

The Counseling and Human Development Center is offering a "Healing the Wound: Recovering from Loss" workshop for those who have experienced loss. This workshop will describe a healing process and provide time for discussion and sharing. For more information or to register, call 777-5223.

SG Mock Election to be held

Student Government is sponsoring a mock election from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday. All Columbia campus students can vote for presidential candidates for 2000. Questions about Safe Ride, changing USC's mascot and the S.C. lottery will be included. Vote at www.vip.sc.edu: choose "the personal tab", then "Student Government Elections."

Carolina Alumni Association to hold Eddie Fogler Basketball Preview

The Carolina Alumni Association will hold an evening with Eddie Fogler on Monday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Fogler will speak on his ideas and hopes for the coming season, and the team will be in action. The evening is open to members of the Carolina Alumni and student members of the association. Each student member can bring one guest. For those interested in joining the Alumni Association Student membership, contact the Alumni Offices at 777-4111.

ICE to hold dance lessons

The Indian Cultural Exchange is sponsoring dance lessons at 8 p.m. Thursday Nov. 4 in RH 322-326. Come learn about "Garba," a traditional form of dancing. For more information, call Bhanin Patel 544-0431.

CPR course to be offered

Health and Wellness programs will offer an American Red Cross Adult CPR course from 5-9 p.m. November 9 in Blatt 110. Cost of the class is \$20. To register, call 777-6518.

Drop-In Center extends deadline for peer health educators

The Open Door Drop-In Center has extended its deadline for applications until Nov. 12. Students will staff the Drop-In Center and help other students with nutrition, fitness, stress, blood pressure and body fat percentages. Stop by Health and Wellness Programs for an application. For more information, call the Health Center 777-8248.

AAAS to sponsor Spring Break Cruise

The Association of African-American Students is sponsoring a 5-day Spring Break Bahamas Cruise from Msrch 6 to 10. For more information, call LaTonya at 544-2254. Deadline for securing a spot is Nov. 16.

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

A day in my life

BY KATIE ROWEN
STAFF WRITER

When I was in high school, I was coming out of my world history class one day. Somewhat in a daze, I allowed myself to get carried along in the horde of teens walking to their next classes. Then the crowd seemed to part, and this guy came running toward me shouting, "I'm gonna do it, I'm gonna do it!"

Did he jump me?
No. He jumped over me.
Just call me the 4-foot-2-inch hurdle.
Actually, you could call me a lot of things: Half-Pint, Shortstuff, Shorty, Cutie. Just don't call me a midget.

One of the most common misconceptions about me is that



I'm a midget. I'm not; I'm a dwarf. Now, you might think dwarves are fictional because of the movie "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," but I assure you I am one. The difference between a midget and a dwarf is simple. A midget is short all over but a dwarf only has short limbs — which is why you might notice that if you and I were sitting side by side, we would be very close in height. So what's it like being a dwarf? Quite fun, actually. I bet I'm one

of the few people who thinks planes have enough leg room, and I'm always in the front of crowds, like at concerts and stuff. I mean, come on — it's not like I'm blocking anyone.

But to help you really understand me, let me take you through a normal day of mine.

I wake up and literally jump out of bed. After showering, the spray hits me just right. Then I dress. A lot of people ask me where I buy my clothes. Because of my average-sized torso, I can wear regular tops. I do have to get my pants tailored, but I'll tell you one thing: I could kiss the person who brought Capri pants back into style.

While they're dorky pants on tall people (no offense), Capri pants fit me perfectly, and I've saved 10 bucks on tailoring. The one thing about clothes that really ticks me off is shoes. With my size 3 feet, my selection is limited. Oh well.

I then head to class, stopping by the Sidewalk Cafe for breakfast. Because caffeine is a necessity to pick me up, I need a soda. Problem: The ice lever is a little too high. No problem: The USC students and Sidewalk Cafe employees are always willing to help.

Then it's time for class. And I'll tell you one thing: my professors always remember me. Last year, this was a disadvantage because my history professor always noticed when I skipped. It can be an advantage, though, because anytime I call my professors, all I have to do is say, "I'm the shortest person in your class." Then they know who I am.

That brings me to the main thing about being a dwarf: You certainly don't blend. People will notice you and stare. I've seen kids smack into walls because they were staring at me in the mall. But then again, there are certain people who you don't mind noticing you.

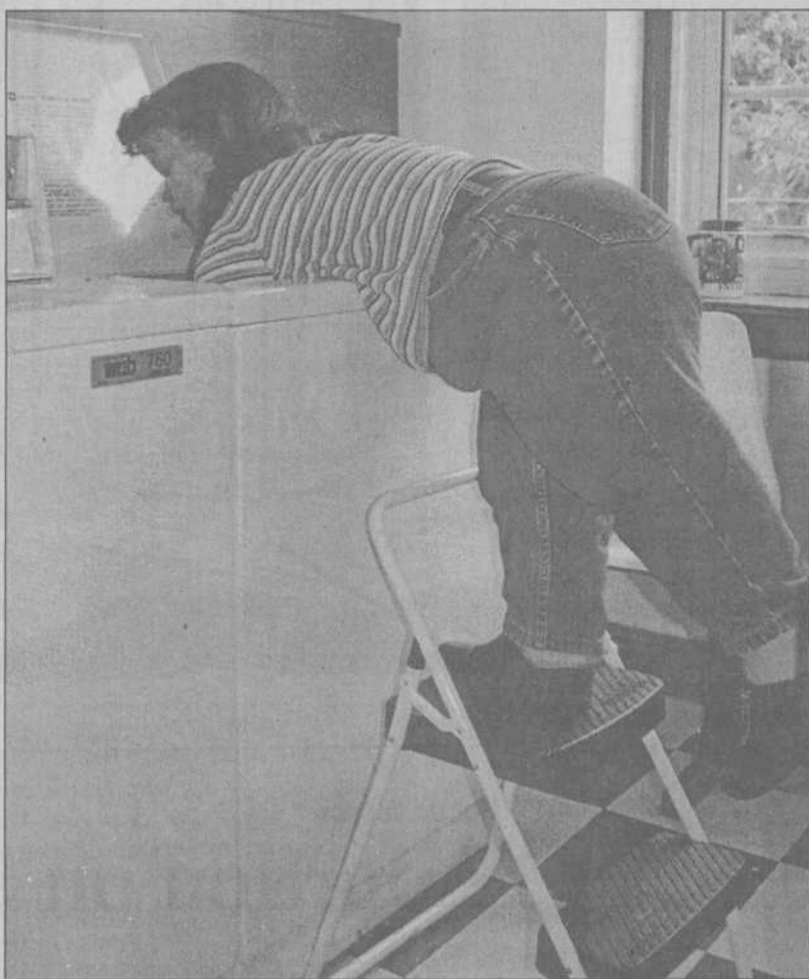
Anyway, my day continues. I go to work, where I don't get out of filing just because of my height. They bought me a stool my first week there.

