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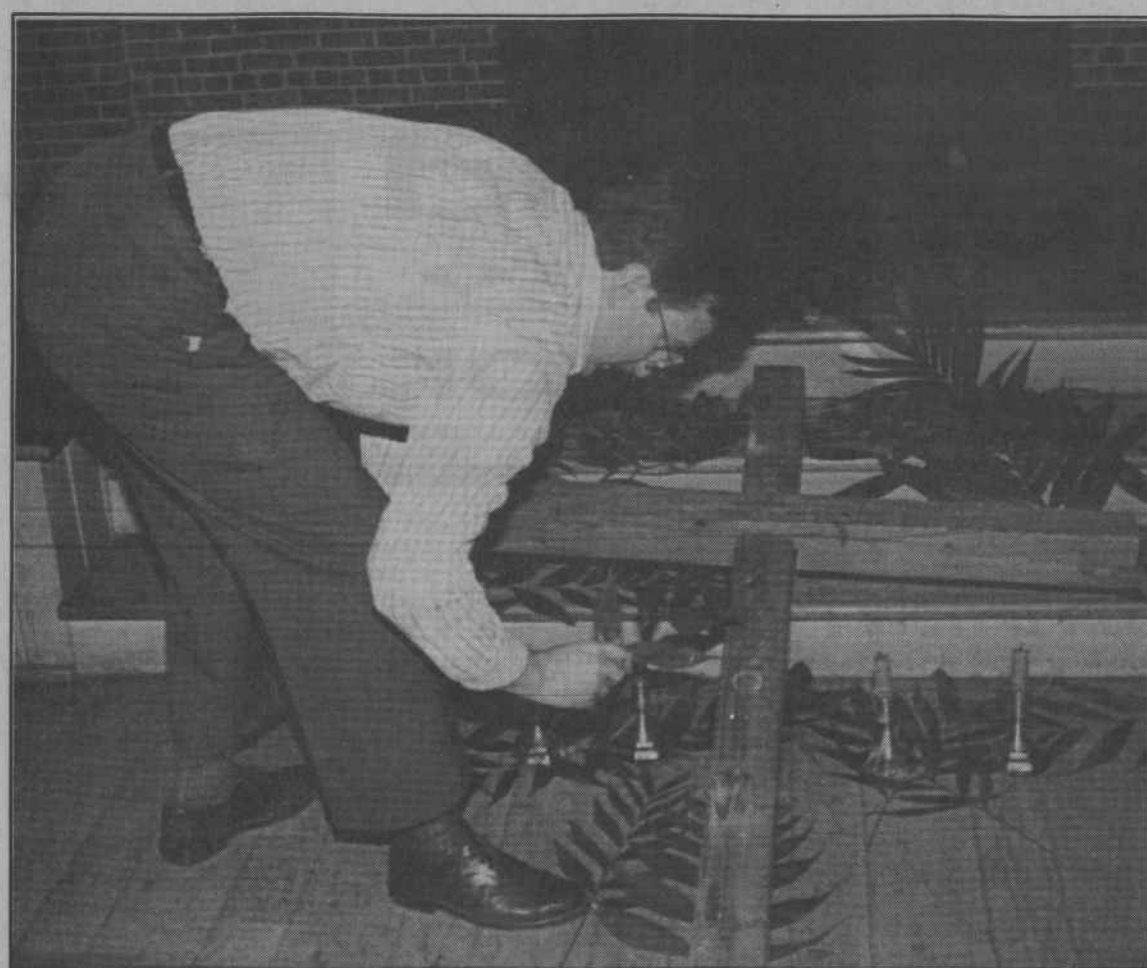
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Clark Bonilla, left, a graduate student and PALM member, lights candles around a cross in celebration of Holy Week. PALM has additional services planned for Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.

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Students celebrate religious traditions

MARTHA HOTOP News Editor
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Palm Sunday, celebrating Jesus' arrival to Jerusalem days before his trial and crucifixion, started a week of religious observances for Christians. The Jewish people also observe Passover this week.

