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"I had writers' block for about three years. It's scary when you make your living out of writing, you know."
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BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS

World

Exploding television kills 16, starts fire

MOSCOW — A television set exploded and sent fire racing through a tourist hotel in Leningrad, killing 16 people including seven foreigners, Pravda reported Monday.

The other nine fatalities were firefighters battling Saturday's blaze at the nine-story Leningrad Hotel, the Communist Party newspaper said. Twenty-one people were hospitalized with burns.

Pravda said the fire started when a television set that had not been turned off exploded in a Swedish tourist's room.

Nation

13,000 crack arrests made in three states

ATLANTA — More than 13,000 arrests were made from a three-month crack investigation culminating in this past week's four-day drug sweep in Georgia, Florida and South Carolina, said a Florida law enforcement official.

That three-month operation included 86 drug arrests in Greenwood County, S.C., and another 29 in Laurens County, S.C., authorities said.

"Operation Crack Attack," which commenced at dawn this past Wednesday in Moultrie, experienced a few setbacks along the way. One of them occurred when the Clayton County Narcotics Unit broke in the door of an elderly couple's home south of Atlanta Friday after an officer typed the wrong address on a search warrant.

State

Bill would require students to say pledge

South Carolina's public schools should require the Pledge of Allegiance, honor military veterans and teach students about the "values of patriotism" and "Americanism," a Senate panel recommended Tuesday.

"This is a movement to inject... some of our traditional American values" into the curriculum, said the bills' sponsor, Sen. Mike Rose.

But every student would not have to say the pledge. Instead, a student could leave the classroom or remain in his seat.

But Sen. Jim Bryan, D-Laurens, said he worried about a mandatory pledge. For example, he said a class may ostracize a student who does not participate.

Leaders to make push for weapons reactor

South Carolina political leaders have vowed to push for a nuclear weapons production reactor in the state even though a congressional report recommended against the project.

"I don't think the... report is that significant," said Rep. Butler Derrick, whose district includes the Savannah River Site. "I've heard no one say we won't need a nuclear arsenal in the future, and that means there will be a need for tritium."

The report from the U.S. General Accounting Office recommended the U.S. Energy Department reconsider a 1988 decision to build two nuclear reactors and look for cheaper technology.

Gov. Carroll Campbell agreed that South Carolina is a good location for the reactor project.

Compiled from wire reports

Holderman could be questioned

From Staff and Wire Reports

State Law Enforcement Division Chief Robert Stewart said Tuesday former USC President James Holderman could be questioned about the destruction of foundation records.

A report in *The (Greenville) News* said SLED had no plans to question Holderman during its investigation into the disappearance of Carolina Research and Development Foundation records prior to 1985.

But Stewart said agents would question "whomever they deemed necessary to interview," and Holderman might provide input into the investigation.

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Foundation president

motely involved in this investigation," he said. "We don't normally announce who we're going to question."

SLED spokesman Hugh Munn said he knew of no plans to question Holderman at the time he made the statement to the newspaper.

"If it's important to the investigation, we will. Borders won't stop us," Munn said.

He said the investigation already is more

than half done and law enforcement agents have questioned several people in an attempt to determine what happened to the records.

Holderman had resisted releasing the records to the public, according to minutes from 1989 Foundation board meetings.

Meanwhile Gayle Averyt, president of the Carolina Research and Development Foundation, said Holderman "pushed to the limit" his discretionary power to spend the Founda-

tion's money.

Averyt said he was surprised to learn Holderman had spent \$1.2 million from the Foundation in eight years.

"We let Jim use his discretion as to where to put the money," he said. "It was pushed to the limit or past the limit."

Holderman, now working with Koger Properties in Jacksonville, Fla., received \$50,000 salary supplements and a \$60,000 expense account.

Avert said he was unsure what made up the rest of Holderman's spending.

Details about Holderman's spending, in-

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USC faces budget reduction

5 to 10 percent cut is possible

By College Press Service

Administrators at USC are being told to plan for a 5 to 10 percent budget cut in non-academic departments.

North Carolina State University students find their library isn't open as long as it was in December.

At Middle Tennessee State University, a computer center won't be able to buy the new printers it had wanted.

