on the 1200 block of Wheat Street. He was then transported to the Richland County Detention Center, where he is being held on a \$75,000 cash bond.

Police say warrants have been issued by the Columbia Police Department for his arrest on burglary charges.

Investigator Michael Couick

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GULF WAR

By The Associated Press

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — Iraq claimed Tuesday that an allied POW was killed by a coalition air raid, apparently while being held as a "human shield." And the United States vowed to shoot down any Iraqi planes that try to rejoin the war after taking refuge in Iran.

The official Iraqi News Agency did not give the nationality or name of the captured airman it said had died. The report said the airman was killed during an allied attack on Baghdad.

There was no independent confirmation of the report. Army Brig. Gen. Pat Stevens IV, at a briefing in Riyadh Tuesday, told reporters he was unaware of the report and could not comment.

This past week Iraq said it would send allied POWs to strategic targets, and on Monday it said some captive allied airmen were injured by bombing raids.

Tuesday's report, monitored in Cyprus, said the allied POW was killed in one of 65 air raids on Iraq Monday night and Tuesday morning.

"One of the raids hit one of the departments of the Ministry of Industry, killing one of the captured foreign pilots, who had been evacuated to that department," said a military statement carried by the Iraqi News Agency.

On Monday, in his first interview of the Persian Gulf war, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein hinted to Cable News Network that Iraqi air force planes leaving for Iran might return to action during the war. And he face of nearly two weeks of allied assaults.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater dismissed Saddam's comments. Judging

from initial reports, Fitzwater said, "It appears to be the standard propaganda speech in which he again threatens to kill Americans and undertake all sorts of despicable acts of war."

Allied officials have said as many as 100 Iraqi planes, both combat and transport aircraft, have taken refuge in Iran, which has declared its neutrality in the gulf war. Iraq has about 700 planes in its air force.

The Tehran government has promised to

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Legislators call for closing USC's Washington office

By The Associated Press

Three state legislators say the University of South Carolina should discontinue the practice of stationing an office in Washington.

"It's shocking and appalling in terms of what they're spending up there," said House Speaker Pro Tem David Beasley, D-Society Hill. "It makes as much sense as us having a satellite operation in Kuwait."

The office costs taxpayers about \$400,000 a year. "It's just unreal to me that they would spend that kind of money," said Rep. Herb Kirsh, D-York, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which must approve USC's budget. "That whole office should be abolished, and I hope the new president does just that."

Sen. Glenn McConnell, R-Charleston, said, "It's just part of the lavish lifestyle of the Carolina administration. . . . When revelations like this come around, it makes it hard to look (South Carolina) in the face and believe them when they say they need more money."

University officials have said the office helps faculty members get grants and monitors national trends and federal laws that affect higher education.

No other university in the Carolinas has an office in

Washington.

"There's no question but that a presence in Washington has been beneficial," said USC Trustee Chairman Michael Mungo. "But whether you need two full-time people and a law firm, that's a horse of a different color."

South Carolina's Washington expenses in 1990 included:

- \$97,000 salary of office director Jonathan Davidson
- \$82,000 salary of Steve Beckham, director of federal relations
- \$132,000 in fees and \$40,000 in expenses to the Lane & Mittendorf.
- \$27,000 in travel expenses for Davidson and Beckham.

The Washington office was established in 1981 by former USC President James Holderman. Holderman left USC this past summer after criticism about lavish spending.

John Palms, who will take over as university president after March 15, said reviewing the office would be one of his first priorities.

Mungo said he is positive the Washington office helped South Carolina professors get \$37 million in federal research grants this past year.

BLACK HISTORY '91

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The University of South Carolina's 22nd annual celebration of Black History Month will feature the following events:

Thursday	Opening Ceremonies. Nathan and Julia Hare, husband and wife team of social scientists speaking on issues surrounding today's black family. 7:30 p.m. Russell House Ballroom.
Sunday	Miss Black USC Pageant. The theme will be "Ebony Elegance: The Spirit of Being a Black Woman." 8 p.m. Koger Center. Admission fee.
Feb. 7	Speaker. Yolanda King, daughter of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Russell House Ballroom. Admission fee.
Feb. 10	Talent Show. The theme will be "An Escapade of Talent." 7:30 p.m. Russell House Ballroom. Admission fee.
Feb. 12	NAACP Founders' Day Program. 7:30 p.m. Russell House Ballroom.
Feb. 16	United Step Show. "Black-Out Jam" featuring the United Step Team. 8 p.m. Russell House Ballroom. Admission fee.
Feb. 17	Salute to Black Americans. The executive director of TransAfrica, Randall Robinson will lead the salute. 7 p.m. Russell House Ballroom.
Feb. 24	Gospel Singout. The theme will be "Perfected Praise." 4 p.m. Russell House Ballroom. Admission fee.
March 4	Closing Ceremonies. The speaker will be Susan Taylor, Editor in Chief of <i>Essence</i> Magazine.

For admission fee information, call The Association of African-American Students.

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