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NEWS BRIEFS

NATIONWIDE

Riley discounts "Bell Curve's" conclusions
BALTIMORE (AP) — U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley harshly criticized a controversial book that says a person's intelligence may be determined by racial and ethnic background.

"The Bell Curve" sends "the wrong message for American children and their families," the former two-term South Carolina governor told educators at a national convention Saturday.

The book "throws a curve at education," he said. It helps to propagate "the pernicious belief that poor children do not have what it takes to learn at a high level. This is a fallacy, and it is destructive," Riley said.

The comments were met with enthusiastic applause from the 2,000 educators at the Baltimore Convention Center.

Riley said he has encountered some concern since the election that a new Republican majority in Congress will be less supportive of President Clinton's education agenda. Such a posture would not be politically smart, he said.

Americans may be "anti-incumbent, anti-Washington, anti-state capital, anti-whatever," but they are pro-education, Riley said.

Man surrenders in principal's stabbing death
CONWAY, S.C. (AP) — A 22-year-old man has turned himself into police and been charged with murder in the stabbing death of an assistant principal at Myrtle Beach Middle School.

Jamie Lamond Bowens surrendered to police Thursday night, two days after the body of 51-year-old William McIlwain was found.

Bowens and McIlwain were acquaintances, Conway Police Chief Gary Michell said. Michell said the stabbing was the result of a disagreement.

McIlwain, a former minister, had been suspended from his school position in September.

TODAY

Today is Monday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 1994. There are 26 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 5, 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, thereby repealing the 18th Amendment.

On this date:

In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1782, the first native U.S. president, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, N.Y.

In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

In 1792, George Washington was re-elected president of the United States; John Adams was re-elected vice president.

In 1831, former President John Quincy Adams took his seat as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1848, President Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.

In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

In 1977, Egypt broke diplomatic relations with Syria, Libya, Algeria, Iraq and South Yemen in the wake of criticism that followed President Anwar Sadat's peace overtures to Israel.

In 1978, the American space probe Pioneer Venus 1, orbiting Venus, began beaming back its first information and picture of the planet to scientists in Mountain View, Calif.

In 1979, feminist Sonia Johnson was formally excommunicated by the Mormon Church because of her outspoken support for the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

Ten years ago: Iran's official news agency quoted the hijackers of a Kuwaiti jetliner parked at Tehran airport as saying they would blow up the plane unless Kuwait released 14 imprisoned extremists.

NOTEBOOK

Black alumni plan Christmas social

The USC Black Alumni Council will host a Christmas social for university alumni on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Secret's on North Trenholm Road.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. and is free. A cash bar will be available along with light hors d'oeuvres.

For more information, contact the USC Alumni association at 777-4111.

PICTURETHIS Believers in Miracles



125,856,000 American adults believe in miracles.

Source: R.H. Bruskin

SG book exchange excludes bookstores

SARAH NIGEL Staff Writer

Student Government is offering a textbook exchange through the Internet to make buying and selling used books simpler.

Students can use their CMS account to post messages about books or educational tapes and software they would like to sell. Students can scan through the messages until they find what they need.

A used book's price will be set at 50 percent of the purchase price at bookstores. Once a book has been sold, the seller cannot directly take the message off the board, so they must post another message requesting the original message be removed. This problem should be corrected by next fall, though.

SG wanted a system accessible for all students who felt their needs were not being fulfilled by the campus bookstores. SG President Brian Comer and student Jayson Johnson studied similar systems at other schools in order to develop a simple, efficient way to use the Internet, which is available to every USC student.

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Student Government President Brian Comer

"In June, I called other schools to find out how students exchange books, and Brian and I put the new system together," Johnson said.

Any student can use the exchange by using a CMS account, which can be obtained from Computer Services Division, located at the corner of Blossom and Sumter streets. Brochures with step-by-step instructions are available in the SG office in Russell House Room 110 and at campus computer labs.

Comer said, "We explored a lot of options. We formatted the system so that any student can use it."

The success of the exchange depends on students' interest. Without participation, there will not be a wide selection of books available.

"This is one of those ideas that people have talked about for a long time. Now that we have a plan in action, I hope people will take advantage of the plan," Comer said.

Comer thinks the exchange will be a convenient way for students to find the materials they are looking for and stay within their budget. However, he warns that students should be careful when searching for books over the Internet.

"I would hate for a student to accidentally get the wrong edition of a book that they need, but it's a great opportunity to get better prices on books," Comer said.

Johnson was tired of the questionable book-pricing policies at bookstores.

"I had been upset. I bought a used book, and one day I peeled up the price sticker to reveal the book had actually been marked up," Johnson said.

Lighting celebrates holiday traditions

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The University Tree Lighting Sunday culminated Carolina Cares Week on campus.

Carolina Cares president Ashli Sanders said the lighting was a culmination of a week of giving.

The non-denominational service included presentations on Hanukkah, the Jewish celebration of lights, and Kwanza, an American holiday that celebrates those of African descent.

Jessica Runyan, president of Hillel, lit the eight candles on the menorah and sang a Hebrew blessing. She said all eight candles are lit on the last day of Hanukkah, which was Sunday. Femeia Adamson, president of the Association of African American Students explained that during Kwanza, a candle is lit each day for each principle of Kwanza.

Chaplain Emeritus Lauren Brubaker told the history of the Christmas tree. He said in Medieval time evergreen trees were decorated in churches with apples. Evergreens were considered the tree of life and apples represented temptation. Candles were then placed on the tree. Over the years, the trees moved into the home. Brubaker said Christmas trees today represent joy, caring and sharing.