Later, in my room, my roommate needs to plug something in. It's my duty to crawl under the bed to do so. She gets the stuff off the high shelves; I crawl under the bed.

I look into my closet and realize it's time to do one of my absolute favorite things: laundry. Oh, such fun.

I grab my clothes, my detergent, and a step stool. To get the clothes out of the washer, I almost have to fall in. I just know one day people are going to hear me screaming and come find me stuck in the washer.

This happened once when I was little — I got stuck in my toy chest. My mother came in to find two chubby little legs sticking



Photos by GREG FARLEY ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR
Above: Katie Rowen doing her laundry. Below: Rowen walking out of the Thomas Cooper Library.

straight up in my toy chest. She debated whether to run get her camera or save her screaming toddler. I won.

By the way, my parents are both average-sized. My dad is 6-foot-1-inch and my mom is 5-foot-7-inches. I'm their only child. It's rare for two average-sized people to have a dwarf child — something like a 1-in-20,000 chance. But they got together and both happened to have the recessive gene, and I came out the way I did.

Anyway, my day continues. Later, I go out on a date. The guy is 6'3". Yes, we get some stares, and no, I don't even have to kneel. Dating a tall guy is the same as dating a short one, though. They're all the same.

My day always ends with me standing several feet back from my tall bed and running and leaping on it. I guess I could use a chair, but what fun is that?

So there you have it: A day in the life of a dwarf. It isn't always easy, but at least I never have to worry about hitting my head on things.

SAGE promotes cleaner and greener earth

BY MAYA HOLLINSHEAD
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An organization on campus is planning to participate Tuesday in Day of Action to protest British Petroleum/ Amoco's plans to drill the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

SAGE, Students Allied for a Greener Earth, is the only environment group on campus.

The group has been in existence for 10 years, but it started to increase its activism on campus four years ago.

"We are basically committed to promoting environmental education and activism on campus," said Sarah Van Wye, SAGE's vice president.

Two weeks ago, 20 members of SAGE joined 2,500 people for EConference in Philadelphia.

In the conference, they learned about the Dirty Jobs boycott. The boycott is against Coke, BP/Amoco, and Ford.

The boycott is against Coke because according to groups at the conference, Coke hasn't kept its promise to use recycled content on plastic bottles in the United States.

It's against BP/Amoco because of the company's plans to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

And, finally, against Ford because of the company's membership of the Global Climate Coalition.

The coalition is a group of companies that do not believe in global warming.

They boycott is asking people not to work for the companies until they change their ways.

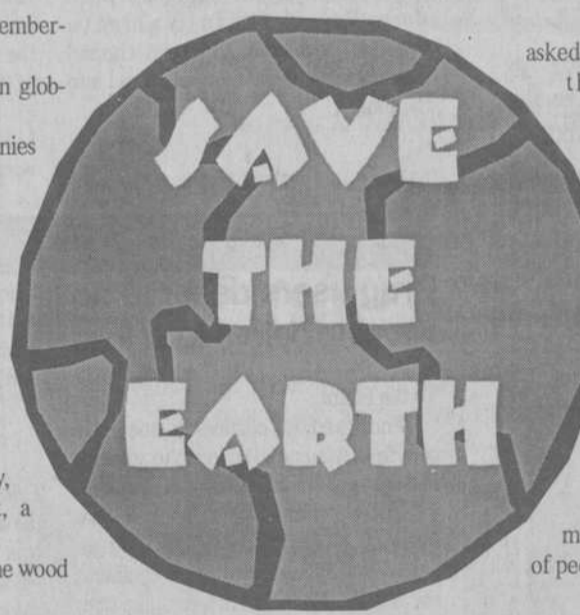
The group also took part in a "Day of Action."

Members asked people to sign postcards to send to their representatives about the Endangered Species Act and saving southern forests.

Also, on Oct. 5, SAGE participated in Hike for the Earth, a fund-raiser for the organization and its affiliate, Free The Planet (an organization that helps student environmental organizations across the nation).

SAGE also, cleaned up Conagree Swamp National Monument on Public Lands Day and, this past St. Patrick's Day, SAGE took part in a national protest against Home Depot, a hardware chain that sells old-growth rain forest wood.

After the protest, Home Depot decided to stop selling the wood by 2002.



When asked what the best thing about SAGE is, Van Wye said, "It's having the opportunity to really effect change regarding environmental issues and working with an awesome, motivated group of people."



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