For Christians, the week's services lead to Easter Sunday, when churchgoers will celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead three days after he was crucified. Christians believe Jesus' resurrection is his triumph over death and sin and that his death atones for sins of all people.

At USC, students, faculty and staff have the opportunity to participate in services throughout Holy Week, beginning with a Tenebre service tonight at Rutledge Chapel. Campus ministries and local churches will also hold Maundy or Thursday services, which remember the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. Maundy comes from the Latin word that means commandment, and the services celebrate Jesus' last instructions to his disciples. Roman Catholics also will celebrate the

Last Supper and the washing of the disciples' feet on Holy Thursday. Good Friday remembers the day of Jesus' death.

"This week symbolizes one thing, one precious thing, Jesus gave us: his life," said Leslie Snyder, a chemical engineering junior and a member of PALM, Partnership among Lutherans and Methodists, on campus. "He gave up his life so we may live. To understand his coming back, I like to understand why it is he had to die."

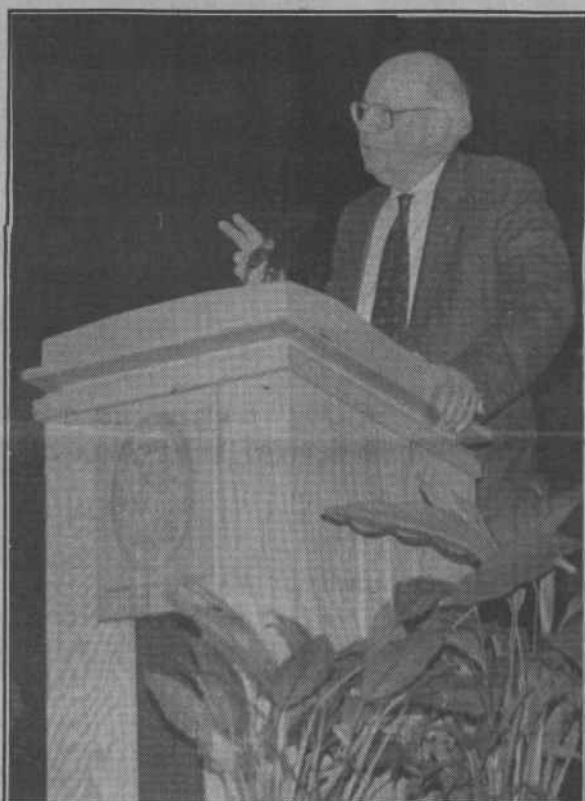
Beverly Cox, a pre-pharmacy sophomore and PALM member, started her Holy Week observances this past Sunday.

"I went to two Palm Sunday services," Cox said. "I will probably go to an Easter service Sunday and one of the PALM services." PALM will have Thursday and Friday services at its chapel at 728 Pickens St., behind Wade Hampton.

Some students are recognizing Jesus' suffering by fasting.

"I'm fasting to remind myself about Good Friday and its importance," Snyder said. "The best way to do that is to be

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The Rev. Dr. Moody Smith spoke about the Gospel of John Thursday night at the Russell House Ballroom. He was the 1996 Nadine Beacham and Charlton F. Hall Sr. Lectureship in New Testament and an Early Christianity. He teaches at Duke University.

Week to focus on internationals

MARTHA HOTOP News Editor

Many people on USC's campus are unaware of the fact that there are over 1,000 international students here.

"The typical American student at USC doesn't realize there are international students here," NADA resident hall director Heather Emmert said. "The international students have so much to offer, and they open up Americans' views of the world."

Since the 1970s, USC has celebrated its diverse student body through International Week, which began yesterday. During the week, a variety of events will showcase the international students on campus. Students will also have the opportunity to learn about international exchange programs available through the university.

"International Week is an opportunity

for the Carolina community to highlight the international dimensions of the university," said Laura Arthur, assistant director for International Programs for Students.

