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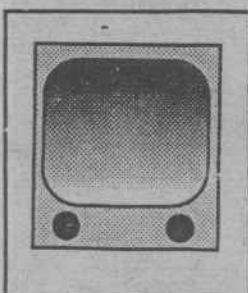
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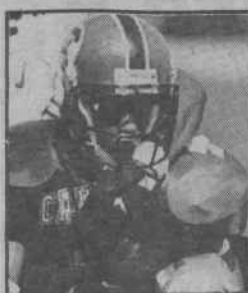
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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS COLLECT FARM AID FOOD

Carolina for Kids and Into the Streets are challenging student organizations to collect as much non-perishable food as possible over the next two weeks.

The collected food will be donated to USA Harvest, for national distribution. USA Harvest works with Farm Aid to distribute food to needy Americans and farmers.

Student organizations will turn the cans they've collected in on Thursday, Oct. 10 on Greene Street. Volunteers will count and weigh all of the food, to determine which organization collected the most food.

The winner of the contest will be announced in the Gamecock.

The Farm Aid concert will be held at Williams-Brice stadium on Saturday, Oct. 12. For the past three years the concert has been a national fundraiser to assist needy farmers.

Students interested in learning more about the food drive should contact Clifton Chesnut at 544-1259.



Lawrence Holland and his three-year-old son Lewis enjoy the Halftime Awards ceremony during Saturday's game against Mississippi State.

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Days Remembered

Saturday's football game and Halftime awards ceremony marked the end of Homecoming Week.

During Halftime, the Homecoming Commission presented the Halftime Awards to three student organizations.

• GAMMA received the National/Regional Award for its Safe Spring Break campaign.

• Delta Sigma Theta received the

Community Service Award, for their work around campus and in the Columbia community.

• Mortar Board was awarded the Spirit of Carolina award, nicknamed "The Best-of-the-Best." Each year, Mortar Board produces the student planners, sold in the bookstores. During the year, Mortar Board also recognizes the efforts of outstanding

professors on campus.

During Halftime, the winners of the Parade float competition were also announced.

• Kappa Delta and Sigma Nu received first place.

• Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Phi Epsilon were awarded second place.

• Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Chi received the third place.

Rubenstein to speak about human rights

BILLY AUER Staff Writer

Josh Rubenstein will take time out of his busy schedule Tuesday to speak to USC students interested in human rights.

Rubenstein is the former national President of Amnesty International, an organization formed to raise awareness about prisoners of conscience. Members of Amnesty fight for human rights, proper treatment of prisoners, better jail conditions and less violence.

Rubenstein will address a wide variety of human rights issues, including torture, political imprisonment in Latin America and Africa, and the role of human rights in foreign policy.

Carolina Productions joined with Amnesty International of USC to organize this event. Amnesty International reformed as a group last semester.

"Over the summer, Carolina Productions began programming for the fall, and we contacted Amnesty International about possible guest speakers," Carolina Productions Commissioner Jayson Johnson said. "We

then got in touch with agencies and found Mr. Rubenstein available."

Rubenstein has been professionally involved with human rights and international affairs for more than 20 years. He has been an activist, a scholar and a journalist.

As the Northeast Regional Director of Amnesty International USA, Rubenstein oversees productivity in New England, New York and New Jersey.

Rubenstein is the author of "Soviet Dissidents, Their Struggles for Human Rights" and "Tangled Loyalties, The Life and Times of Ilya Ehrenburg," along with several articles and reviews in national publications.

"We are very lucky to have Rubenstein as a guest speaker," Amnesty International USC President Shin Yun said. "Students will get a better perspective on the world by talking about human rights. Protection of human rights is everyone's responsibility."

The speech will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Russell House Ballroom. This event is free and open to the public.

Alpha Lambda Delta receives national award

Staff Reports

USC's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, the freshman honor society, was recently awarded the Order of the Torch for the nation's most outstanding chapter.

The Order of the Torch award is presented annually to as many as three chapters. USC's chapter received the award for its numerous service projects and its record breaking increase in new members.

Alpha Lambda Delta sponsors the USC challenge, a quiz bowl tournament for SC high school teams.

The USC chapter also sponsors the Palmento Project, which is designed to beautify the Carolina community by

planting trees.

Last year the chapter also co-sponsored the Organ Donor Awareness Days project with the Bodybuilding Club.

Also, for the 1995-1996 year, the USC chapter inducted 316 new members, a chapter record.

The Order of the Torch banner will be formally presented by Glenda Earwood-Smith, incoming National Alpha Lambda Delta Executive Director, during a campus ceremony on Thursday.

USC and the University of Oregon were the only chapters to receive the Order of the Torch this year.

University highlight careers in student affairs

MARTHA HOTOP News Editor

On every university campus there is a group of administrators that's responsible for the actual functioning of the university.

These individuals work in areas such as handling student enrollment. They are also responsible for creating new programs that will benefit the student body. Everyone involved in student affairs work to affect students.

These individuals are people who have chosen careers in student affairs. All of them have at least a masters degree.

As USC, those involved with student affairs include Dennis Pruitt, Jerry Brewer, Chris Carroll and Jerry Crotty.

Throughout this week, there will be a variety of activities highlighting careers in student affairs.

"This week is designed to give students

information that this career [student affairs] is available," Graduate Assistant for the Academic Skills program Carrie Schade said.

