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World

Italian avalanche kills seven, maybe more

COURMAYEUR, Italy — A block of ice about 160 feet wide slid down the Italian side of Mont Blanc on Sunday, burying several skiers, authorities said. Rescue workers recovered seven bodies, but other bodies might be buried under the snow, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

The mass of ice split off a mountain peak and tumbled down for about two miles, crossing a ski trail and stopping just a few hundred yards short of a road.

Nation

Memphis elections under court scrutiny

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A Justice Department lawsuit seeks to overturn the city's election system, charging its use of at-large voting shortchanges black voters.

The lawsuit, filed Friday, seeks a court order eliminating at-large elections for the city council and local school board.

Only one black has ever been elected to an at-large seat on the Memphis City Council and none has been elected to an at-large school board seat.

But in the most recent city-wide election, officials said, 41 percent of the votes were cast by blacks.

State

Pilot becomes first S.C. casualty of war

An F-16 pilot became South Carolina's first Gulf War casualty when his aircraft crashed in Saudi Arabia, authorities said.

In addition, an A-10 Thunderbolt pilot from Myrtle Beach is missing after his plane was shot down in Iraq.

Capt. Dale Thomas Cormier, 30, of the 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing at Shaw Air Force Base at Sumter was returning from a mission in Saudi Arabia when his jet crashed Friday afternoon, said Dave McMahon, a spokesman for the Sumter base.

Capt. Stephen Richard Phillis, 30, was one of two A-10 pilots reported missing in action after their jets were shot down.

Three youths missing; one found Saturday

ANDERSON — Anderson County rescue workers searched Sunday for three missing youths who fell out of a capsized row boat in Lake Hartwell this past Thursday.

A fourth teenager was found shivering with fright and cold Saturday on uninhabited Andersonville Island, nearly two days after waves overturned the 10-foot row boat with three others on board.

The boat capsized, tossing the four youths into the water. Renee Wilson said she can't swim, but she stayed afloat by holding onto the side of the boat.

The others apparently tried to swim ashore.

"Shannon tried to swim back against the current," she said. "I heard her start screaming for help. Donnie went to save her. I never even saw the other boy."

Compiled from wire reports

Lawmakers blame Holderman

Koger funding 'misrepresented'

By The Associated Press

After Carolina Research and Development Foundation records were released Friday, lawmakers said former USC President James Holderman misrepresented how the Koger Center for the Arts would be funded.

The newly released records show the Carolina Research and Development Foundation used \$5.8 million from a scholarship fund to help pay off a \$9.25 million loan on the arts center.

"I think the secrecy of the whole thing bothers me," said Rep. Herb Kirsh, D-York. "If they took money away from scholarship (funding), that certainly was a wrong move."

Documents opened to the public this past week by the foundation also showed more than \$2 million in pledges to help pay for the Koger Center have not been received.

Another \$2 million for the arts center will not be available until after the deaths of Ira and Nancy Koger, for whom the building is named.

"(The funding) was completely misrepresented to the Legislature," said state Sen. David Thomas, R-Greenville.

The state's lease of a building that didn't yet exist "was a gimmick that Holderman had come up with to finance the arts center," Thomas said.

The foundation also used \$5.8 million of money earned from selling apartments to pay off the debt on the Koger Center instead of using the money to fund scholarships, records showed. The interest earned on the fund's principal provided only \$400,000 for scholarships and fellowships.

The university agreed to take over scholarship funding as long as the foundation paid

off the rest of the Koger Center loan, foundation records also showed.

"A sleight of hand with the funds is what it amounts to," Thomas said.

All records were not open to the public because of claims that maintenance workers threw them away three years ago. Remaining foundation records showed the cost of a three-week Hawaiian vacation by Holderman and his family grew to almost \$30,000. Holderman charged the costs to the foundation.

The 1985 trip included tennis charges, a sea cruise, expensive meals and \$576 per-night hotel rooms. American Express receipts attached to one voucher included almost \$500 in purchases at a luggage store, including a \$100 passport cover.

Foundation officials also produced, from microfilm, ledgers of expenses paid during three of the four years for which records no

longer exist. The ledgers list more than \$250,000 in items paid from the presidential account controlled by Holderman and more than \$138,000 in checks paid directly to him.

But there are no records to explain how the money was spent.

