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Being bilingual widens career options

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As America becomes more ethnically diverse, it is also becoming more important for native English speakers to learn a second language.

The second language of choice for many people is Spanish, perhaps because of the large Spanish-speaking population in the United States.

USC Spanish professor Lucile Charlebois said people who can't speak Spanish may be at a disadvantage in the future. "Spanish is going to be almost the official or unofficial second language of the United States by the 21st century," she said.

Charlebois said most of the students in her Spanish language and literature classes aren't Spanish majors. She said other students probably study Spanish because of professional reasons.

Many of these other students major in education, social work and journalism. She added that at other universities, many of the non-

Spanish majors who take Spanish are public health or translation studies majors.

Charlebois is of French-Canadian ethnicity. She grew up in western Massachusetts and learned English as a second language from her Irish-American neighbors and in Catholic school. She took Spanish in high school, and, in college, she held a double major in Spanish and social work. Today, she speaks Spanish better than her native French.

International studies senior Diettra Wilder speaks French, German and Spanish. "I can't do math, and I can't do science," she said, so she chose to study these languages in college. Wilder speaks Spanish better than the other two foreign languages.

Her aunt taught her Spanish when she was younger, and she pursued learning it during high school.

Wilder eventually wants to work for the United Nations and hopes her foreign language skills will help her find a job. "Everywhere you go, people are looking for

someone who can at least speak Spanish," she said.

English junior Jud Wolfskill has a Spanish minor. He plans to go to law school or study English in graduate school. If he goes to law school, he wants to specialize in international law.

Wolfskill said he talked to an international lawyer whose French-speaking skills once helped him negotiate a contract with a client. The lawyer told him that English and French were the dominant languages in international law.

Wolfskill said his Spanish-speaking skills would also help him if he studied English in graduate school. Most English graduate programs require mastery of one language or average knowledge of two.

Charlebois said the foreign language requirement for many USC majors is a good policy, but thinks there should be a foreign study component added. If students don't study in a Spanish-speaking country, they should be involved in some form of "total emerging program" and work with native speakers.



"When a student speaks with a native speaker, he begins to understand a little more about the psyche of the language," she said.

"If you know more about them (native speakers), you'll be more able to communicate with them," Wolfskill said.

Accents

USC Blows Out Stress: The second semi-annual USC blowout will kick off today at 6 p.m. with the band life in general playing on the Blatt P.E. Center Field D.

The first event will feature free barbecue, and there will be a sign-up at the barbecue for the Triples Sand Volleyball Tournament from 8:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Field D. At 8 p.m., comedian Walli Collins will perform in the Russell House Theater until 9 p.m.

The last event of the day will be a showing of the movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. in the Russell House Theater.

Lee Delivers Speech Postponed By Riots: Movie director Spike Lee finally made it to the University of California, Irvine, campus for a talk postponed a year ago at the height of Los Angeles-area rioting.

His limousine got caught in traffic on the second night of rioting sparked by the state court acquittals of four white Los Angeles police officers charged in the beating of Rodney King.

"I was feeling a lot of hurt, a lot of anger, and I understood why people were acting the way they did," Lee said. Now, a year later, with two of the policemen since convicted in federal court of violating King's civil rights, he says he's not quite so angry.

Lee also said the ultimate verdict is not yet in on his film "Malcolm X," which wasn't nominated for an Oscar as best film of 1992 and was shut out in categories where it did receive nominations.

"I feel that 50 years from now, people will still be looking at 'Malcolm X,' while the five pictures that got nominated for best picture this year will be long forgotten."



Grapes

Summertime brings fun, hidden dangers

Classes are spiraling downward into the tailspin of exams. Bathing-suited bodies are beginning to litter the Horseshoe lawn in bitter defiance of the infamous "Keep Off Grass" signs. The library pond is looking more and more swimmable every day. Summer's here!!

Take caution during the summer months, however. Summer tragedies occur because people aren't aware of the dangers that accompany the season.

