

USC DIGEST

Panel discusses U.S. role in Somalia imbroglio

By VAN HOPE
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USC — The presence of U.S. forces in Somalia was debated Thursday night at the Russell House Theater.

Setting the platform for discussion was GINT professor Abdullahi Aden, a Somalia native, who explained how his country plummeted to starvation and governmental distress, which led to international intervention.

Aden said military dictatorships were the most frequent form of government in Somalia during the Cold War, when the country was politically strategic to the United States and the Soviet Union.

"This created an atmosphere where the politics were expressed with only a gun and violence," Aden said.

Somalia's political system collapsed in 1990, leading to rebellions by four major clans. This power vacuum, Aden said, ignited

ed a new level of civil violence stemming from the competition of central government.

Under the leadership of a military dictator, social and governmental institutions were cast aside. This caused the chaos in Somalia today, Aden said. At the end of President Bush's term, the United States volunteered to aid U.N. efforts to break the deadlock of power in Somalia.

The rebel warlord Mohammad Farah Aidid, who recently challenged the United States, wants to keep this traditional military leadership alive.

The media, Aden said, are giving the wrong impression of the Somalia crisis by portraying Somalis as furious toward U.S. intervention. Aden said the Somalis are in favor of international aid.

SGA Vice President Brian Comer is against withdrawal.

"The United States can't be an isolationist country," Comer said. "We can't play the

role of an ostrich that sticks his head in the ground when there are problems in the world and just refuses to acknowledge them."

Comer said the United States initiated U.N. interest in Somalia, and if the nation was to pull out, the same scenario of famine and distress would appear again.

"I think that we should stay in this area and exercise a commitment to ordered government, but at the same time, I do support the March 31 deadline," Comer said.

In rebuttal to withdrawal, Tobias Lang, a GINT doctoral candidate, said the problems in Somalia are structural and the conflicts that occur stem from these problems. He believes the United States should help by way of social and economic means as opposed to political and military means.

"I think we should show our leadership there rather than using a military option," Lang said. "The U.S. should be a team player with other leading countries, a consortium

of leading powers, the British, the French, the Japanese. I'm not saying we should abandon Somalia at all."

Sophomore Carson Bush, a Model United Nations club member, also spoke against withdrawal. He explained how the United Nations has played a major role in restoring Somalia and how the United States should play a security role until a Somali government can take over.

"I don't see the mission as being U.S.," Bush said. "It's a U.N. mission. We are there for the good of the humans in Somalia."

Bush said when the United States pulls out, it would hand its duties over to the United Nations.

"I feel the reason we are there is humanitarian and that we will continue to go out being the world's policeman, handing it over to the U.N. as often as we can," Bush said.

ODK honor society adds 26 members

Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society added 26 members to its USC chapter Sunday in its fall 1993 induction ceremony.

The society honors and encourages the achievement of exemplary character and superior quality in scholarship and leadership, said Nicki McBrayer, president of ODK.

USC graduate and ODK member Marie-Louise Ramsdale was the guest speaker at the ceremony. She said this generation must become the "change generation" and should use creative leadership to achieve it.

The Chi Circle of ODK, the oldest honorary leadership fraternity on campus, was founded in 1927. The national organization was founded in 1914 at Washington and Lee University in Virginia.

ODK sponsors a number of leadership programs and forums, including the University Awards Day ceremony.

2 MIBS students compete in race

Two USC business students have been selected for a New York-to-Los Angeles driving competition sponsored by Chevrolet Geo, beginning today in Manhattan.

Ed Winslow of Monroe, N.Y., and Cynthia Harris of Camden, Ark., both second-year MIBS students, will compete for \$104,000 in scholarship funds with driving teams from 20 other schools, including Columbia, Notre Dame and Southern California, in a test of fuel economy.

The car driven by Winslow and Harris will represent USC's College of Business Administration in the Econo-Run 93 race for a \$20,000 first-place award for the winning school's general scholarship fund and daily scholarship prizes of up to \$4,000. Each participating school is guaranteed a \$1,000 honorarium.

The test of fuel economy is sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America, which will measure each car's daily gas consumption.

Dropping in



Football greets Tony Dorsett and USC graduate George Rogers appeared at Saturday's game against the Florida Gators.

Arizona police, psychologists try to explain library sex offenses

By College Press Service

TUCSON, Ariz. — Indecent exposure is a touchy subject at the University of Arizona main library.

