

Datebook

Entries and corrections for the Datebook may be submitted to The Gamecock on the third floor of the Russell House. There is a box designated for the Datebook in the newsroom.

The Counseling and Human Development Center at 900 Assembly St. is offering a variety of programs in the following weeks.

One is "Multicultural Workshop Series for Students in the Helping Professions." The sessions are Fridays (Sept. 29, Oct. 3 and Oct. 13) from noon to 2 p.m. The sessions will discuss multicultural awareness, knowledge and skills. Participants may attend any session or all three. Malcolm Anderson will be leading the session.

Another program is the "Memory and Concentration Through Hypnosis." The session will be Sept. 28 and Oct. 3 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The leaders of the session is Judy Small.

"Healing the Wound: Recovering from Loss" will be on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. - noon. Dr. Ruthann Fox-Hines will lead the session.

Dr. Fox-Hines will also host "Burnout Prevention, Coping with Stress" on Sept. 29 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

All meetings will be in room 212.

A representative from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, will hold an informational meeting Sept. 29 at 9 a.m. for students interested in studying abroad at the University of St. Andrews. The meeting is held in Byrnes Building of room 704. For more information, call International Programs at 777-7461.

APO Escort Service is offering a free ride to any USC student, male or female, who doesn't want to walk alone on campus. The service is available Sunday through Thursday, from 8 p.m. to midnight. To request the service, call 777-DUCK.

Wednesdays

■ PALM Campus Ministry, Dinner and Program, 5:30 p.m., 728 Pickens St.

■ Student National Pharmaceutical Association, first and third Wednesdays of each month, 5:30 p.m., Coker Life Sciences Building

Lounge. For more information, call 544-0899 and ask for Sonia

■ Young Democrats, 7 p.m., RH 315

■ Student Government Senate, 5 p.m., RH Theater

■ Women Students' Association, 6 p.m., RH 203

■ Carolina Productions Marketing Committee, 6 p.m., RH 201

■ Carolina Productions Black Cultural Commission, 7 p.m., RH 348

■ College Republicans, 7:30 p.m., Gambrell 250. For information, call their voice mail at 343-7194

■ The Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association, 8 p.m., Business Administration Room 364

■ Gamma Beta Phi, Oct. 18 at 8:30 p.m. and Nov. 15 at 5:30, in the Nursing Auditorium.

■ Test Taking Strategies, 12-1 p.m., Towers Conference Room and Russell House 303

Thursdays

■ Habitat for Humanity, 5:30 p.m., RH 205

■ Interservice Christian Fellowship, 7:30-9 p.m., RH 315

■ Baptist Student Union: Heart to Heart, 7 p.m., BSU Center

■ Campus Crusade for Christ "Prime Time," 7:30 p.m., Calcott 15

■ Carolina Productions Homecoming Commission, 7 p.m., RH 201. Contact Lori Toland for more information

■ Gamma Beta Phi, Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m., Nursing Auditorium

Sundays

■ PALM Campus Ministry, Worship and Dinner, 5:30 p.m., 728 Pickens St.

■ Student Government Executive Cabinet, 6 p.m., Witten Room

■ Sorority Christian Fellowship, 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the South Tower. For information, call 779-7173

■ Ballroom Dance Club, 4 - 5 p.m., Blatt PE Center 107

■ Carolina Productions Performing Arts Commission, 6:30 p.m., RH 201

■ Carolina Productions Special Programs Commission, 7 p.m., RH 348

■ Student Nurses Association, last Monday of every month, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m., College of Nursing room 125

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presentation is real therapy for me, particularly when students come up afterwards and admit they had some wrong ideas about AIDS and people with AIDS."

The presentation focuses on Goldman's experiences as a fraternity member and college student. Goldman focuses particularly on the risks he took by mixing alcohol and unprotected sex. In the presentation, Sullivan teaches students about alcohol's effect on decision-making, the workings of the HIV virus and ways students can reduce their risk of contracting the disease.

Goldman's and Sullivan's program has been well-received on college campuses because they speak in a language familiar to college stu-

dents. The experiences discussed in the presentation are things that relevant to students here at USC.

"It's hard to believe that there are many college students who think that safer sex means a birth control pill," Sullivan said. "As long as these students hold the mistaken belief that they can't get AIDS, they won't take the time to educate themselves and learn the truth about HIV."

The Sorority and Fraternity Council are sponsoring the program in an effort to educate students about AIDS.

"Their message is so important and they really have great things to say," said Cameron Gilreath, sorority council member. "This is an issue that potentially affects all of us, our friends and family."

Wrong command to satellite turns off millions of pagers

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Millions of personal pagers across the country were rendered useless Tuesday when a computer operator inadvertently sent out a command that turned off thousands of satellite receivers.

Space Com, a Tulsa-based satellite transmission service, had to manually reprogram the receivers one by one. About 95 percent of service was restored by the end of the workday, and the remainder was expected to be back by Wednesday morning.

