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common ground



USC community observes 23rd annual Earth Day

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USC will celebrate the 23rd annual Earth Day Thursday, April 22, and into the weekend.

The USC Recycling Office and Students Allied for a Greener Earth will sponsor an Earth Day celebration Thursday on the Russell House Patio from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The theme for this celebration is "Common Ground," and other organizations involved include the Association for African-American

Students, Amnesty International, Off-Campus Community Service Programs, Carolina Cares, Campus Rape Awareness, and Campus Coalition for Literacy.

There will also be a Portfolio reading during the celebration, according to USC Recycling Office graduate assistant Roberta Borgatti.

The S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the South Carolina Wildlife Federation are sponsoring an Earth Day program on the Statehouse grounds this Saturday. The program, Earth

Day Marketplace, will involve conservation groups, state natural resource agencies and businesses as "Partners for the Planet."

The purpose of the Earth Day Marketplace is to unite conservation groups, government agencies and businesses in the effort to preserve the environment, according to state parks spokeswoman Gloria Green. "It's a marketplace of ideas," she said.

Speaker for the event will be Rudy Mancke of SCETV's "Naturescene." There will be environmental game shows, a Litter Olympics for grade school students, and nature walks around the Capitol, according to state parks spokeswoman Gloria Green.

The Earth Day Marketplace will also feature an environmental songfest display of native state wildlife. There will also be educational programs on bat box building and jobs in the energy resource field.

"We wanted to bring together business, clubs and organizations," Green said. "There are a lot of private and public businesses trying to preserve the environment. So many times, the media presents the two (conservationists and businesses) as enemies, when they could actually be friends."

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control is sponsoring a hazardous waste collection day Saturday. There are many household chemicals that can't be thrown in the garbage can because

they are too hazardous to go in landfills. This waste collection day will take household chemicals and reuse or dispose of them safely.

"We're not disposing of everything. If we can recycle or reuse it, we'll do that first," DHEC spokeswoman Jana White said. Chemicals such as latex paint and pesticides will be reused.

DHEC is looking for items such as fertilizer, brake fluid, pool chemicals, antifreeze, oven cleaner, kerosene and gasoline. They will not accept commercial, industrial or agricultural waste, explosives, gas cylinders, smoke detectors or radioactive waste. Syringes are the only medical waste they will accept.

White said donors should keep materials in their original container so that DHEC will know what the chemical is and what they have to do with it. Also, mixed chemicals could produce toxic gas and be harder to identify.

Co-sponsoring the waste collection are the League of Women Voters, the Governor's Division of Natural Resources, the city of Columbia and Richland and Lexington counties. Several area businesses such as Rose-Talbert Paint, Mid-Carolina Steel and Recycling and Regency Battery will also be on hand to accept reusable materials.

The waste collection will be in the DHEC parking lot at the corner of Bull Street and Harden Extension from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Accents

Top 10 Signs Brother Jim Is Gaining Acceptance:

10. Was offered \$1 million to spend night with Robert Redford.
9. Cops take him for doughnuts on the way down to station.
8. In a popularity poll, placed just ahead of Bobby Cremins.
7. People are only pretending to spit on him now.
6. Under new endorsement deal, will never have to pay for clothes again at J.C. Penney.
5. Made an honorary member of Kappa Sigma.
4. His softball team won five of last six games after unsuccessful player revolt failed to remove him as coach.
3. When he checks student directory to look up girl he met at party last night, he finds she actually did give him correct number.
2. Has stopped using the word "babe."
1. A parade was thrown in his honor in hometown of Waco, Texas.

Survey Finds Prevalent Belief In Aliens: A nationwide poll of almost 1,500 people conducted by the national television show "Dateline: USA" discovered more than 70 percent of those surveyed believe there is life elsewhere in the universe.

Opinions were evenly divided as to whether the beings would be hostile or friendly in the event that they visited Earth. Of the respondents, 65 percent believed we'd be conquered during such a visit, while 25 percent were confident of Earth's ultimate victory over the invaders.

Apathy to this question reached 10 percent. This number had no opinion or felt they "wouldn't be around" to find out how such a confrontation would turn out.

As far as technology goes, 80 percent believed alien technology would be more advanced than ours. After all, they reasoned, it would have to permit them to travel across millions of light years in space.