In a recent two-week period, six sex offenses were reported in the library, leaving police baffled, psychologists trying to provide explanations and library officials saying they were unaware of the incidents.

"In the past couple of months, there has been an increase in incidents, but I have no idea why," said Sgt. Brian Seastone of the University of Arizona Police Department. "Maybe people are becoming more tolerant of such acts."

Nineteen sexual offenses were reported on campus in 1992, including indecent exposure and voyeurism, police said, while nine have been reported so far in 1993.

Gloria Avilliar, senior business manager and library monitor, said she was unaware of the number of sexual offenses reported to police. Carla Stoffle, dean of the University of Arizona libraries, also said she did not know about the recent sex offenses reported to the police. Police have not notified library officials about

the incidents, she said.

Larry Morris, a Tucson clinical psychologist, theorized that university libraries are popular places for people who like to expose their genitals because there are so many places to hide and usually a large number of young females.

People may expose themselves because they are insecure or lack self-esteem or fear approaching people in sexual relationships, said Ken Marsh, head of mental health at Student Health Service.

"They might pick the library because it's a high traffic place and they might feel anonymous," Marsh said.

A humorous editorial in the Daily Wildcat suggested that the increase in indecent exposure was only a side issue. "The real question is, what's so exciting about the library?" the editorial asked, going on to suggest that the library could be divided into "Masturbation" and "No Masturbation" sections.

"A well-dressed maitre d' would welcome students to the library and ask their preference. That way, everyone would be happy," the editorial concluded.

WEIGHT ROOM

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will involve renovating the second floor, which would cost about \$700,000. The men's locker room will be downsized, and the halls will be widened to improve traffic. Provenca said an aerobic dance studio and a minimum of 3,000 square feet for strength equipment will be added.

The new space will be non-instructional. Visitors will be able to come in, work out for 30 to 45 minutes and leave.

"The downstairs weight room will be more dedicated to the hardcore people," Provenca said. "Yet, it will remain instructional, and classes will still take place in the morning hours. We should be able to quadruple the number of work-

outs when the new area opens up."

Other improvements to the center include directional signs to make the facility more user-friendly.

"The nature of the building makes it hard to find your way around," Provenca said. "Without a new building, there is not much we can do about the layout."

Provenca said a new building is inevitable as USC continues to grow. The Facilities Master Planning Group has recommended the new building be located in a more central area of campus. It would have a weight room of 20,000 to 30,000 square feet, areas for socializing and food service.

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NCAA.

According to the survey, the number of college athletes who drink has remained steady. In 1985, the number was 88 percent, the number rose to 89 percent in 1989 and has dropped back to 88 percent this year.

The survey also asked athletes about other drugs. The study revealed that the use of smokeless tobacco by college athletes has remained consistent. About 30 percent used smokeless tobacco in 1989, and the same percent still said they use it this year. The percent of smokeless tobacco users dropped among baseball, football and softball players, who are normally bigger users. The percent increased in every other sport.

The use of social drugs such as alcohol, marijuana, cocaine and smokeless tobacco by male basketball players increased but decreased in every other sport.

"My interpretation is that there's a lot more on the line now in basketball," Anderson said. "Making it into the NCAA tournament is worth something to the institution. There's a lot of pressure, and people are starting to feel it."

The survey included 2,500 athletes from 11 colleges and universities. In the survey, 1,700 men participated in football, baseball, basketball, track and field, swimming, diving and tennis. Schools from all athletic divisions were surveyed.

OBSCENE

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In 1992, there were 131 reports of illegal use of the telephone at USC, an increase of more than 100 reports in the preceding year. However, so far in 1993, there has been a 39 percent decrease in reports, Pathel said.

To prevent obscene calls, the Division of Law and Enforcement and Safety suggests that students should hang up on the caller. Do not extend the call trying to figure out who the caller is because this is exactly what the caller wants.

"We do not want the person to antagonize the caller," Pathel said. "The best thing to do is simply hang up. If the calls persist, we'll have the person keep a log of the calls and specifics of what the caller says."

"Usually, these cases don't wind up in an identification of the caller. Many times the caller stops once the investigation begins. It would be an understatement if I said 95 percent of the calls stop."

Pathel suggests that many of the calls of this type are made by friends, family or even boyfriends or girlfriends. Do not tell everyone about your calls for this reason, he said.

There are technical advances that assist in the identification of where the calls originate; however, the best method of finding the originator of the call is by interviewing the victim, Pathel said.

"Usually, if the calls persist, the best thing to do is simply change the phone number," Pathel said.



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