

**Forecast**

Today  
Partly sunny  
High 79  
Low 59

Weekend  
Sunny  
High 77  
Low 55



**Deadheads roll again**

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# The Gamecock

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### NATIONWIDE

**GENEVA (AP)** — The U.S.-Russia "honeymoon has come to an end," Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev declared Thursday after talks with Secretary of State Warren Christopher on increasingly rancorous disagreements over Chechnya and nuclear sales to Iran.

In a more encouraging vein, Kozyrev also said the two countries have a growing ability to resolve problems. The meeting ended "not in divorce," he told a news conference after the meeting of nearly four hours.

Christopher, too, portrayed the recently strained relationship as one in which U.S. and Russian leaders are determined to address differences "jointly and candidly."

But as the two men opened planning for a May meeting in Moscow between President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin, it was clear they had failed to move closer to resolving differences over Iran, Chechnya and NATO.

**TOKYO (AP)** — Former followers and investigators of the apocalyptic Aum Shinri Kyo cult in Japan and Russia are painting a chilling picture of conditions in its compounds and communes: filthy, bizarre and cruel.

"It appeared that many young people were affected by their preaching, some suffered serious health damage, some came down with severe mental disorders," Russian Counterintelligence Agency spokesman Vladimir Tomarovsky said Thursday in Moscow.

Aum Shinri Kyo, whose name means Sublime Truth, has six centers in Moscow and a branch in the southern city of Vladikavkaz and claims more than 30,000 members in Russia. The group says it has about 10,000 followers in Japan.

Tomarovsky said he had no grounds to suspect the Moscow branch of planning any terrorist activity. But the group faces possible criminal and civil charges of fraud and depriving young people of their rights.

### TODAY

Today is Friday, March 24, the 83rd day of 1995. There are 282 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

Forty years ago, on March 24, 1955, the Tennessee Williams play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opened on Broadway, starring Barbara Bel Geddes as Maggie, Ben Gazzara as Brick and Burl Ives as Big Daddy.

**On this date:**

In 1883, long-distance telephone service was inaugurated between Chicago and New York.

In 1932, a New York radio station, WABC, broadcast a variety program from a moving train in Maryland.

In 1934, President Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that killed 32 German soldiers.

In 1958, rock 'n' roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn.

In 1976, the president of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military.

In 1980, one of El Salvador's most respected Roman Catholic Church leaders, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot to death by gunmen as he celebrated Mass in San Salvador.

In 1986, U.S. and Libyan forces clashed in the Gulf of Sidra in the Mediterranean. Libya fired missiles that missed U.S. aircraft; the U.S. retaliated, hitting two Libyan patrol boats and a missile battery.

In 1989, the nation's worst oil spill occurred as the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude.

### NOTEBOOK

**Mental Health Center seeking volunteers**

The Lexington County Mental Health Center is seeking volunteers to work with elderly clients and assist with other programs.

Community Companions are volunteers who visit an elderly client and make a phone call on a weekly basis. These volunteers are asked to send cards on special occasions.

Volunteers also are needed to assist with general office duties; to plan and instruct arts and crafts; to assist in the Child and Adolescent program as mentors, camp assistants and tutors; and to assist in the preparation of a noon meal for a day program. Hours are flexible.

For more information about these programs, contact Sue Perry at 356-5070.

### Housing registration starts Monday

Students who wish to retain their current housing can register Monday in the Russell House Ballroom.

These students can sign up from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, please see the sign-up brochure that was placed under your door.

### Clarification

Darcie Shively, Student Government vice president, said Thursday that SG did not endorse any proposal for the reorganization or continuation of WUSC radio. She said SG has not met with Patrick Bryant, who is heading up the reorganization effort, or Trey Lofton, current WUSC station manager.

## N.C. bill ending tenure sent to subcommittee

**RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)** — The sponsor of a bill that would eliminate teacher tenure asked Thursday that the measure be sent to a special subcommittee for two weeks so the issue could get a full debate.