She also said students don't think about going into a career in student affairs.

The Student Personnel Association is officially sponsoring the week's events.

Shade said the special money is set aside by the S.C. College Personnel Association. The money is to be used to "further the careers and reputations of those in student affairs."

At USC, it was decided to have a series of events that would provide students with more information about what careers in student affairs entails.

As part of the week's activities, students will have the opportunity to listen to a panel discussion. The panel will feature student affairs representatives at USC. They will discuss how they got their careers

started. The panel members will also offer advice about going to graduate school and studying for a career in student affairs.

Schade said one of the goals for the week is to have students realize their present undergraduate activities might lead to a future career.

Students can take their experiences as an undergraduate and combine them with a little more training in that area and end up with a career in student affairs, Schade said.

For example, someone involved in community service might consider working in the community service office at a university.

During the week, students will have the opportunity to learn about graduate programs at USC and other schools around the country.

Students promote Latin American culture

MARIO ONA Staff Writer

Students Association for Latin America, SALA, became an official organization on Thursday after its first official meeting. Although designed to promote cultural awareness with regard to Latin American issues, the organization is not limited to Latin Americans.

Ana Christina Rojas, Carla Vale and Durley Florez, although for different reasons, all shared the desire to originate a Latin American organization. Although several organizations made an attempt in the past, none managed to survive.

Rojas, who has transferred from USC, along with Vale, came up with the idea last year. Near the same time, Florez also had the same idea. Unknowningly, both Vale, who took over the interest of initiating a group by herself, and Florez were doing all the paperwork to initiate their idea of a Latin American organization.

Through the process, they were united and began to work on the project together. Vale, of Venezuelan background, looked to initiate the organization as her senior thesis project. Florez, who is Colombian (not to be mistaken with Columbian), was

interested in spreading and informing the student body of her Latin American culture.

After approximately four months of on and off work, the organizations began to take a solid form. When SALA's constitution was written, which according to Florez, "was the hardest part of all," Vale and Florez were ready to test their project and their pride.

"I found it hard to believe that with as many Hispanics that study at USC, no one had began an organization," Florez said. She later said, "I think it's the fear of rejection that kept people from initiating a group."

Vale added, "I think a Latin American organization was not begun earlier because of all the paperwork that goes with starting up an organization."

Both Florez and Vale agreed they received tremendous support from Santos Nunez of Multicultural Student Affairs and other students who joined them in their goal.

SALA is designed to promote awareness of the Latin American Culture.

"A Latin American is an American with Latin background. It is not limited

to Hispanics which are of Spanish background. Italian Americans, Portuguese Americans, French Americans are all Latin Americans. Most people tend to associate Latin Americans with Hispanics only," Vale said.

"Too many stereotypes are associated with Hispanics and Latin Americans and it's education we hope to spread. We want people to know more about our heritage," she added.

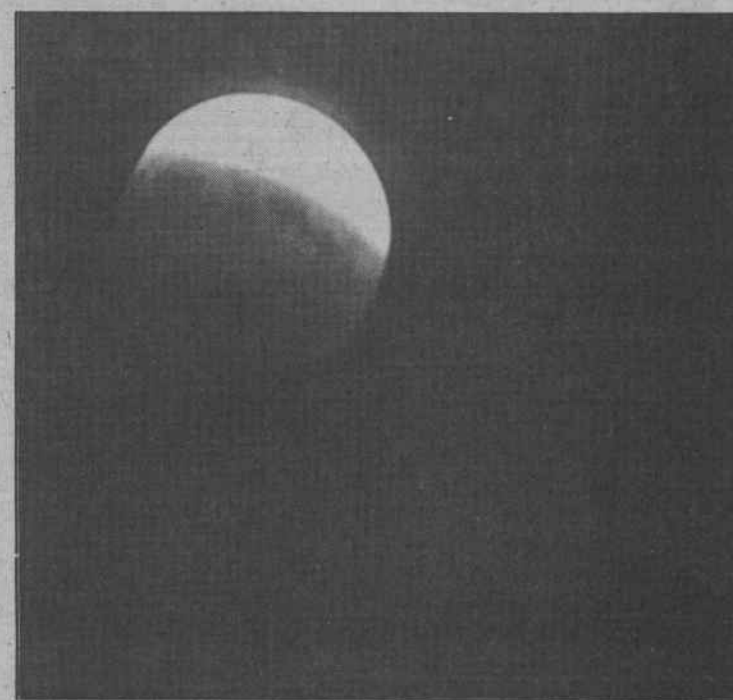
All three, who were the main characters behind SALA, said they anticipated the day of the first meeting with incredible enthusiasm.

Vale and Florez admitted that although they were excited, they were also nervous. Approximately 60 students attended the first meeting.

"What made me happy, besides the fact that we had such a good turnout was that it was not limited to Hispanics or even Latin Americans," Florez said.

SALA has many projects, parties and other means of transmitting the Latin culture planned. Meetings are at 8 p.m. Thursdays in RH 303. SALA, which is Spanish for "living room," invites all who are interested to attend one of the meetings.

Going into hiding



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The lunar eclipse as seen around 10 p.m., last Thursday. Across campus, students sat outside their buildings to watch the lunar eclipse. In some dorms, like Preston, large groups of 20 or more students could be seen watching and discussing the eclipse.