

THE GAMECOCK

STEPPIN' OUT



Participants learn how to step at "Steppin' with South Campus" on Wednesday night. The event was sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha and several residence halls as part of Carolinian Creed Week. PHOTO BY JOSH SKIDMORE

FBI detains USC student

Man has same last name as FBI suspect

BY GREG HAMBRICK
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A recent USC student who was trying to leave the country has been held by the FBI for having the same last name as one of the suspected hijackers of the terrorist attacks.

Wafaa Alghamdi's brother was detained in Atlanta by the FBI for having the same last name as suspected hijacker Saeed Alghamdi. The siblings were trying to return home to Saudi Arabi.

The two, who were participating in the graduate program's English for Internationals, were trying to leave the country after four white men harassed Wafaa Alghamdi in front of McKissick Museum. The men assaulted her verbally and tried to remove her hijab, an Islamic head covering, according to police reports.

"It made me very sad," said Sheima Salam, vice president of the Muslim Students Association, according to *The*

State. "She told me she had waited four years to get this scholarship. Now, it's fallen through the cracks."

The Saudi Arabian government has offered citizens in the United States a plane ticket home. An embassy spokesman in Washington told *The State* newspaper that students in the United States on government scholarships would also receive stipends for three months if they return home.

About 12 of the 83 students from Arabic countries have gone home, USC spokesman Russ McKinney said, but he thinks it is a good possibility that more will be leaving.

Immigration officials are taking a closer look at international students after it was found that one of the suspected hijackers, Hani Hanjour, used a student visa to enter the U.S., but never arrived at his school.

The New York Times reports that some of the other hijacking suspects had M visas, allowing them to enroll in technical courses.

Senator Dianne Feinstein, a Califor-

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USC professors' pay still low

2001-2001 salaries remain below national average

BY KEVIN FELLNER
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Faculty salaries is always an important issue for the USC administration because payment must be reevaluated every year. This year is no different, and the readjusted salaries for the 2001-2002 school year are more controversial than ever before.

Ralph White, engineering dean, and Joel Smith, business school dean, maintained their positions from last year as the two highest-paid personnel at USC, respectively. President John Palms is the third-highest-paid employee and Provost Odom is fifth.

According to a nationwide survey taken by the Chronicle of Higher Education in 2000, the average salary for a professor at USC is below the national average for all doctoral institutions. The 2000 average for USC professor salaries was \$82,900, while the national average for all universities offering doctoral degrees was \$87,022 and the national average for only pub-

Teaching Money
Some USC professors say salaries could be better. What faculty members make compared to others:

SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001
Engineering Dean Ralph White: \$229,428
Business Dean Joel Smith: \$200,000
USC President John Palms: \$196,772
Clemson University's President Jim Barker: \$172,550
Average payment for a S.C. public university's president: \$144,013
Gov. Jim Hodges: \$107,669
Professors at USC who are paid \$100,000 or more this year: 172
Doctoral universities that had an average faculty salary of more than \$100,000 as of 2000: 29

ALLOCATIONS AND TUITION
Funds allocated to USC this year: \$508,464,342
Funds allocated to Clemson this year: \$386,617,111
What USC would have lost had Hodges not vetoed the reduction to its state funding: \$24,545,154
In-state tuition for two semesters as a full-time undergraduate student at USC: \$3,768
In-state tuition for two semesters as a full-time undergraduate student at Clemson: \$4,286

SOURCES: SOUTH CAROLINA WOMAN RESOURCE INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR SALARY DATA, 2001-2002 STATE APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2001, CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY WEB SITES

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lic universities offering doctoral degrees was \$82,535.

Several factors determine faculty salaries: First, the state general assembly ratifies an annual state appropriations bill, which includes funding for all public institutions of higher education. The bill allocates a certain amount of

money for faculty salaries.