"In my polling, I have the votes," Rep. Gene Arnold, R-Nash, said after the House Education Committee approved his proposal for a subcommittee. "But my attitude is, let's air it fully. Let the teachers and anyone else have their say and their input."

But teachers, who packed the committee meeting, weren't so sure of the subcommittee's purpose.

"I hate to see this House committee taking lots of time on this," said Cecil Banks, president of the N.C. Association of Educators, which opposes the bill. "Most of the things the

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N.C. Rep. Gene Arnold, sponsor of a bill ending college tenure

representative wants done can be done under existing law."

Arnold, in talking to the committee, said he had been impressed by speakers at a public hearing on his bill Tuesday.

"I was struck by the fear, real or imagined, by 38 teachers who are presently employed under a career status system," Arnold said. "I was distressed by the portrayal of principals

as incompetent and an expression of a total lack of confidence in their ability to manage. "There is a deep-rooted feeling of insecurity, lack of trust and a natural abhorrence to change expressed by teachers," said Arnold, who also referred to NCAE as the "teachers' union."

Arnold, who will be on the subcommittee, said he wanted that group to consider a plan

that would give teachers one-, two- or three-year contracts after three years of probation. Teachers now get tenure after three years of probation, which limits the reasons they can be dismissed.

Opponents of tenure say the lengthy process required for dismissal is expensive, cumbersome and too often protects incompetent teachers.

Arnold said, with contracts, teachers and administrators could agree on goals for the year and do announced appraisals. Performance bonuses would be awarded based on how well the goals were met.

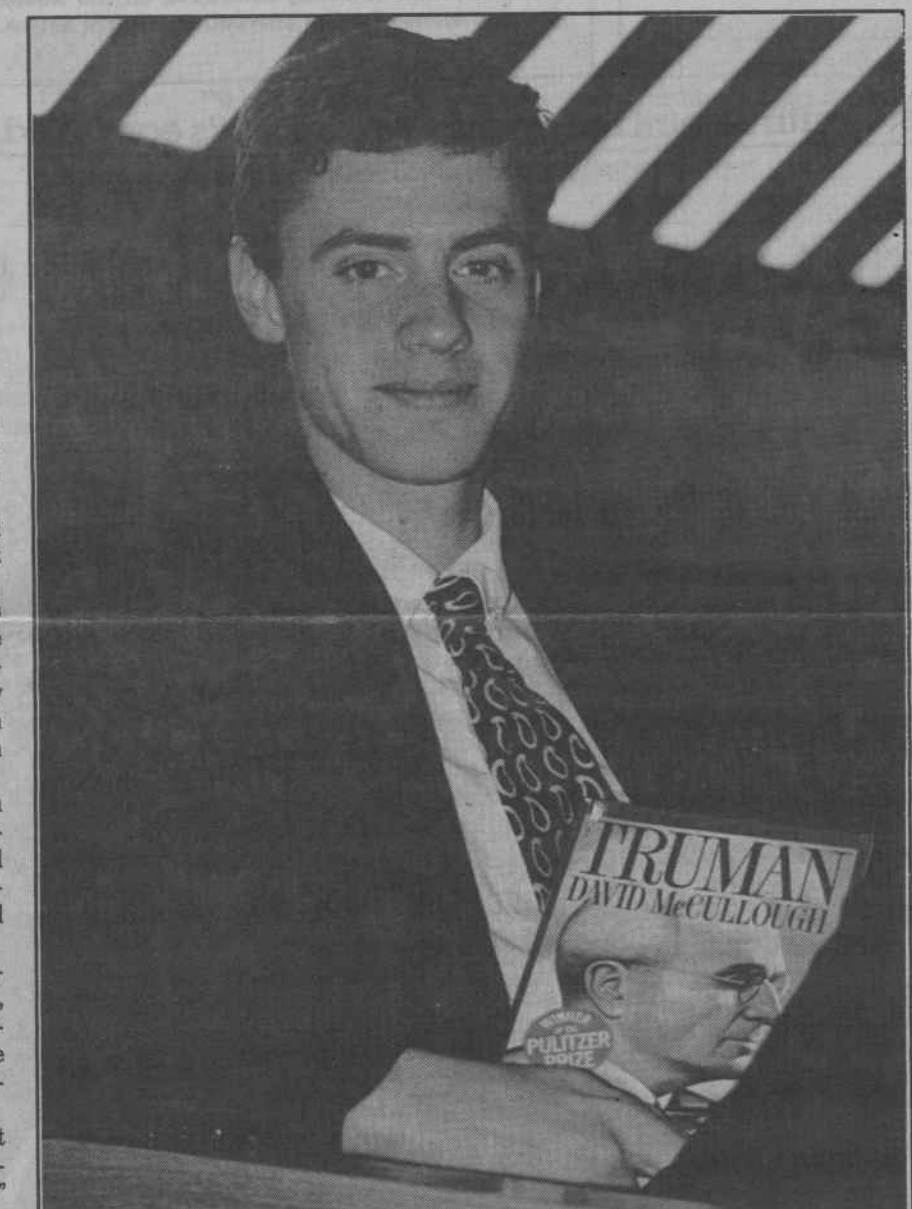
Arnold said that would guarantee that good teachers are rewarded.