Producers of the show said three recent events inspired the survey: the \$100 million NASA/SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence) project, the new edition of L. Ron Hubbard's international fiction bestseller "Battlefield Earth" and the release of the film "Fire in the Sky," which depicts Travis Walton's account of his abduction by alien beings.

Most of the people surveyed agreed alien beings would not "look like us." Their exact description varied, ranging from pear-shaped creatures to furry, talon-wielding giants to winged lizards.

Renowned Poet Comes To USC: Dave Smith, poet, critic, novelist and co-editor of "The Southern Review," will give a poetry reading tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Gambrell 428. A reception will follow the reading, which is sponsored by the English department and Southern studies.

Smith, who has been described as "one of the best poets of his generation" by The Hudson Review, will be introduced by James Dickey. Smith has won many awards, including the 1988 Virginia Poetry Prize, the 1985 Alumni of the Year award and the 1979 American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters Award.

Smith has written more than 20 books and has been published in numerous anthologies and magazines, including the "Norton Anthology of Modern Poetry," the American Poetry Review, Atlantic Monthly and the New Yorker.

Dance Ensemble To Perform: The American Dance Ensemble will present a lecture/demonstration on various forms of dance from 7 to 8 tonight in Blatt P.E. Center 307.

The ensemble, which hails from Minnesota, will present the origins of dances such as the Big Apple, the Jitterbug, the Carolina Shag and others, as well as perform demonstrations. The lecture is free and open to the public. For information, call Susan Anderson at 777-7209.

College puts different perspective on prom

The bow ties and cummerbunds are being dusted off in smoky formal wear shops all across America. Limo drivers are waxing up their stretch caddies and restaurateurs are throwing some extra steaks in the freezer. It's high school prom time again, and I got a front row seat this year.

Yep, the Beardman goes to the prom again. An old friend of mine called me two weeks ago to go to her prom last weekend. Having the choice of either dancing or sitting in my dorm room watching old CHiPs reruns over the weekend, I said yes.

It's only been one year since my prom, but things sure have changed. For one thing, the disc jockey played only a few country songs. Country music is kinda scary at a prom, because the only way people know how to dance to country music is to line dance. Of course, they only know one line dance, the electric slide, so they end up electric sliding for the three or four songs until the DJ decides to switch to more traditional dancing fare, like "Baby Got Back" by Sir Mix A Lot. I think all high school students should be required to take an elementary boot-



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scootin' boogie course to properly take advantage of the country line dancing craze.

I also noticed it was a lot more fun at a prom when you don't have to worry about getting accepted at a college, leaving home, starting a new life and other assorted high school senior worries. I'd ask somebody what their college plans were just so I could watch them writhe in agony as they explained their two-year long search for the perfect college, then I'd make up some horrible criticism of their college choice like, "You know, they make all the freshmen breed rats in their rooms at that school."

Some things hadn't changed at the prom. Most of us white guys were still incredibly incompetent dancers. We'd shake our booty a little and attempt the running man for about 10 seconds, then we'd revert to the old "stand up and bob your head up and down" dance.

Of course, there was a normal quantity of broken-up couples who decided not to break their dates. I love to watch people fight when they're in tuxedos and prom dresses. It adds a

certain ironic, classic air to the phrase, "You know where you can stick that corsage, honey."

I also noticed that slow dance songs are going downhill. All R&B songs sound the same: there's some kind of percussion instrument that makes a bonging/jingling/drumming sound, there's a couple of guys singing harmony, and there's a part where the bass singer says, "Baby please don't don't leave me baby, I've gotta have you, etc."

Rock 'n' roll love songs are improving. They all either have slowed-down thrashing of chords or really bad acoustical guitar, and they have lyrics like, "Love bites, love bleeds." It's less of a slow love song and more of a sacrifice-the-nearest-farm animal song.

The ultimate slow dance song is "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong. It's even got a part at the end for the romantic, dashing, end of the song kiss. Of course, these days a song saying "I wanna get freaky with you" is considered romantic.

I had a good time, despite the lack of quality slow music. There's just something about slow dancing with somebody, even if you're not dating them and even if the music sounds like someone strangling a squirrel. It's all in the rhythm, I guess.

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