In California, students just found out their tuition might go up 20 percent — about five times the inflation rate — next fall.

And in Massachusetts, so many course sections have been eliminated that "it's become almost impossible to graduate in four years," said Plymouth State College student government President Charles Doherty.

The combination of the Persian Gulf War and the national eco-

nomie recession, in short, has caused a massive financial crisis at hundreds of campuses around the country.

For students and faculty members, it has meant fewer course sections, hiring freezes, lay-offs, mid-year tuition hikes, new fees for transportation and computer services, the abolition of intramural sports and less access to their libraries and health clinics.

"We're not trimming fat," said Oregon State University spokesman Robert Bruce. "We're removing marrow from the bone."

At least 30 states, left by the recession to take in less tax money than they thought they would get, are being forced to cut spending, a National Conference on State Legislatures survey in early January found.

The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) has had a repeat policy in effect since 1971. Florida State University's grade forgiveness policy officially started in 1971, and the University of Maryland's policy began in 1973.

In the fall of 1990, the University of Maryland restricted the policy drastically. Second grades are substituted for first grades in the GPR, but only for courses from the first college semester.

"It's a much more restrictive policy," said Gardnel Dyson, special projects assistant to the Office of Registrar. "We're very interested to see how students react to this."

Brooks said the grade forgiveness policy might improve USC's academic integrity.

"It is obvious from the quality of schools that do have it, that it would not hurt our academic integrity," he said. "In fact, it would seemingly improve it."

Young said students should express their feelings on the issue. "This issue is in the faculty's hands, but students can add their input," Young said. "And if the students want it, we will address it."

Since then, the news has gotten

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Bush denounces retreat announced by Hussein

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush declared Tuesday that the Persian Gulf War offensive will be waged "with undiminished intensity." He denounced Saddam Hussein's announced withdrawal from Kuwait as an outrageous attempt to regroup so that Iraq can fight another day.

"He is trying to claim victory in the midst of a rout," said Bush, effectively dismissing calls for a cease fire. He said coalition military forces are ahead of their attack schedule and that the liberation of Kuwait is near.

The president said Saddam's retreat is an effort "to save the remnants of power and control in the Middle East by every means possible," and vowed that tactic will fail.

The president said the way for Iraqi forces to end the fighting is



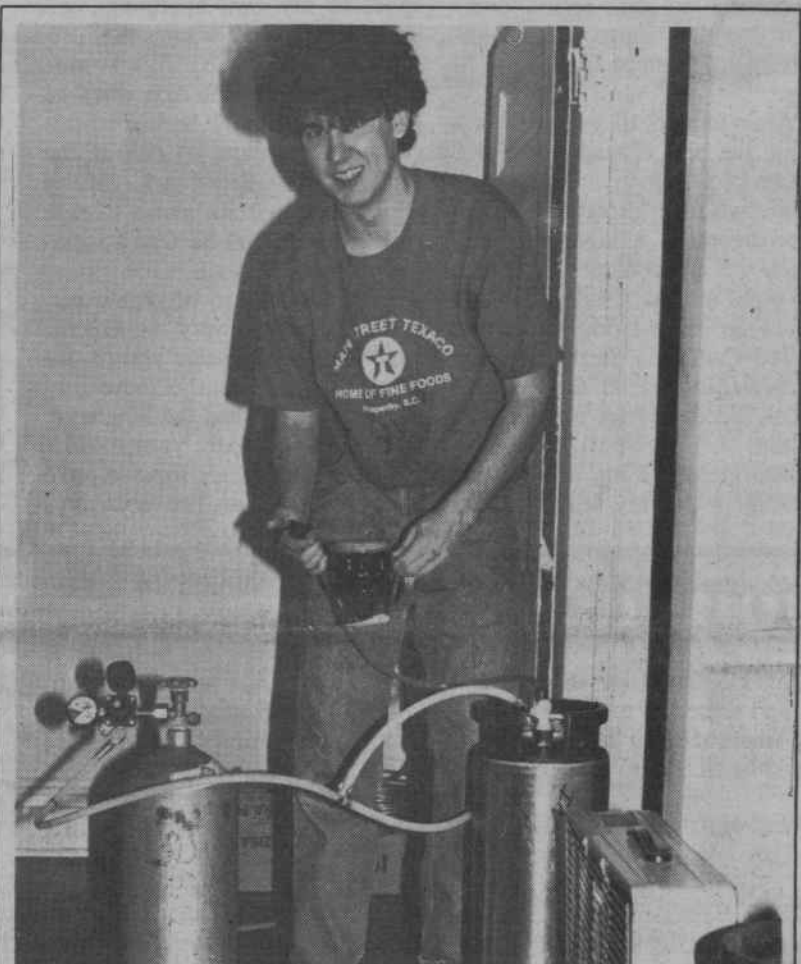
"to lay down their arms." He said there will be no attacks on unarmed soliders in retreat — but "we have no choice but to consider retreating combat units as a threat, and will respond accordingly."