The subcommittee will report back to the full House committee by April 6.

## Head of the class

Junior Steven Burritt becomes USC's first Truman Scholarship winner since 1981.

By Tieffa Harper  
Assistant News Editor



One of the most prestigious scholarships in the country, the Truman Scholarship, has been awarded to USC student Steven Burritt, a broadcasting junior.

"I am extremely surprised and honored more than anything," Burritt said. "I didn't think I had a prayer."

More than 750 juniors from 378 colleges and universities were nominated for the scholarship, but only 70 students were chosen from 50 institutions. Burritt is the only USC student this year and the second in school history to be selected as a Truman Scholar.

"I thought that the other nominee from USC had a better chance than I did," Burritt said. "I was more surprised that I had become a finalist than actually winning, because after the interview, I felt that I had done well."

"We are really pleased that Steven received this recognition," said Novella Beskid, director of the Office of Fellowships and Summer Programs. "He is a wonderful example of academically talented undergraduate students at USC."

"This accomplishment illustrates the fact that USC's best students are able to compete with any institution's best students."

The scholarship award totals \$30,000; \$3,000 is slated for the senior year of undergraduate study, and \$27,000 is designated for graduate school. The scholarship is awarded to top college students who plan to attend graduate school to prepare for a career in government or public service.

Scholars were selected by a 17-member committee composed of senior officials from academia and public service and by former scholar recipients.

Burritt went through rigorous preparation for the application and interview process. Beskid and Sandra Schneider, Truman faculty adviser, helped Burritt prepare for the competition.

"It was tough," Burritt said. "I wanted to throw my hands up so many times because I felt like I had no shot. I had to keep myself going, and Novella kept pushing me without making me angry."

"I had to read articles and a 900-page book on Truman, and the questions on the application were mostly essays about government policies."

Beskid said, "The office was designed to help and support students in every phase. My job is to be a supporter and encourager of the student in the application and inter-

**KIM TRUETT** The Gamecock  
**Steven Burritt, a broadcasting junior, read the 900-page autobiography of President Harry Truman over winter break as part of his interview preparation.**

view process."

"This is a tremendous honor not only for Steven but the university as well," Schneider said.

She also said Burritt, aside from being well qualified, benefited from the work of several faculty members. Overall, the process has become very competitive even at the university level, she said.

The application process lasts about six months.

The competition opens in late spring and early summer by soliciting juniors who have excelled in academic achievement, leadership experience and are interested in a career in government or public service.

In the fall, students attend a session to evaluate whether they meet the criteria for the scholarship and if they are interested in what the scholarship has to offer.

"Steven was given an application to complete and submitted it," Beskid said. "He then was scheduled for an on-campus interview with a campus selection committee."