Space Com has contracts with five of the 10 largest paging companies. Its biggest contract is with Pagenet, which has more than 6 million pagers across the country. Pagenet could not estimate how many of its customers were without service.

"Have we had problems? We've had major problems resulting from this outage," said Pagenet spokesman Gary Hartman in Bridgeport, Conn.

Paging Network of New York, which has 5 million customers nationwide, reported a 20 percent increase in complaints from customers on Tuesday.

The biggest concern was in the medical field, where doctors are on 24-hour emergency stand-by. Pagenet and Seattle-based McCaw Communications said they immedi-

ately contacted hospitals, law enforcement agencies and other major customers to tell them their pagers were temporarily out of service.

Space Com's satellite system also relays information to stock quote networks like PC Quote in Chicago, which gives 800 customers up-to-the-minute stock quotations.

"All we know is that it affected customers, whatever happened," said a PC Quote secretary who did not give her name. She said company officials could not comment because they were too busy dealing with the problem.

There are two satellite pager frequencies serving the United States — FM-cubed and FM-squared. In addition, some pagers are served by telephone links.

Space Com operates an uplink satellite system. Companies send paging data to the satellite receivers, which relay it to the companies' transmitters and on to the pagers.

Al Stem, vice president and general manager of Space Com, said its receivers were turned off between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. Tuesday when an operator giving the wrong command ordered the satellite to off-load all the addresses on the FM-squared frequency. The company's 40 technicians all worked to restore programming.

Pants cause controversy in Columbia courtroom

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Women in pantsuits may not make the best-dressed list in Circuit Judge Joseph Wilson's court, but there are weightier things to deal with, lawyers said Tuesday, a day after Wilson stopped a hearing and told one female attorney her clothing was inappropriate.

"As long as people are neat and clean ... I don't think it should make a lot of difference," said Lee Robinson, president of the Charleston County Bar Association. "It's kind of a silly issue."

Robinson said she does not wear pants to court because she believes her clients expect it. "On the other hand ... I think I look just as nice in a pantsuit as a skirt," she said.

On Monday, Wilson called lawyer Heather Smith to the bench to comment on her pantsuit. Wilson would not allow Ms. Smith to enter a guilty plea on behalf of a woman facing firearms charges, The State reported.

Wilson did not return phone calls Tuesday. He told the newspaper, "If a man were to come to court without a tie, I'd ask him to put on a tie."

The judge said Ms. Smith criticized him as sexist, but that was not what he intended.

Ms. Smith denied calling Wilson sexist but would not comment further on Tuesday. Her client will have to enter the plea at some other date.

"I've seen plenty of women in courtrooms across the state wearing pantsuits," said Sue C. Erwin, president of the South Carolina Women's

Lawyers Association.

Rules that used to specify what was considered appropriate dress for lawyers appearing in court no longer exist, Ms. Erwin said. Judges have the power to control their courtrooms and differ in what they think shows disrespect, she said.

"The rules with regard to dress have been evolving over the past 20 to 30 years," said state Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney Jr.

Finney and Justice Jean Toal, the Supreme Court's only woman, refused to comment specifically about the issue of lawyers' clothing because they might have to deal with it if a grievance were filed against the judge. However, Finney said he did not recall ever criticizing a female lawyer's attire.

"I really don't think our judicial system would come to a screeching halt if men didn't wear ties or women didn't wear dresses or judges didn't wear robes," Columbia attorney Bob Guild said.

Herbert A. Johnson, a University of South Carolina law professor who teaches a mock trial course, said he saw nothing wrong with allowing his female students to argue their case in a conservative pantsuit instead of a skirt and jacket.

Pantsuits also are considered acceptable attire at some companies.

"I have people working with me who wear pantsuits," said Fred Hannon, a NationsBank spokesman. Employees there are asked to dress appropriately for their job and take cues from coworkers, he said.

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education and research at Richland Memorial Hospital said a patient is referred to some kind of burn center if his injuries could be classified as third degree burns over 10 percent of the body surface area or if second degree burns cover of his body 25 percent.

Raymond said 30 to 40 percent of Bagwell's total body surface area contained second degree burns, with the worst burns covering the entire "superficial layer" of his skin.

Lovell said the container shattered because it was sealed when it was placed in the autoclave.

"It's (the autoclave) like a big pressure cooker," Lovell said. "If you don't have any means for the pressure to escape from the vessel, the vessel can burst."

Lovell said such an explosion hasn't happened at Coker before but, "it's not an unfamiliar situation. Autoclaves are dangerous."

Lovell said the autoclave was not the cause of the explosion.

"It was not an equipment failure; it was simply an accident, a very unfortunate situation but an accident," he said.

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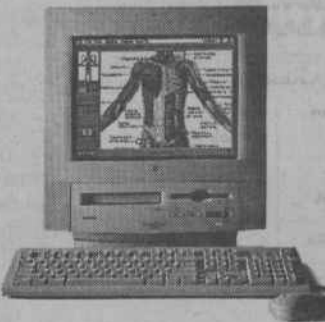
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