The International Programs for Students is responsible for coordinating the entire week. At the beginning of the year, the office asked other organizations on campus to help sponsor events related to international week; some of this year's sponsors include Carolina Productions, the Office of Fellowships and Summer Programs, and the NADA community. Professors and some of the colleges will also be sponsoring seminars and programs during the week.

NADA, which houses American and international students will sponsor an "Around the World Dinner" for anyone

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INTERNATIONAL WEEK

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Panel Discussion: The Role of the Media in Building New Democracies
12:30 - 1:45 pm, Coliseum Room 3007

International Coffee House
7 pm, Russell House Room 305

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Discussion: How to Apply for Predoctoral Fellowships and Research Funding
12 - 1 pm, Gambrell Hall Room 440

Film Festival: A Tribute to Louis Malle
7 pm, 9 pm, BA Building Room 351 (Free Admission)

The Incredible Acrobats of China
\$12 Adults, \$10 Students
7:30 pm, Koger Center

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Lecture: Democracy, Autocracy and Efficiency
3:30 pm, Gambrell Hall Room 404

Conversation & Coffee
7 pm, Capstone Lobby

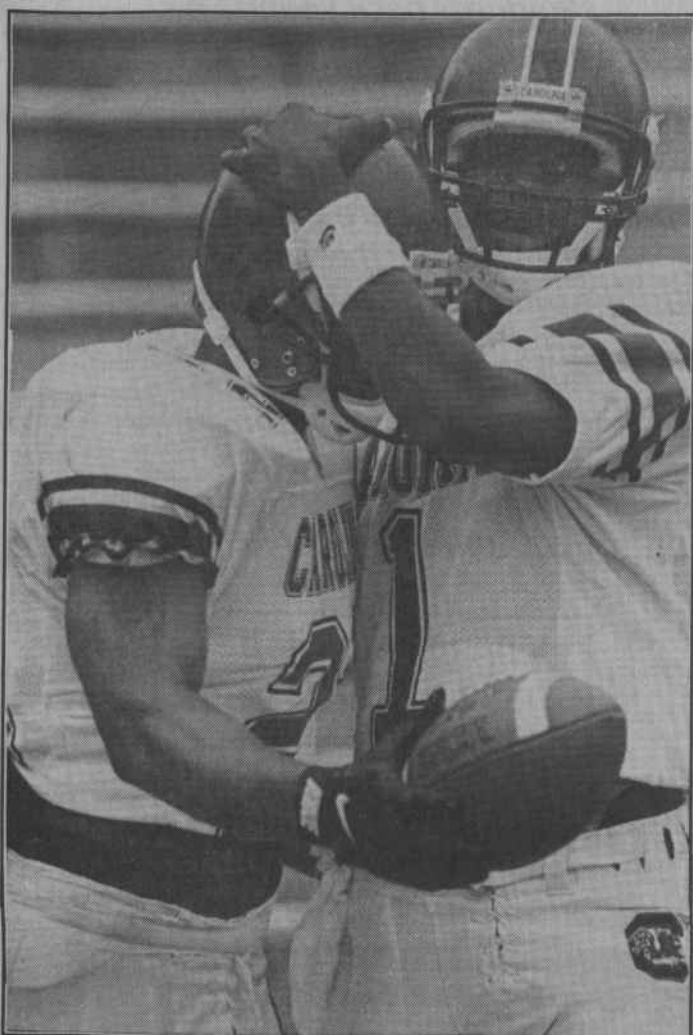
Spanish Theater: Three Plays
\$2 Students, \$3 Faculty/Staff
8 pm, Drayton Hall

Around the World Dinner
8:30 pm, NADA International Living Community

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Seminar: A Culture-Sensitive Approach to Asian-American Students
1 - 2:30 pm, McMaster College Room 235

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ROBERT WALTON The Gamecock

Running back Duce Staley, left, receives a congratulatory hug from quarterback Anthony Wright during Saturday's annual Spring Game. See story on page 7.