Immediately following that interview, Burritt met with a faculty committee and got feedback on the application and suggestions for ways to strengthen it.

He also met with Schneider several times to strengthen the application. He submitted his application, and Beskid's office helped him coordinate getting letters of recommendation. The whole packet went in the mail in December.

There were two rigorous practice interviews. Prior to the holiday break, the office suggested he do reading on Truman and research the graduate schools he was interested in.

Faculty members who served on the Truman Selection Committee were George Geckle of the English department, William Jacoby of the government and international studies department and Shelly Smith of the sociology department.

Only two South Carolina residents were nominated for the scholarship.

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## Judicial Board deadline today

Applications are due for the Judicial Board, the group that works with student ethics and hears and makes decisions on student conduct cases.

MARTHA HOTOP Staff Writer

Today is the deadline to turn in applications for next year's Judicial Board.

The board is made up of 30 to 35 students interested in ethics on campus. Under the direction of Jerry Crotty in Student Development, the Judicial Board was formed in 1985.

Crotty said the board was developed as a result of the implementation of a new student conduct code. The board allows for peer input into refereeing student actions.

Students that serve on the Judicial Board go through a two-part application process. In reviewing applications, the Office of Student Discipline looks to see that applicants are in good academic standing and don't have a discipline record. All applicants not in violation of either requirement are interviewed.

"Normally, there are 30 students on the Judicial Board, but that number depends on the skills and abilities of the application pool," said Donna Hight, coordinator of Student Discipline and Development Programs.

Judicial Board members are trained to deal with discipline situations that may come before them. With each case, board members are asked to volunteer to hear the case based on their schedule.

Hight said people on the board who know the student being disciplined have to excuse themselves from the case.

Student cases appear before the Judicial Board by one of two means. If a student fails to respond to the initial investigation efforts of Hight or Crotty, the case is automatically transferred to the board if it's determined there is enough evidence to proceed. If the student pleads guilty to the charges, the board issues sanctions.

Students also can have the Judicial Board decide guilt or innocence.

Cases that appear before the Judicial Board are the result of complaints brought against a student by teachers, other students or resident hall advisers. When the board decides on sanctions, it can assign punishments ranging from an educational sanction to expulsion.

"When permanent suspensions are issued, the decision is automatically subject to review by a second board," Hight said.

Besides hearing cases, Judicial Board members also act as role models, resource people and peer educators. Students on the board seek to educate the community by writing articles for The Gamecock and speaking in University 101 classes.

"There is a real opportunity for the Judicial Board to educate and influence their peers," Hight said. "Students usually don't take well to professors telling them what to do."

Hight said messages about conduct usually make more of an impact when they come from peers.

## Student federation to sponsor AD Day

**TINA MORGAN** Asst. News Editor

The USC Student Advertising Federation will sponsor the fourth-annual AD Day Saturday.

The event, from 9:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., will feature professionals giving advice about working in real-life situations.

Registration will be from 9:30 to 10 a.m. in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications. Speakers will comment on a variety of topics including portfolio compilation, purchasing promotions and job experiences.

Former USC federation members will dis-

cuss their failures and triumphs since leaving the university. One speaker, Anja Eisiminger, an assistant account executive, will discuss the TAG Heuer professional sports watch account and the "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk" campaign.

Other accounts to be discussed are from IBM, Coca-Cola, Lever Brothers and Johnson & Johnson.

Michelle Klingman, an account coordinator at Austin Kelley Advertising, and Nicole Byrd of Nickelodeon and MTV networks will give tips on how to make it in the advertising profession.

McGhee Williams, senior vice president of Burrell Communications Group, will address targeting minority groups with the right message. Paige Ruddle, a copywriter at McCann-Erickson Atlanta and an instructor at The Portfolio Center, will discuss the interview process and self-promotion pieces.

USC participants wishing to participate in AD Day are required to pay a \$10 fee, which includes lunch, gifts and tips on landing first jobs.

USC journalism Professor Bonnie Drewnany is in charge of the program. For more information, call 777-6093.