

DATEBOOK Guide to Weekly Meetings

The Association of College Entrepreneurs is seeking to expand the number of campuses with chapters for the 1995-96 academic year. Students interested in starting a chapter would request an application package from Drew Palmer at (213) 848-8758 or via e-mail at ace@anex.com.

Beta Alpha Psi will be available to help students with accounting homework 4:30-7 p.m. Mondays and 4:45-6:45 p.m. Tuesdays in BA 008.

The African Students Association will present a dance festival featuring exotic food and dance from Africa Friday, April 21 at 7 p.m. in the Golden Spur. For more information, call 939-0244.

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity will hold their annual spring Sorority Volleyball Tournament to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society at Blatt P.E. Center's volleyball courts April 23 from 12-4 p.m.

Sundays

■ Ballroom Dance Club, 4-5 p.m., Blatt P.E. Center 107. For more information, call Gabriele at 256-3140.
■ Worship service and dinner, 5:30 p.m., PALM Center, 728 Pickens St.

Mondays

■ Sorority Council, 5 p.m., RH Theater.
■ CPU Cultural Arts Committee, 7 p.m., CPU Conference Room.
■ CPU Cinematic Arts Committee, 7 p.m., RH 203.
■ CPU Publicity Committee, 7:30 p.m., RH 201.
■ Men's Self Awareness Group, 2:15-4 p.m., Counseling and Human Development Center 212, 900 Assembly St.

Tuesdays

■ Carolina for KIDS, 6 p.m., RH 302.
■ Dinner and program, 6 p.m., Presbyterian Student Center, 1702 Greene St.
■ Carolina Cares, 7 p.m., RH 204.
■ Student Psychology Association, 7 p.m., Barnwell Conference Room.
■ Homecoming Commission, 7:15 p.m., RH 307.
■ USC Model United Nations Club, 8:30 p.m., Gambrell 201.

■ SAGE (Students Acting for a Greener Earth), an environmental action group, 8 p.m., RH 302.

■ Campus Coalition for Literacy, every other Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., RH 202. For more information, call 777-8402.

■ Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity, 7 p.m. RH 203. For more information, call Cassie Sturkie at 544-2700.

■ Gay/Lesbian Students' Support Group, 4:30-6 p.m., Counseling and Human Development Center 212.

Wednesdays

■ Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association, 8 p.m., BA 364.
■ Beta Alpha Psi, 5:30 p.m.
■ PALM Campus Ministry, 5:30 p.m., dinner and program, PALM Center.
■ Student Government Senate, 5 p.m., RH Theater.
■ Women's Student Association, 6 p.m., RH 348.
■ Campus Rape Awareness, 7 p.m., RH 332.
■ Student Ad Federation, 7 p.m., RH 302.
■ Bible Study, 7 p.m., Presbyterian Student Center, 1702 Greene St.

■ Young Democrats, 7 p.m., RH 348.

■ College Republicans, 7:30 p.m., Gambrell 151. For more information, call Mike at 544-0427 or Miles 254-2338.

■ Academics Skills Drop-In, 12:10-12:50 p.m., RH 309.

Thursdays

■ Habitat for Humanity, 5:30 p.m., RH 302.
■ "Heart to Heart," 7 p.m., Baptist Student Union, 700 Pickens St.
■ CPU Ideas & Issues Committee, 7:30 p.m., CPU Conference Room.
■ Interservice Christian Fellowship, 8-9:30 p.m., RH 315. For more information, call Richard Grinnan at 256-1211.
■ Campus Crusade for Christ, "Prime Time," 7:30 p.m., RH 327. Call Dave at 551-5577 for more information.
■ Dissertation Writing Support Group, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Counseling and Human Development Center 212, 900 Assembly St.

Resource Phone Numbers

If you think you or a friend might be in a religious cult, the following resources are available both nationally and on campus:

American Family Foundation (617) 893-0930

This non-profit research organization gathers information on religious cults and mind control. The organization works to understand problems with religious cults and provide solutions.

Cult Awareness Network (704) 771-7800

CAN is a non-profit education organization that promotes awareness of the effects of mind control. They also put callers in touch with exit counselors if necessary.

