

Forecast

TODAY
Cloudy
High 76
Low 60

TUESDAY
Cloudy
High 68
Low 49

Lady Gamecocks win SEC opener, remain unbeaten

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The USC community observes International Human Rights Day Friday.
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NEWS BRIEFS

NATIONWIDE

Bentsen resigns; Clinton names Rubin to post
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton selected Robert Rubin, who amassed a multimillion-dollar fortune on Wall Street before joining the administration, to succeed Lloyd Bentsen as Treasury secretary Tuesday.

Bentsen's departure will deprive the administration of the Cabinet officer with the most experience and respect on Capitol Hill just as Republicans are taking control of Congress for the first time in 40 years.

But the change is expected to have little impact on policy since both men are pro-business Democrats.

Rubin, who took a \$26 million pay cut to leave the investment banking firm of Goldman Sachs & Co. to join the administration, won widespread praise as a self-effacing coordinator who made sure a coherent economic strategy was developed for a president often criticized for an inability to reach timely decisions.

But it was unclear how smoothly Rubin would be able to make the transition from his behind-the-scenes role to chief economic policy spokesman for the administration, where he will have to serve as the point man in dealing with a Republican Congress intent on shrinking the size of government and cutting taxes.

Former justice official pleads guilty in Arkansas

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Webster Hubbell, the former No. 3 Justice Department official and friend of President Clinton, pleaded guilty today to bilking his former law firm and clients out of nearly \$400,000.

In a plea agreement, Hubbell, 46, pledged to cooperate with Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr's wide-ranging investigation into the business activities of the Clintons and other prominent Arkansans.

The first Clinton administration official to admit to criminal activity as a result of the Whitewater probe, Hubbell pleaded guilty to mail fraud and tax evasion, two felonies. The charges carry a maximum of 10 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines.

Hubbell was accused in documents filed by prosecutors of defrauding his former law firm in Little Rock and its clients of \$394,000 between 1989 and 1993 through excessive billings.

The tax evasion charge stems from underreporting his income for 1992. Hubbell reported he made \$194,000 that year but actually made \$309,000, according to the charges.

In a statement immediately after the court appearance, President Clinton's lawyer sought to distance the White House from Hubbell's legal troubles.

TODAY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 1994. There are 24 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese warplanes attacked the home base of the U.S. Pacific fleet located at Pearl Harbor on the Hawaiian island of Oahu, an act that resulted in America's entry into World War II.

On this date:

In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth Horseshoe. The public is invited to sample hors d'oeuvres, meet some of the writers and peruse the latest collection of books by members of the Southern Studies Community of Scholars.

For more information, call 777-2340.

Nominations being accepted for Mungo Award

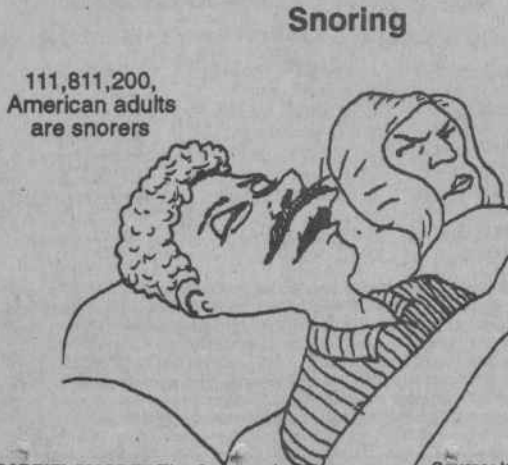
Nominations are being accepted for the Michael J. Mungo Teaching Award. The five \$2,000 awards are intended to recognize and reward excellence in undergraduate teaching award on the Columbia Campus.

All full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty who teach undergraduates are eligible.

Nominations should consist of a brief memo or letter from students, faculty or department chairs or deans. Multiple nominations of the same faculty person are not encouraged. The last day nominations will be accepted will be January 16, 1995.

Direct all nominations to Don Greiner, Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Affairs, Osborne Administration Building.