Other expenses listed in the records include:

- A \$230 automobile repair bill in 1987 for the mother of Ken Schwab, executive vice president of administration at USC. Records show the car was leased by the foundation for Holderman and eventually sold to Schwab.
- \$7,272 in airfare for Holderman to fly first-class and take his wife on a 1987 trip to Japan.

Assistant News Editor Tige Watts contributed to this report.

Iraqi citizens heighten civil defense operations

By The Associated Press

EDITOR'S NOTE — A.P. correspondent Dilip Ganguly arrived in Jordan Sunday after an eight-day assignment in Baghdad and filed the following dispatch, which was not subject to Iraqi censorship.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — As dawn breaks over Baghdad, men wearing gloves and heavy boots fan out to collect discarded tires, then set them afire. Other residents search for old clothes, bits of plastic — anything that burns.

It's a strange spectacle, but the aim is simple: to create a thick, black smokescreen that might help shield the capital from allied air strikes.

In every corner of this sprawling city of 4 million, residents search for discarded tires. They even remove tires from stranded or broken-down vehicles, which abound in wartime Iraq because of the lack of spare parts.

Tires also are burned elsewhere in the city, sometimes spewing smoke so thick the sun is blotted



out.

Besides reducing the visibility of allied pilots, the smoke may give a false impression to allied surveillance satellites that parts of Baghdad are burning.

Bags made of jute, collected by Popular Army soldiers and civilians, are wrapped around the iron railings of the bridges over the Tigris.

Small tree branches and green leaves are then fixed to the bags in an attempt to camouflage the bridges from air attack.

"We know the jute bags and the tree branches may not save the

bridges, but at least we are trying to save our city with whatever we have," said an Iraqi civil defense official.

In Baghdad at least 200 targets have been hit during the air offensive.

In the first two weeks, military targets and communication centers were hit. More recently, the raids have destroyed government and private buildings across the city.

One of the latest targets was a \$16 million conference center near the Al-Rashid Hotel, home to many foreigners.

There is tremendous anger directed at the United States, and also a growing feeling that Saddam should not have invaded Kuwait in the first place.

"We Iraqis were slowly returning to normal life after our war with Iran (from 1980-88). There was no need to invade Kuwait," said an employee at the Al-Rasheed who did not want to give his name.

"We don't need the oil," he said. "We need to live."

Shrivastava wants to create political 'hit list'



By GORDON MANTLER
Staff Writer

Editor's note: this is the fourth in a five-part series featuring Student Government presidential candidates.

Manish Shrivastava, Student Government presidential candidate, says he is the only candidate who has demonstrated commitment to Student Government during the past two years.

This experience includes Student Senate for two years, where he was chairman of the Minority Af-

fairs Committee and a member of the Rules Committee. He also has been involved with the Academic and Awards Committee and the Residence Hall Association.

He wants to create a political "hit list," in order to have leverage when bargaining with state legislators on tuition costs.

If legislators are aware this list exists, they will be less willing to raise USC costs. A political "hit list" is a list, sent to USC students, family and alumni, of legislators who should be voted out of office if they do not cooperate.

"I can do this because I have no further political aspirations," Shrivastava said. "I'm a pre-med major."