On-Campus Resources:

Counseling and Human Development Center 777-5223

University Chaplain 777-3627

University Committee on Religious Affairs 777-4172
(Office of Student Affairs)

Mel Miller, Asst. Director for Residence Life 777-4129

Senate defeats fee bill

MATT PRUITT Staff Writer

A revised version of a resolution supporting recommendations from the Student Activity Fee Task Force was defeated Wednesday, while a resolution requesting tuition caps and a bill confirming the law school budget both passed.

The defeated resolution offered support for the task force recommendations to raise student activity fees and require graduate students taking more than nine hours to pay the fee. The resolution also supported the changes in the allocation process proposed by the task force.

Sen. Trav Robertson was a main source of objection to the resolution. Robertson feared the additional funds would not be totally devoted to student use because of the administrative deductions taken from the fees. The resolution was defeated by the narrow margin of 17 to 15.

Another resolution requested that the General Assembly of South Carolina pass caps on tuition and fees at USC. The resolution was originally part of an amendment to last week's finance resolution but came to the floor Wednesday as a result of collaboration between

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jects, representing the environmental crisis they felt was developing. Members of USC's Students Advocating Greener Earth (SAGE), will plant another time capsule Thursday that will also demonstrate concern for the state of the environment in 1995.

"The 1995 time capsule will include a variety of items that show some positive and negative aspects of our environment," said Tricia Cooper, SAGE president. "Included in the capsule will be items such as a campus environment audit, an eco mug, recyclable items and some items like styrofoam, which cannot be recycled. We hope to increase

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and recruit new members, some groups use recruiting tactics that may be deceitful, manipulative, and coercive. . . . These organizations often are damaging and not in the best interest of the student members."

USC student Adam Katzman, who went through exit counseling last fall after his involvement with the Columbia Church of Christ, was concerned that University 101's coverage of religious cults was discussed too late in the semester. In his class, the topic was not touched on until, ironically, the day after he returned from exit counseling. Berman said the point in the semester when religious cults were discussed varied from professor to professor.

"I let my students help plan the class," Berman said. "Probably fairly early in the semester we would touch on the subject when talking about groups."

Berman said University 101 professors would encourage students to use caution before joining certain groups.

"Any group that would use any type of unethical tactics or group thinking would be discouraged," he said. "This fits into the whole idea of students balancing ideas with freedom. They need to make responsible decisions."

"We want to help students reason for themselves and make the best possible choices for themselves."

Exit counseling vs. deprogramming

Religious cults latch onto students through a process of mind control and information control, according to Dave Cloutier, a graduate student at Gordon-Conwell Seminary in Massachusetts. He was a member of the International

Church of Christ, formerly the Boston Movement, until September 1988. Cloutier assisted in a USC student's exit counseling last fall.

"It's not an issue of religion," Cloutier said. "It's an issue of unethical practices."

He explained the concept of information on a continuum, where a subject is given only certain pieces of information. He said the results are subconscious. For example, on the harmless end of the spectrum, department stores give information on a continuum in the form of music played over a store-wide intercom system. The purpose is to put customers in a certain frame of mind or mood.

"That's not mind control," Cloutier said. "At the other end of the spectrum, it is."

He said controlling the information given to new members of the International Church of Christ means the new member "is giving up to someone else unconsciously," allowing that person to make decisions for the new member.

"What we're doing (the exit counselors) is providing information about what's really going on," he said. "In essence, having the information and processing, dialoguing with the counselors is a freeing experience."

In the past, stories have been told about how parents had to kidnap their children in order to get them out of religious groups such as the Moonies. This method, often called deprogramming, was highly criticized and exit counseling has taken its place.

"There was a process of forceable deprogramming. People really feel civil rights were being violated," Cloutier

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floors like a dollhouse.

Cables and other debris dangled from the floors like tangled streamers in a scene that brought to mind car bombings at the U.S. Embassy and the U.S. Marine barracks in Lebanon in 1983.

Mayor Ron Norick said the blast was caused by a car bomb that left a crater eight feet deep. He said the car had been outside, in front of the building.

"Obviously, no amateur did this," Gov. Frank Keating said. "Whoever did this was an animal."

Paramedic Heather Taylor said the 17 children were dead at the scene. The children, all at the day care center, ranged in age from one to seven, and some were burned beyond recognition, said Dr. Carl Spengler, who was one of the first doctors at the scene.

About 20 of 40 children in the day-care center were missing.