■ Make sure you inspect any cars you ride in during the summer. Many a person has unknowingly jumped into a car with hot vinyl car seats, permanently gluing himself to the seat. My cousin Roy actually had to have his legs amputated in order to remove himself from his vinyl-upholstered AMC Pacer. His wife Tawny didn't want to lose her legs, so she sat in the passenger seat until Labor Day came and the weather cooled down.

■ Avoid trashcans around campus and in any national or state parks you visit over the summer. School and park trashcans are like summer cottages for yellowjackets, those colorful and annoying flying insects with stingers of doom. Furthermore, summertime trashcans develop a mean and nasty, stanky smell as the garbage juice ferments. If the yellowjackets don't sting

you to death, the odor will finish you off.

■ Beware of summer jobs, too. Despite the undeniable fact that summer was meant for useless loafing and contemplation of navels, many students feel they have to dig around for a minimum-wage job to "raise money for school." Face the facts: you'll end up washing dishes until one in the morning, and then you'll blow every cent you earn over the summer on cool new summer movies, gas for road trips, alcoholic beverages and cheap sunglasses. Is it really worth it? Summertime is the perfect time to be a burden on your parents.

■ Speaking of cheap sunglasses... summer is also infamous for drawing people to the beachwear shops that line the Grand Strand. You know the ones I'm talking about; they peddle cheesy \$2 "Summer '93" beach shirts, salt-water taffy, crude postcards, inflatable rectangular rafts, and pet hermit crabs. They're usually chain stores with patriotic names like Eagles or Wings. My brother and I attempted to count all of the Eagles stores once, but his head exploded soon after number 13,597.

If you do happen to be at the beach for the summer, there are a few things of which you should be aware.

■ Guys, don't wear a bikini bathing suit; people may seem to be staring at you and admiring your physique, but they're laughing on the inside.

■ Don't swim near the fishing pier. Those sharks you saw the fishermen chumming with bloody fish heads are gonna get pretty ticked off when the fishermen run out of fish heads, and you don't want to be an after-dinner snack.

■ Don't pee in the water. If a giant fish came into your house and relieved himself on your Lazy Boy, you'd be mad, wouldn't you?

■ Don't go out without suntan lotion on your feet. Nikes and a top o', the foot sunburn just don't mix.

■ Finally, don't go into the water until 30 minutes after you eat. I don't know why, but my mother used to tell me that, and I figured I'd pass on the advice. (I think it attracts jellyfish or something.)

I know there are a lot of rules for summertime fun, but think of all the mischief and fun I didn't mention. If you're lucky, you may even go out one night and see a lightning storm over the ocean, with Zeus throwing fiery thunderbolts at Poseidon. (That's "see Jupiter throwing fiery thunderbolts at Neptune," for all you Roman mythology types.) If you're lucky enough to see a natural phenomenon like that, your summer will be made.

Have a happy summer; next fall, the squirrels and I will be back!



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Atlanta-based Grapes to play Rockafellas'

From Staff Reports

Hard-rocking Atlanta band the Grapes will play at Rockafellas' Wednesday night.

The band has been playing their psychedelic blend of hard-driving guitars and pulsating drums for more than six years.

Their debut "Water to Wine" included 11 original songs and a cover of the classic "Drift Away." Hard-hitting songs like "Sweet Angeline," their debut single, has received radio play on alternative stations from coast to coast.

Strength through diversity is what gives this band depth, with a wealth of styles that influence their music. Bassist/lead singer Charlie Lonsdorf, a Chicago native, founded the group. Rhythm guitarist Romlin Dawson has lived all over

the country. He has an unending appetite for different and new types of music. He contributed much of the material in the groups' debut release.

Lead guitarist/vocalist Ted Norton rounds out the group with a highly technical approach to his instrument. Steven Fink on keyboard and vocals has been playing piano since the age of four. Rick Welsh, the band's newest addition, provides the powerful backbeat to the Grapes' sound.

The Grapes' producer John Keene also produced bands such as the Black Crowes, the Indigo Girls and Widespread Panic. The band's Southeast tour will take them to Charleston's Cafe 99 Thursday and Spartanburg's Spring Fest on Saturday.



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