Peace Corps honors USC, informs interested students

JENNIFER STANLEY Asst. News Editor

About 50 USC students have joined the Peace Corps after graduation since 1990 (64 students since 1988) — a statistic greater than any other school in South Carolina.

Because of this, the Peace Corps honored USC yesterday with a reception and Overseas Job workshop.

Patricia Willer, the director of International Programs, delivered the welcome. She said the Peace Corps has a "profound impact" on USC. "This is the most appropriate way to begin international week," Willer said.

The evening featured an information video, award presentation and panel of eight returned Peace Corps volunteers.

Interim Provost Winona Vernburg accepted the "World of Thanks" Award, which recognizes USC's contributions to the program.

The Peace Corps is commemorating its 35-year anniversary and was established by an executive order from President Kennedy. Originally, it was created to promote world peace and mutual understanding and to offer trained men and women to countries in need.

The first set of volunteers worked in Ghana. Now, there are about 7,000 volunteers serving in 94 countries that are divided into four regions: Africa, Inter-America, Asia/Pacific and Eastern Europe.

Officials are investigating the feasibility of sending volunteers to the Middle East and Cambodia.

The Peace Corps is recruiting volunteers with skills in agriculture, business, education, environmental studies, health and nutrition and community services.

"I am interested in the Peace Corps) because

I don't want to go to graduate school right away. I want to do something important, something that makes a difference," marine science junior Jennifer Przystup said.

Applicants should be at least 18 years old and have three to five years of work experience or a bachelor's degree.

Volunteers serve for 27 months, which includes a three-month training period. The training takes place in the country of service and includes technical, language, cultural and medical education.

Peace Corps members receive travel expenses, a monthly living allowance and a \$5,400 readjustment allowance upon completion of service.

According to Julie Kaminsky, the regional recruiter for the Peace Corps Southeastern Regional office, those wishing to serve should apply about one year before they want to start their term of service. They should also follow up on their application. She stressed the need for experience in community service.

To conclude the evening, the panel answered questions about the language barrier, food, living arrangements and general experiences.

"You must be flexible, ready to go with it," said Noel Desmarteau, a returning Peace Corps volunteer who served in Ghana.

Many volunteers live with host families in modest conditions.

Linguistics graduate student Brendan Kelly said he was interested in serving because he wanted "a sense of selflessness, cross cultural experience and personal enrichment."

For more information or an application, call 800-424-8580. Those interested can also find information on the World Wide Web at <http://www.peace.corps.gov>.

Speakers disagree on effectiveness of stiffer DUI law

ALLISON WILLIAMS Special Projects Editor

Doctors, a South Carolina coroner, lobbyists and several family members of DUI victims spoke Thursday to members of the Senate Judiciary Committee at a public hearing to discuss several bills, including one that would impose stricter penalties on people under 21 for driving under the influence.

According to several attorneys who handle DUI cases, the bill would tack on an additional six months to the present penalty if anyone under 21 has the .02 concentration or refuses to submit to a blood-alcohol test.

Under current South Carolina laws, a first-offense driver with a blood-alcohol content of .10 or more could face a fine of \$200 and a suspended license for six months. Second-offense drivers could pay a fine of \$2,000 have a suspended license for one year. Third-offense drivers face a \$3,500 fine, prison and suspended license for two years.

In a Thursday article in The Gamecock, North Charleston attorney Reese Joye said the proposed bill "discriminates again against citizens under 21 years old."

But several speakers at the public hearing said the proposed change that would affect people under 21 was a "natural tie-in" with current legislation.

"My constituents want to do something strong and powerful about highway safety. I am concerned about the needless deaths of innocent South Carolinians," said one state senator in favor of the bill.

One lawyer said none of the people he represented for DUI charges knew what the penalties for DUI were before they came to him. He did not think stiffer penalties would be a deterrent against DUI.

"If you think passing a stiffer penalty will get the message out, that is not happening," the lawyer said.

Drug and alcohol abuse lobbyists who spoke in favor of the bill said it was one that had been on their agendas for years.