Next, the provost's office publishes guidelines on how the individual salaries are to be determined. Each department chair then makes recommendations for pay raises based on a faculty member's merit and experience. The provost determines the deans' salaries.

Vice President of Human Resources Jane Jameson said, "President Palms has great credibility with members of the general assembly. We're very proud of the professors we've been able to attract."

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College-age women at risk for assault

Most victims of sexual attacks never report incident to police

BY CAROLINE WINTER
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Two rapes and three forcible sex offenses were reported on campus in the year 2000, according to the USC Law Enforcement and Safety Department. But according to national statistics, approximately one in four college women suffer some sort of sexual assault or attempted assault during their years at college.

According to a report by the Office of Sexual Health and Violence Prevention, colleges with 10,000 female students average more than 350 rapes or attempted rapes per academic year. A rape occurs in the United States every two minutes.

Shannon Hunnicutt, program director for the Office of Sexual Health and Violence Prevention, said there are many complex



reasons why there were only two rapes reported this past year. Hunnicutt said there are many myths and misunderstandings concerning sexual assault.

Since rape has traditionally been perceived as a physically violent act, many women do not recognize that what happened was in fact rape.

USC university policy says there are three types of sexual assault: offensive touching, non-consensual and forced sexual assault. USC defines sexual consent as:

◆ Both individuals are physically capable to act.

◆ Both are clear about their intent to engage in sexual activities and their desire to do so is willing.

◆ Silence might not in and of itself constitute consent.

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Muslim speaker describes a peaceful faith

BY CHARLES TOMLINSON
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The Muslim Student Association sponsored "The True, Peaceful Faces of Islam" Wednesday night. The Creed Week event featured speaker Imam Omar Shaheed, and took place in the Russell House.

MSA president Ali Syed gave the welcome at the event. Syed said the purpose of the event was to "reach out to those who have misconceptions of Islam and Muslims" following the World Trade Center terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

He described Islam as a religion of "peace, mercy, and forgiveness."

Syed introduced Shaheed, giving details of his background and his current involvement in religious organizations.

Shaheed accepted the religion of Islam in 1970. Prior to his conversion, he was reared in what he referred to as a "strong Christian family." Since 1980, he has held the title of Imam at the Masjid Asalam mosque in Columbia. As Imam, his duties are to serve as the mosque's religious and prayer leader.

Recently, Shaheed has been speaking at churches, synagogues, and universities and making appearances on radio shows in Columbia.

Shaheed explained the basic aspects and beliefs of Islam. He explained that the only Muslim god is Allah, who Muslims believe created all people.

He said that Allah is the same deity worshiped in Christian and Jewish religions; that is, the god of Abraham mentioned in the Jewish and Christian bibles. He said this

creates a strong tie between several different faiths of the world. Shaheed emphasized the bonds between the different religions, explaining that in a time of tragedy, they should be "complementing each other, not fighting each other."

"I've found that what we have in common keeps us united," said Shaheed.

Shaheed is a member of three interfaith denominations: Partners in Dialogue, Christian Action Council, and Jewish Catholic Muslim Dialogue.

He described the modern world as "one big living room," because technology has brought the entire world together. In an age where news reaches across the globe at incredible speed, people from different cultures, reli-

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As part of Carolinian Creed Week, Imam Omar Shaheed spoke at the Russell House about Islam. PHOTO BY JOSH SKIDMORE

USC'S PAST

Oct. 13, 1873

Walter Raleigh Jones, personal secretary of S.C. Governor Daniel Chamberlain, became the first African-American student to enroll in the USC School of Law.

WEATHER



Today
Sunny,
85/65



Tomorrow
T-storms,
79/48

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Gamecock political cartoonist Rene Moffatt has solution to budget cut crisis. ◆ PAGE 4



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ONLINE POLL

Budget Cuts

How concerned are you about possible budget cuts?
VERY CONCERNED 73%
NOT TOO WORRIED 17%
WHAT BUDGET CUTS? 10%