PICTURE THIS



B.A. asbestos removal to begin over break

KRISTEN ISGETT Staff Writer

The university will begin removing asbestos from the B.A. building Dec. 19, marking the beginning of a \$5.6 million, sixteen-month-long project.

The need for a new heating and cooling system in the William H. Close Building is what brought the BA abatement to the forefront, said Debra Allen, university spokeswoman.

"The asbestos is in the ceiling, which is where the mechanical elements are for heating and cooling. Workers haven't been able to repair because of the hazard, and the system has deteriorated," Allen said.

"It is best to get the asbestos out of the way so that it doesn't prove to be a health hazard for anyone," she said.

The abatement will be done in five phases, with the contractors working on two floors at a time.

The Daniel Management Center on the eighth floor will move to 1420 Lady St. on Dec. 19 and will remain there during the abatement and renovation. The Counseling and Career Center, also on the eighth floor, will permanently move to 900 Assembly St.

Offices and classes affected by the renovations will be temporarily set up on the eighth floor while their floors have the asbestos removed and are remodeled. The second and third floors offices and classes will move to the eighth floor until March 17, when the two floors should be complete.

"This is a very complicated and messy kind of project and will prove to be very time consuming, but the building must remain open during the renovation," said Allen.

Davis and Floyd, Inc. of Greenwood has been hired to oversee the abatement.

"Every possible safety precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of everyone involved, from the contractors to the students," said Rudy Powell, president of Davis and Floyd Environmental Division.

Rooftop fans and high efficiency filters will be installed for the entire building before asbestos removal begins. An elevator will be constructed on the outside of the building and one of the building's elevators and two stairwells will be sealed off for construction use only.

"In any abatement project, we build an envelope of two layers of polyethylene plastic

RENOVATION SCHEDULE

PHASE	FLOOR	RELOCATION SITE	DURATION
One	DMC to 1420 Lady St.	Counseling to 900 Assembly 2nd floor BA Advising to DMC 3rd floor Accounting to DMC 3rd floor classes to DMC	12/19/94 - 3/17/95
Two	4th floor classes to DMC 4th floor offices to 2nd 5th floor classes to DMC 5th floor offices to DMC		3/18/95 - 6/16/95
Three	Basement - no classes during summer or to DMC 1st floor to DMC or 2nd floor		5/19/95 - 8/16/95
Four	6th floor to DMC 7th floor to 2nd floor		8/17/95 - 11/16/95
Five	8th floor vacant DMC to return after renovation		11/17/95 - 3/15/96

DMC = Daniel Management Center

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Nobel laureate Christian de Duve, center, talks to an audience member after his lecture at the USC School of Medicine Tuesday as William Bowers, Chair of the Department of Microbiology, right, with glasses, looks on.

Nobel winner argues origins of life

KEITH BOUDREAUX News Editor

Christian de Duve, winner of the 1974 Nobel Prize in medicine spoke about "The Origins of Life" Tuesday on USC's School of Medicine campus on Garners Ferry Road.

In his lecture, de Duve highlighted four questions about life: what is life, when did it start, where did life come from, and how did life start?

According to de Duve, life appeared almost 3.8 billion years ago, either coming from space or originating on Earth. He chose to argue that life started on Earth because it was the easiest way to make life's origins explainable.

"If we try to explain the origins of life, then it must be able to be explained by what we know," he said.

De Duve said life can start whenever conditions allow it to exist.

"Life is a reproducible multistep process bound to arise where and when conditions are suitable," he said. "Life is an obligatory result of matter. The universe is pregnant with life."

Reaction to de Duve's lecture was enthusiastic.

"He is just an amazing person," first year medical student Lisa Wischhusen said. "What amazed me was that he thought that under the same conditions the whole thing could happen again."

"It was definitely thought-provoking," department of exercise science lab manager Dave Jackson said. "He brought up a lot of good points about the possibilities of life."

