

That which does not destroy us makes us stronger. Friedrich Nietzsche

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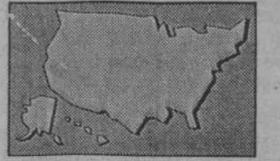
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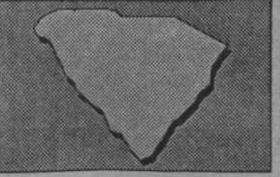
WORLD

■ Serbs proclaimed their own state Tuesday within the republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina as the United States followed the lead of the European Community and formally recognized the independence of Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia. Bosnian Deputy Premier Muhamed Cengic said commanders of the Serb-dominated federal army had promised to accept an independent Bosnia but federal jets bombed Croatian targets in Herzegovina, a mountainous region that makes up the western part of the republic.



NATION

■ An underground pipeline in Brenham, Texas exploded in flames Tuesday morning, flattening homes and killing at least one person, officials said. The explosion occurred about 7:15 a.m. in a rural area about seven miles south of the East Texas town of 12,000. It rattled homes and buildings as far away as Galveston, more than 90 miles away, and Vidor, 140 miles to the east. The only confirmed death was that of a 6-year-old boy who was blown out of a flattened mobile home, authorities said. Rescuers were searching damaged homes in the area for more victims. "The DPS center in Bryan has said there are numerous casualties," said Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox.



STATE

■ The state Supreme Court has upheld a lower court ruling barring a couple from distributing information at a Charleston mall about someone they allege is a child molester. The justices, in an unanimous decision issued Monday, noted the Citadel Mall is open to some activities, but that political events and solicitation are prohibited.



USC

■ The Indian Students Association inducted five new members as officers March 28. Each of the new officers was approved without any opposition. Ashok Shenoy was elected president and K. Raghubabie vice president. Faculty adviser professor Manoj Malhorta supervised the election.

Pro-life student group reorganizing



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Senior Elizabeth Calhoun, president of Students for Life, addresses her audience at the group's first meeting of the year Monday night. There hasn't been a pro-life student organization at USC since 1990, when the original group lost its charter.

15 members reapply for charter, plan goals

By SHAYLA STUTTS Staff Writer

Students for Life, a group organized to encourage students to choose alternatives to abortion, met for the first time Monday since losing its charter in 1990. The group was founded in 1974 in response to the Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion, said Kathleen Poole, one of the group's former advisers. Students for Life President Elizabeth Calhoun said the group lost its university charter in 1990 because the group's leadership eroded. The student who was leading the group had to leave and no effort was made to renew the charter, Calhoun said. Students for Life now has 15 members and has submitted a request to Student Government for rechartering, she added. In addition, the group has sent several proposals to the Student Senate, including:
■ Creating more affordable family housing at USC.
■ Allowing single parents to share rent and child rearing tasks on campus.
■ Equipping the dining halls to feed families.
■ Enlarging the Kampus Kiddie daycare and reducing the cost by staffing it with early education majors.
■ Allowing student parents automatic eligibility for work study programs.

■ Addressing the needs of graduate student parents. Charles Wysong of the American Coalition for Rights spoke to the group Monday night. Wysong denounced abortion clinics and quoted facts from the Abortion Injury Report of complications resulting from abortions, such as infertility and paralysis. Wysong also said the report documents that one in three babies, 1.6 million annually, are aborted in the United States. "Campus pro-life groups in the past have acted largely in response to actions of the pro-choice groups, and it is time for this to change," said Calhoun, who is a senior majoring in humanities. "We have our own agenda, and that is to see that friends who don't want abortions have other opinions." Biology major David Coones, a member of Students for Life, emphasized the group's focus on campus issues. "We're not trying to make a political statement. We're interested in providing alternatives to make abortion less attractive," he said. Calhoun said, "I don't see the pro-choice movement offering many choices. Students need more than a choice between abortion and dropping out of school." She said Students for Life believe abortion is not a liberated woman's choice, but a last resort for women who cannot receive financial, emotional and spiritual support from the community.

"Many think that abortion is some big gift to women. It's pathetic to think abortion is the only way out. Children are not a handicap. We shouldn't have to give up a part of our natural functioning in order to be seen as equal to men," she said. Coones said, "We want ideas from pro-choice groups. We don't want to convert people, but if they knew the facts more people would probably be pro-life." Graduate student Ralph Sarmiento said he and other members do not encourage the actions of Operation Rescue. "We are not going to prescribe to that kind of radical movement. Students for Life is to be an educational group," he said. Students for Life faculty adviser Earl Lingle said abortion is an industry. "If premiums increase in the clinics, the doctors have to raise their prices. Then they will lose business because of restricted access to abortions for women," Lingle said. On April 22 Students for Life is sponsoring a baby shower in the Russell House to collect items for crisis pregnancy centers in Columbia, such as Birthright, Bethany Christian Service and Daybreak. "No matter what side of the abortion argument you take, donations to the centers are a good way to help support pregnant women in crises situations," Coones said. "We hope to get a good response."