Coalition military officials said some sort of an Iraqi withdrawal is indeed underway. Bush called that insufficient to end the war, and de-

manded full observance of all United Nations Security Council resolutions on Kuwait, starting with recognition that it is independent, not part of Iraq. He said Saddam has not relinquished his claim to the conquered nation.

Bush spoke as a Pentagon official disclosed that massive coalition forces had engaged key units of Iraq's Republican Guard and met "sporadic" fighting. He said the coalition troops were poised to cut off any attempted retreat to Baghdad.

Bush said Saddam has not renounced his claim to Kuwait, and has not accepted United Nations Security Council resolutions demanding not only unconditional withdrawal but also the restoration of the Kuwaiti government and reparations for war damage.



Richard Gault/The Gamecock

Kevin Varner pours a mug of homemade beer from the brewery he built in his home.

Student brews beer

Makes own lager, ale at apartment

By VIRGINIA MARSHALL
Staff Writer

Plans for South Carolina's first beer brewery are underway in a USC student's apartment.

But instead of an average American beer, South Carolinians can expect a homebrewed ale with foreign origins.

Bottled or draft, Kevin Varner, a USC junior, can brew it once a week in the front room of his Charles Edward apartment in Columbia. It's legal, too. Any adult, 18 years or older, can brew up to 100 gallons per person or 200 gallons per household.

Inspired after frequenting the pubs of Scotland while studying a spring semester at the Moray House College in 1990, Varner enjoyed the beer and realized the only way to capture the

"real ale" taste was to start brewing it at home.

"I really enjoy beer and everything having to do with it," Varner said.

So after Varner returned to the United States, he began extensive research and shopping for the best ingredients for his new home-brewing adventure.

"Since then, I have progressed to where I now control the entire process," Varner said. "The process of brewing beer from a malt extract is much like making a cake."

"Quality ingredients, a lot of sanitation and a little knowledge will take you a long way," he said.

All that is needed are four ingredients: malted barley, hops, yeast and water. The malt must be mashed to convert the starch to sugar. Then, a sweet solution, called wort, is strained from the

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Lori Toney/The Gamecock

Sing it loud

Members of the Francis Marion Choir perform at the Gospel Singout this past Sunday in the Russell House Ballroom. The performance was part of the 22nd annual observance of Black History Month and sponsored by the Association of African-American Students.

Grade forgiveness questioned

Whether policy would raise or lower standards debated

By GORDON MANTLER
Staff Writer

Vice presidential candidate Shine Brooks has made the implementation of a grade forgiveness policy a major platform issue in this year's Student Government campaign.

But questions have been raised over the consequences of having such a policy.

Vice presidential candidate Tom Young said, "If it will help our academic credibility, I'm all for it. As long as it does not jeopardize our academic standards or our 2001 goal."

The grade forgiveness policy, or repeat policy, allows students taking a course for

the second time to average the higher of the two course grades into the GPR. The lower grade will remain on the transcript but will not be figured into the GPR.

"I believe in offering the student every chance to succeed or fail," Brooks said. "This offers the student a great deal of mobility."

Joy Wynn, a records official at the University of Tennessee, said, "It gives the students a second or third time for a student to improve. We're here to help the students."

The University of Tennessee allows D's and F's earned in the first 30 hours of work to be repeated by the end of the students' first 60 hours of work.

Before 1984, Tennessee allowed students

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