The explosion, similar to the terrorist car bombing that killed six people and injured 1,000 at New York's World Trade Center in 1993, occurred just after 9 a.m., when most of the more than 500 federal employees were in their offices.

The blast could be felt 30 miles away. Black smoke streamed across the skyline, and glass, bricks and other debris were spread over a wide area. The north side of the building was gone. Cars were incinerated on the street.

Christopher Wright of the Coast Guard, one of those helping inside the building, said rescuers periodically turned off their chainsaws and prying tools to listen for calls of help, "but we didn't hear anything — just death."

"You're helpless really, when you see people two feet away, you can't do anything, they're just smashed," he said.

The building had offices of such federal agencies as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Social Security, Veterans Affairs, the Drug Enforcement Administration and Housing and Urban Development and a federal employee

said. "People coming out were being scarred and there was a feeling of resentment."

The difference between deprogramming and exit counseling involves the consent of the person being counseled.

"The idea is that the person consents and the family has been educated about the group, about the process of mind control," he said.

Cloutier was in the MIBS program at USC during the summer of 1987. He came to Columbia while still in the Boston Movement, or ICOC. He is now working on his masters in marriage and family counseling.

For parents: "We become involved"

For parents, sending their son or daughter away from home is hard enough without worrying about involvement in a religious cult. However, USC has many resources available to students and parents.

"There are lots of support systems here," Miller said. "Staff members at the university are very involved with students. If a student has a problem with a religious cult, we become involved."

If parents are concerned their student may be involved in a cult, Miller suggested they call the residence hall or the student's RA. She also said the chaplains are good resources for parents.

"They're helpful in helping parents, students, and sometimes in intervening with the group," Miller said.

One USC student's parents got in touch with others who had been involved in the International Church of Christ, or whose children had been members.

"I think you have to be fortunate enough to find someone who knows what's

credit union and military recruiting offices.

The office was built in 1974 and includes an underground parking garage.

The bomb was perhaps 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, said John Magaw, ATF director. As for whether his agency suspected terrorists, he told CNN: "I think any time you have this kind of damage, this kind of explosion, you have to look there first."

More than two hours after the explosion, people were still trapped in the building.

"We have to crawl on our stomachs and feel our way and we're talking to victims who are in there and reassuring them that we're doing everything within the good Lord's power to reach them and get to them," Assistant Fire Chief Jon Hansen said. "It's going to be a very slow process."

The explosion heightened U.S. fears of terrorism. Federal buildings in several cities were evacuated because of bomb threats, and the government ordered tightened security at federal buildings throughout the country.

In 1920, a bomb blast in New York's Wall Street area killed 40 people and injured hundreds. Authorities concluded it was the work of "anarchists" and came up with a list of suspects, but all had fled to Russia.

Emergency crews set up a first aid center nearby, and some of the injured sat on the sidewalks, blood on their heads or arms, awaiting aid. St. Anthony Hospital put out a call for more medical help, and at midday, posted a list of more than 200 names of injured so worried relatives could look for loved ones.

"It was like Beirut; everything was burning and flattened," said Spengler, who arrived minutes after the blast. Carole Lawton, 62, a HUD secretary, said she was sitting at her desk on the seventh floor when "all of a sudden the windows blew in. It got real dark and the ceiling just started coming down."

going on," said Kathy Katzman, a parent. "Go to the professionals, the awareness network and the exit counselors. I feel it's something we could not have done without professional help."

Fidler also said he recommended national organizations.

"We need to make them aware of the Cult Awareness Network, get them (parents) in touch with each other," Fidler said.

Although college students will make changes in their lives the first year away from home, Cloutier said parents should look for warning signs and extreme changes in behavior.

"I would say obviously if there's any strange changes in behavior, like if the child is reducing their contact with the family drastically," Cloutier said. "Just the warning signs, take them seriously."

If parents confront their son or daughter about such changes, and the student attributes the changes to a religious society, then there is room for concern, Cloutier said.

"That's not to say that a person cannot have a religious conversion," he said. "But it's very important to educate themselves."

If parents think their son or daughter might be involved in a cult, there are many resources available both on campus and nationally. For more information, please contact the resources and people listed.

The Columbia Church of Christ did not return phone calls from The Gamecock and there was no answer to calls to Crossroads Ministry, the original church located in Gainesville, Fla.

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