Drug offenders may lose loans

By JILL BUEHLMAN Staff Writer

The federal government is turning up the heat on the drug war in a new area — college students' pocketbooks. Under the "Denial of Federal Benefits Program," courts now have the authority to revoke an individual's government benefits, including federally-funded student loans, if he or she is convicted of a drug offense. Nearly one in three American undergraduates attend college with the help of federal financial aid. At the same time, more than half of all college students have experimented with illegal drugs, according to the National Clearing House for Alcohol and Drug Information. If a student is convicted of a drug offense, his or her name is put on a list that is checked by the government before loans are renewed. How long a student remains on the list depends on the nature of the crime and is up to the discretion of the court. The student is re-eligible for federal aid after his or her name is removed from the list. "This is the first announcement that drug using and trafficking on college campuses will carry serious consequences," Brenda Burrows of the U.S. Justice Department said. Assistant Director of Student

Life Patti Tomanio said the implications are that the government is not going to discriminate between those students who deal drugs and those who might get caught simply experimenting with them. But Jennifer Jones-Gaddy, who is the director of student loans for the S.C. Student Loan Corporation, said that might not be true. The financial aid office will probably not check with the local law enforcement agencies every time they process an application, she said. "The last thing they want to do is to follow someone around and make sure they're behaving themselves," she said. "But if the feds crack down and say check, then they will have to," Gaddy said. She said convicted dealers will definitely have their loans revoked. The Office of Justice Programs is conducting a nationwide awareness campaign in 1992 to inform the public of the potential consequences. Though its primary focus is college students, the Denial of Federal Benefits Program will affect all U.S. citizens. A person's name on the Debarment List will prevent him or her from obtaining more than 450 federal benefits, including contracts and professional licenses.

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Foreign students at home in international group

By JACK DUNN Staff Writer

The International Student Association has a tough job in representing more than 2,400 international students at USC. But one way the organization is tackling the job is by sponsoring International Week, April 13 to 17. Among the activities, ISA will hold its Spring Festival April 15, co-sponsored by the Carolina Program Union. Yasir Niazi, an Egyptian national and ISA president, said he has the tough task of attaining funds for the organization. "ISA is an organization that has the ability to expand and do a lot of good for the various cultures represented, and the Carolina community as a whole," Niazi said. "We have a problem with funding in that our actual membership is only 45. The membership shifts according to the nationality of the president," Niazi said. "For instance, last year the president was Hispanic, so most of the members in attendance were also Hispanic. The reason for the shifts is that we have no definite membership," Niazi said. "We've tried to have a definite membership for budget purposes and dealing with Student Government and Student Affairs, but they require us to give out application forms and have membership fees." Niazi expressed concern about

funding to keep the organization going and sponsor events. "Internationals know how to party. We've had three parties this year. At one, we had over 400 people come out, and at another over 200," Niazi said. "One of our most popular events is our food festival," he said. "We've had two this school year. Fourteen international organizations were represented, and we had an attendance of over 600." Niazi feels ISA should get more recognition and funding for their activities because they appeal to more people than just internationals. "When we go to Student Life for help, they tell us to go to the International Student Program," he said. "But they only work with individual students and not with organizations. If Student Life is involved with Minority Affairs and Black History Month, with Women's Services and Women's Month, then why don't they help us? We don't get anything. We need encouragement from Student Life." Setideh Mennesi, a pharmacy junior from Iran, is an executive officer in the International Student Association. She explained the advantages the organization offers internationals. "In general, it has helped me to make contacts with other internationals," Mennesi said. "ISA's social activities also help Americans

and internationals get together so that they are not isolated from one another." Valerie Peters, a hotel, restaurant and tourism major from France, said ISA activities provided valuable experiences and helped her get acquainted to her new environment. "It's nice to know there are others out there in a similar situation," Peters said. "I plan to be involved in international business when I graduate. It helps to meet interesting people from different countries and cultures." Pakistan Student Organization President Fuad Butt talked about his experience as a member of ISA and how it helped him to adjust to USC. "When I first came to Columbia, I asked the International Student Program office about finding an apartment, and they put me in touch with Yasir," said Butt, who is a student in the Master's in International Business program. "He introduced me to other internationals, and I started to go to ISA meetings." "ISA was helpful for me to get to know the student body," Butt said. "It's better to discover your surroundings with others in similar situations, instead of wandering around aimlessly."

Coastal Carolina quiet with interim president

By PATRICK VILLEGAS News Editor

Student reaction at Coastal Carolina has been quiet since the new Interim Chancellor Ronald Ingle took the reigns of the USC branch campus April 1. Ingle served as vice chancellor for academic affairs at Coastal and replaces Ron Eaglin, who will be president of Morehead State Uni-

versity in Kentucky. "Everyone seems to be adjusting to the situation," Coastal Student President Jonathon Shanks said. Shanks said there has been some regret Eaglin left, but the student government is looking forward to working with Ingle. Ingle was named an interim president until the matter of Coastal's possible secession from the

USC system is resolved. USC President John Palms said it may be one to two years before a permanent chancellor is named. Shanks said Coastal's student government has made no official stand on the secession issue and has not spoken with Ingle about the situation. Sara Loudin, assistant editor of Coastal's student newspaper, said

students have been quiet and cautious about the possibility of secession from the USC system. However, the student government was in favor of secession, at least unofficially, she said. As a result of Coastal's efforts to become independent, USC is re-examining its policy and philosophy concerning branch campuses,

according to Debra Allen, USC media relations spokeswoman. The new policy will be completed in early June, making it easier to discuss system agendas and problems, Allen said. "Once it is accomplished and developed, they will be able to work on issues concerning Coastal and other campuses," she said.