



September 17, 1971 - Alpha Phi Omega started offering an escort service for university women on campus. It ran from 6:30 to 11 p.m.

Interest in Latin American studies at peak

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With the Latin American population of South Carolina and the United States exploding, the importance of studying Latin American culture has never been higher.

USC's Latin American studies program has introduced students to Latin America since the 1960s. The program emphasizes the importance of looking

at Latin America in a multifaceted way.

"It is important for students to get an appreciation for one of the most important regions in the world," said Michael Scardaville, director of the Latin American studies program. "It is especially important here in South Carolina, given the growing Hispanic population."

In addition to the booming Hispanic population, Latin American culture is being noticed all over the coun-

try. The increasing popularity of such Latin American celebrities as Ricky Martin and Jennifer Lopez has brought this region of the globe into the spotlight.

USC's Latin American studies program, a part of the College of Liberal Arts, has existed in one form or another since the 1960s. The program began offering bachelor's degrees in the mid-1980s.

Students majoring in Latin Amer-

ican studies have a wide array of opportunities upon graduating. Besides attending graduate school for more intense work in Latin American studies, graduates of the program often move on to law school or other postgraduate work.

In the job market, a degree in Latin American studies can pave the way for students to return to Latin America to do anything from opening their own businesses to working in the government.

Scardaville urges students majoring in Latin American studies to pursue a double major as opposed to a minor or cognate in order to gain a solid background in a specific discipline, saying this would help them find a job after graduation.

Students in the program are required to choose either Spanish or Portuguese as their language of study. Twenty-four hours of coursework in Latin American studies are required for the major.

Students are also expected to study or participate in supervised fieldwork in Latin America as part of the degree program. Such fieldwork can be a vital experience for future jobs in Latin America.

Students involved in the program are able to take courses ranging from prehistoric archaeology to modern politics and from geography to literature.

The courses in the program are taken from the anthropology, geography, history, government and foreign languages departments.

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This range of studies gives students a broad understanding of Latin America as a whole, instead of limiting them to one specific area of focus.

Students study ancient cultures as well as current social and governmental issues of modern-day Latin America. The program touches upon every aspect of Latin American society, culture and history.

The Latin American studies program and the College of Journalism and Mass Communications will be sponsoring a talk by Pat Butler in the near future. Butler, who just returned from six months in Nicaragua, is best known for his award-winning, multi-part series "Migrant No More" from The State two years ago.

The article focused on the growing Latin American population in South Carolina and the importance of it. The specifics on his speech have yet to be determined.

CAMPUS NOTES

ODK applications due today

Omicron Delta Kappa is the oldest leadership society on campus. If you have at least 60 hours and a 3.0 GPA, you are eligible. Applications are available and due today in Student Government, Russell House Information Desk or the Campus Activities Center. For more information, call Emily LeMaster at 544-3869.

Elections Commission applications available

Applications for the 2000 Elections Commission are available in the Student Government office, RH 110. The application deadline is Monday.

Circle K International service club to meet

Circle K International, a collegiate service organization and a part of the Kiwanis family, will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday in RH 305. All students are encouraged to come. For more information, call Rebecca Timmins at 796-2642.

AAAS taking trip to Carowinds

The Association of African-American Students invites students to join them Sept. 25 for a day of shopping at Concord Mills and a trip to Carowinds. The cost is \$37. For more information, call Latonya Kerns at 544-2254.

Tickets still available for USC-ECU football

ECU football tickets are still available for pickup between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the second-floor lobby of the Russell House. Bring your valid USC ID. For more information, call Mick Crawford at 777-7784.

Briefs for Campus Notes can be submitted to RH 333. Submissions should include a contact name and phone number.

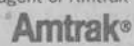


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