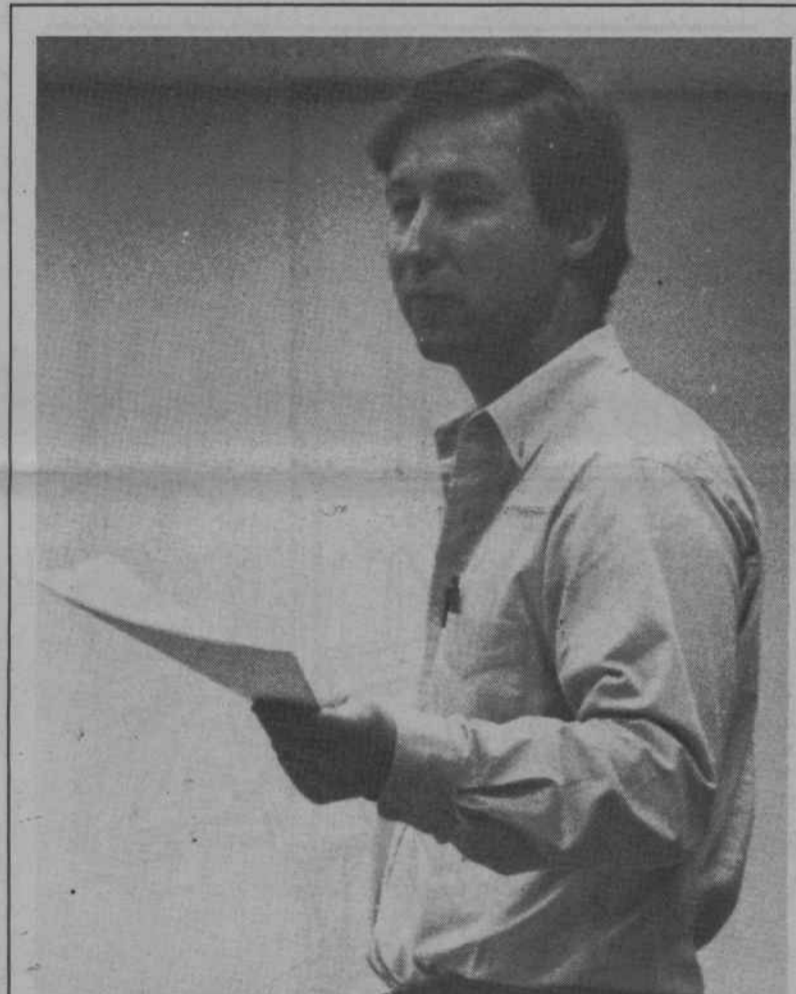
He said he also has his own ideas about safety on campus.

"To improve safety, we should expand the Reserved Police Officer force," he said. "Members of the RPO force are criminal justice majors whose starting wage is around \$5 per hour. They've proven to be cost-efficient, and they work."

He also said the RPO's could use the meter maid scooters during the night so the outlying areas of campus are more accessible.

"We need to improve advisement. The most fundamental thing we can do is to create an advisement critique form," Shrivastava said.

On the issue of recycling, he said, "Recycling needs to be or-



'Growing up Gay'

Jim Sears, author of "Growing Up Gay in the South," talks to students at a Gay and Lesbian Student Association meeting.



Shrivastava

He said if he were elected he would be able to put his ideas into action.

"Not only do I have the ideas, but I have the experience to apply and accomplish these ideas and to be an effective and positive leader," he said.

organized into a master plan. We need to make that knowledge of the master plan and how it works known to all students . . . through University 101 classes, student orientation and resident adviser training."

In reaction to the Homecoming Commission's report to cancel funding for the Homecoming Queen, Shrivastava said, "We need to find out whether students want Homecoming or not through a referendum."

Shrivastava said he doesn't have exact figures on how much he has spent on his campaign, but said it will probably be between \$200 and \$300. Election campaign rules mandate a \$400 limit on spending.

Vice presidential candidates discuss views

By GORDON MANTLER
Staff Writer

The primary concern of the Student Government vice president is to preside over the Student Senate, as well as serve on numerous committees on student life, such as parking.

But this year's candidates — Shine Brooks, Todd Scholl and Tom Young — say they are trying to bring innovative ideas to the job.

"I can bring very extensive and broad experience into the office of vice president," Shine Brooks said. "I have not only been in-

involved in Student Government and greek life, but also residence hall government, Student Alumni Association and budget work."

He also said lighting must be improved and expanded, along with increasing the number of walking guards and expanding Alpha Phi Omega's escort service.

Brooks said he has three other goals for the upcoming year — the elimination of the double jeopardy drug policy, a grade forgiveness policy and more Student Government visibility.

Candidate Todd Scholl said his platform has four main programs.

He proposed the use of forums and workshops to address the problems of racism and sexism on the USC campus.

"We should expand the use of the economy, and expand recycling," he said. "Students should know why recycling is important."

Security also needs to be increased as much as possible, he said, including more call boxes, lighting and roaming security guards.

"We should also make it more economical to come to college by trying to keep tuition costs down, by taking out the frills in the budget," Scholl said.

Tom Young said if he is elected vice president he will stress a number of issues including parking, recycling, safety and Student Government communication.

"I want to make life here at Carolina just a little bit better," Young said. "With real solutions to real problems. We want to make sure students are under the safest conditions possible by adding pedestrian signs and flashers, and updating crosswalks."

He also said recycling should be coordinated campus-wide, and, after the new parking garage goes under construction, students should not lose their current percentage of the total parking spaces.