De Duve won the 1974 Nobel Prize in medicine along with Albert Claude and George Palade for the discovery of the structural and functional organization of the cell. He is the second Nobel laureate to give a lecture at USC this semester.

MAGGIE CAMPBELL The Gamecock

Observatory offering summer internship

TIEFFA HARPER Staff Writer

The Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (SAO) is offering a Summer Intern Program for undergraduates interested in a career in physical sciences.

The program allows interns to participate in individual research projects supervised by staff scientists, take trips to local observatories and participate in computer workshops and symposiums.

Participants in summer internships such as this program provides students a unique educational experience in the sciences." Coordinator of the Office of Summer Programs and Fellowships Novella Beskid said.

The internship is for 10 weeks in Cambridge, Mass., and provides a stipend of \$250 per week. Travel and housing expenses will be subsidized.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens enrolled in a degree program leading to a bachelor's

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degree. Students graduating in June are not eligible.

Minority students may also apply for the Smithsonian Institution Minority Student Internship, which provides internships throughout the Smithsonian Institution, including the SAO, and it can provide a stepping stone to future career opportunities," Beskid said.

To apply, applicants must send their school and home mailing address (including e-mail), telephone number, statement of major and minor, GPA and academic year and an essay of no more than three pages stating their academic and career goals, scientific interests, relevant work experience and why you want

to be an intern in the program. Official transcript(s), list of spring term course work and two recommendations must also be included.

Completed applications may be sent to Kimberly Dow, Program Director at SAO Summer Intern Program, MS 83, Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, 60 Garden St., Cambridge MA 02138.

For more information on the SAO Internship, contact Kimberly Dow at (617)496-7586 or e-mail: intern@cfa.harvard.edu.

For more information on other summer internships in the sciences, contact the Office of Summer Programs and Internships, located in Harper College.

Bands play to benefit Habitat

HEATHER JENKINS Staff Writer

The USC Chapter of Habitat for Humanity is holding a benefit to raise money for tools so large student groups without equipment can assist with Habitat projects. The event will be held at Rockafellas' in Five Points Wednesday night.

"We are hoping to have a large turnout because our chapter has just started up again, and we are depending on the revenues from the benefit to help purchase equipment," USC Vice President of Habitat Sarah Strait said.

Three bands from around the Southeast have volunteered to play the benefit. They are Bone Pony from Nashville, Bus Stop of North Carolina and House of Euphoria from Columbia. The show begins at 10 p.m., and the cover charge ranges from \$3-\$5, depending on your age. "Lots of student groups here at USC want to participate in the building of homes but don't because we don't have supplies for them to use. This benefit will make it possible to have the tools available anytime a group wants to work with us," chapter adviser Greg Carbone said.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that helps in the building and finding

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GMAT format changes; test loses takers

ERIN GALLOWAY Asst. News Editor

Students taking the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) in October were greeted with a new format, including written essays and less time per section.

The new format has scared students away. The number of test-takers has fallen by 11 percent according to the Kaplan Educational Center.

Richard Chamberlain, director of the Columbia Kaplan Center, said the changes to the test are not as dramatic as students may think. The 30-minute sections have been shortened to 25 minutes to accommodate the two scored essays.

"Subtle changes can make a big difference to students," he said.

Also of concern to students is "The Official Guide to GMAT," the one practice guide for the test, which includes only the old format of the GMAT, Chamberlain said.

"It has three tests in the old format, and it's the 1994-96 edition," Chamberlain said.

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) does not plan to distribute copies of the October test to centers such as Kaplan. Chamberlain said copies of the January test, released in March, will be the first test distributed.

However, Kaplan has devised a practice test simulating the new format that students can take at the Kaplan Center.

"We are happy to give students a practice test free of charge," Chamberlain said.

Despite the drop-in test-takers, Chamberlain said ETS does not plan to change back to the old format.

"ETS is in the business of creating tests, and so if it's on the test, it's because clients want it and the clients are business schools," Chamberlain said.

According to Kaplan, the essays were added

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