Cason, Mac and Walker Brewer, children of Jerry Brewer, director of Student Life, lit the tree. Six-year old Cason said her brother Mac did the actual lighting because, "his favorite thing to do is turn lights off and on."

Carolina Alive was also on-hand to lead holiday songs.



KIM TRUETT The Gamecock

Carolina Cares sponsored the University Tree Lighting Sunday night. The lighting capped off a week of service and volunteering by the group.

Top students add it up in math meet

ANNE PAGE Staff Writer

While many students consider week-ends a break from the stresses of algebra, trigonometry and calculus, about 400 middle and high school students representing 58 state schools visited USC Saturday just to solve problems in the seventh annual High School Mathematics Contest.

"(We hold this event) to have fun doing math and to identify students with top talent," USC mathematics professor and event organizer Ed Scheiblich said.

The USC College of Science and Mathematics and College of Engineering sponsored the competition that included a written exam, affecting individual and team scores, and team ciphering. The students with the top 16 scores on the written portion advanced to the single-elimination individual championship round, according to Scheiblich.

Jason Burns, a junior at Spring Valley High School, placed first in the tournament and was also the top scorer on the written exam. Burns was awarded a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to USC. Ioana Gradinaru, an eighth-grader at Crayton Middle School, placed second in the tournament and coincidentally had the second highest score on the written portion. Gradinaru received a four-year, half-tuition scholarship to USC.

In team competition division I, the larger schools, Spring Valley High School placed first, followed by Southside High School and Stratford High School. In division II, the smaller participating schools, Academic Magnet School of Charleston placed first, and Ben Lippen School took second. Christ Church Episcopal School and Hammond School tied for third place.

"I thought this was one of our best tournaments based on participation," Scheiblich said. "We had as much fun as we've ever had."

The event was dedicated to the memory of last year's individual competition winner, Zhuowei Yin, who died of cancer on Nov. 5, according to a media report.

Geography professors win regional award

From staff reports

Two USC geography professors have received two honors from the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers.

Julian Minghi was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the association, and Charles Kovacic received the organization's Lifetime Achievement award.

Minghi, a specialist in the human geography of Europe, was honored for his contributions to geographic research, teaching and service.

Kovacic, a specialist in historic geography and the geography of the South, was honored

for excellence in teaching and advisement and also for his work with elementary and secondary school teachers in South Carolina.

"Minghi's honorary lifetime membership is a very prestigious award because it is only given to a colleague whose contributions have truly helped to elevate the awareness and role of geography in the region," said Susan Cutler, geography department chairwoman.

A native of London, England, Minghi served as USC's geography department chairman from 1973-1990.

Julian Petty is the only other USC geography professor to receive the honor. Petty was honored in 1966 for his 17-year tenure as

chairman of USC's geography department and for his leadership in bringing a nationally ranked status to the department.

Kovacic, only the fourth geography educator to receive the association's Lifetime Achievement award, has received several prominent teaching awards, including the AMOCO Outstanding Teaching Award in 1988 and the National Council for Geographic Education's Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award in 1989.

A Chicago native and USC professor since 1969, Kovacic coordinates South Carolina's Geographic Alliance, a coalition of USC and K-12 educators whose goal it is to improve ge-

ography education.

"We are very pleased that Dr. Kovacic received the award. It is a tribute to his commitment to geography education and hard work in coordinating the Summer Geographic Institute for K-12 teachers, the National Geography Bee, geography awareness programs and a graduate-level recertification course being filmed in conjunction with S.C. ETV," Cutler said.

USC's geography department is ranked No. 1 in the Southeast and in the top five nationally for programs in geographic information processing, geographic information system, remote sensing and cartography.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Burglary, larceny, Cliff Apartments. An unknown person broke an apartment window with a rock and entered the victim's apartment. A wedding band, two CD players, a VCR, clothing and \$20 cash were stolen. Estimated value: \$1,250.

Shoplifting, CD Central in Carolina Mall. The complainant reported that someone placed a CD under his arm and left the store. Estimated value: \$14.

Tuesday, Nov. 29

Malicious injury to personal property, Law Center. A unknown person broke the wire connectors off of three copy machine meter card controllers. Estimated value: \$1,500.

Accidental damage to vehicle, B-5 lot. A tree branch fell on the victim's car, denting the roof and breaking the windshield. Estimated value: \$600.

CRIMEREPORT

Larceny of bookbag, Gamecock Grill, Russell House. An unknown person removed the victim's book bag from the grill area. Items stolen include textbooks, a graphics calculator and several disks. Estimated value: \$125.

Larceny of bicycle, Capstone bike rack. The victim's Huffy bicycle was removed from the bicycle rack. Estimated value: \$125.

Monday, Nov. 28

Trespassing after notice, Blatt P.E. Center. The suspect was trespassing after notice and interview on July 17. The suspect was arrested and jailed.

Grand larceny of trumpet/recovery, Dorn East practice room, McMaster College. The suspect was seen trying to

leave the scene with a trumpet. The suspect was confronted and left the trumpet at the scene. Several hours later the suspect was seen again and held by a professor until the police arrived. The dean of the music school chose to press charges for grand larceny and the suspect was arrested. Estimated value: \$2,180.

Larceny of vehicle license, S-6 lot. An unknown person removed the license plate from the victim's vehicle. Estimated value: \$24.

Larceny of bicycle, McClintock. The victim reported the chain lock was cut from her bicycle and the bike was stolen. Estimated value: \$260.

Sunday, Nov. 27

Larceny of CD player, Columbia Hall. The victim reported a CD player was removed from his desk drawer. Estimated value: \$275.