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Solomon asks senate to be responsible

SGA President Carl Solomon addressed the senate Wednesday, asking the senators to be fiscally responsible.

Solomon spoke of the \$25,000 that is in the SGA budget and asked the senators to be careful with the money.

"This year is a little different than most years. We are in a budget crunch," he said. "I ask the finance committee and the senate to be very responsible with this money."

In other senate business, SGA Vice President Brian Comer announced there are still available seats in the colleges of Applied Professional Sciences, Public Health, and the Law school. The College of Business has two openings as well.

Any one interested in the open senate seats can pick up an application from the SGA office.

Theater department announces fall season

American classics, Shakespearian favorites and controversial contemporary dramas are among the productions being staged this year by USC's Department of Theatre, Speech and Dance.

The 1993-94 season, which is designed to teach USC students all aspects of the theater business as well as to entertain audiences, includes favorites such as Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" and William Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure."

Tickets for each of the season's shows, except the Fall Dance Concert, will be \$10 for the public; \$8 for USC faculty and staff, senior citizens and military personnel; and \$6 for students.

Tickets are on sale from noon to 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the Longstreet Theatre box office. To order by phone, call 777-2551 or 777-2552.

Maggie in the Midlands



David Mandrell/The Gamecock

Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrived Wednesday at Columbia Metropolitan Airport to speak at a Lexington Medical Center Foundation banquet.

Former student's book links crime, violence with hunting

By NORA DOYLE  
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USC — You might not know that more than 11,000 students in South Carolina, starting at age 10, were enrolled in a hunter education class at school in 1992.

It's a class that teaches children how to kill animals and how to operate firearms and is often hidden under the heading of Outdoor Education or Physical Education.

It's also possible that you are not aware that 14 children a day are killed by firearms in accidents, suicides and murders. You might not know that more than 100,000 students across the country bring guns to school everyday.

But former USC student Katherine Trimnal, author of "Children, Guns & Violence in America," is aware, and she sees a link between the 22 years hunter education has been in the school system and the adolescent violence and crime in the United States.

"These classes plant seeds of

violence, and they are academically void," Trimnal said. "There's a conflicting message. It's saying kill animals with guns, but don't bring guns to school."

Trimnal said there were at least seven examples in her book of murderers taking their anger out on animals when they were children.

Albert DeSalvo, the Boston Strangler who killed 13 women, trapped dogs and cats in crates when he was young and would then shoot arrows through the boxes.

Carroll Cole, executed for five of the 35 murders for which he was accused, strangled a puppy as a child.

Anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, "The worst thing that can happen to a child is to let him kill an animal for pleasure and get away with it."

It's easy for children to misuse or misfire weapons once they've experienced a rush of power and realize they are in control, Trimnal said in her book. But from then on,

anyone who makes a wrong move might have their destiny ended prematurely.

Trimnal has made it her job to ask all 91 S.C. school districts to reconsider allowing hunter education into the classrooms. The book said, "The handgun has to be a better stalker, a better outdoorsman. Handgun hunting requires a person to have a better grasp on the art of hunting. Naturally, you will want the most powerful handgun you can comfortably control."

Richland County School District One has already recommended that Hunter Education not be included in its curriculum, stating that the addition of the course would make its challenge of teaching required courses even more difficult.

"Parents need to be aware of what information is being fed into the brain of a child," Trimnal said. "Children are aware of everything we do. They are like sponges."

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Trustees will have to decide which, if any, of the company's recommendations are acted upon.

One possible concern for USC employees is a possible recommendation to consolidate, realign or privatize their departments. "There is a sense of trust by employees, a sharing of their day-to-day responsibilities, their suggestions on how things can be improved," Palms said. "I couldn't be more impressed with their cooperation. At the same time, it's hard to tell what the future may hold. It's very delicate."

Tascor is performing its study at no cost to USC. The study began because Palms had expressed an interest to associates in Atlanta. Tascor ordinarily focuses on corporate management. Acocella said the company saw an opportunity to

expand into educational management and decided to offer its services to USC free of charge.

Acocella said Tascor has been present on college campuses before but never at as high a level as it has been at USC.

Russ McKinney, director of public affairs at USC, said, "I think there was a lot of uncertainty among a lot of university employees when this matter first came rolling out," McKinney said.

"One thing we have been glad to hear is that the Tascor folks have said that they have never in this type of work encountered a group of workers who have been more willing to take the time to show them what they do, and tell them what they do and share with them their thoughts about their jobs."

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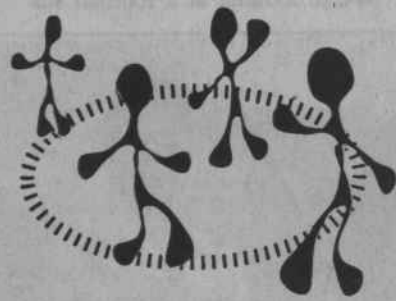
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