

Technical colleges falling short of needs

South Carolina's technical colleges must do more to match their programs to the needs of industry for the state's new economic plan to work, according to a study by a North Carolina research firm.

The study calls for creating specialty programs at the state's 16 tech schools to match the needs of industry clusters — groups of businesses centered around niche industries such as tourism, textiles and automobiles.

Many schools nationwide and some in South Carolina already shape programs around the needs of local businesses.

Freshwater turtles in danger from trapping

HILTON HEAD ISLAND — Conservationists are again warning of the dangers of allowing freshwater turtle collection to go unchecked in South Carolina.

South Carolina temporarily stopped trapping turtles for 90 days last summer, but that ban expired and the state Legislature failed to pass a law on the issue. South Carolina doesn't have records of how many freshwater turtles are taken and no permits are required to take them.

Nation

Allies must remain united, Bush says

WASHINGTON — President Bush, after the electoral defeat of one of his closest allies in the war on terror, said Tuesday the United States and its allies must remain "strong and resolute and determined" in battling terrorism.

Bush spoke after terrorist bombings in Spain last week that killed more than 200 people on the eve of an election that drove from power the center-right party of Jose Maria Aznar, one of Bush's closest allies in Europe.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld acknowledged Tuesday the decision by Spain's new leader to pull troops from Iraq is a setback for the United States.

Crews locate body of missing passenger

BALTIMORE — After an arduous search in cold, dark waters, divers found the last missing passenger from a capsized water taxi.

The body of Corinne J. Schillings, 26, of Alexandria, Va., was the last passenger who was unaccounted for since the water taxi overturned in a sudden thunderstorm March 6 near Fort McHenry.

World

Powell meeting with Musharraf this week

NEW DELHI, INDIA — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday he will seek assurances from Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf that no officials of his government have been involved in the Pakistani-based network that proliferated nuclear secrets to North Korea, Libya and Iran.

Powell said he is confident that Musharraf wants to get to the bottom of the issue. He added that he would like information about any help that rogue scientist A. Q. Khan may have received in his proliferation activities.

Powell will meet with Musharraf later in the week.

24 suspects killed in search for fugitives

WANA, PAKISTAN — Pakistani troops killed 24 suspects in a fierce crackdown Tuesday on al-Qaida and Taliban fugitives in the rugged tribal regions bordering Afghanistan, the army spokesman said.

At least eight Pakistani soldiers were killed and 15 wounded in the operation.

The operation unfolded near Wana, in Pakistan's South Waziristan region, just a few miles from the Afghan border, said army spokesman Gen. Shaukat Sultan. The attacks were launched a day after the country's military president promised to rid the rugged tribal belt of an estimated 500 to 600 foreign terrorists he said were hiding there.



1753: First official St. Patrick's Day is celebrated.
1995: The United States approves the first Chicken Pox vaccine.

Extended Forecast



Today

HI: 65
LO: 43



Thursday

HI: 71
LO: 55



Friday

HI: 74
LO: 40



Saturday

HI: 68
LO: 44



Sunday

HI: 75
LO: 41

Coming Up @ USC

Today

STEPHANIE TITUS & GRANT JONES PIANO RECITAL: School of Music, room 206, 6 p.m.

PRUZIN HORN STUDIO RECITAL: School of Music, room 206, 7:30 p.m.

WILLIAM DENTON TRUMPET RECITAL: School of Music, room 206 7:30 p.m.

WORKSHOP, "EPMS FOR SUPERVISORS": 1600 Hampton St. Annex 104, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

SEMINAR, "SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY ACCESS NETWORK (SCAN)": Dr. Guang Zhao of the Division of Biostatistics and Health, Health Sciences Building 103, 800 Sumter St., 12:30 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICER INAUGURATION: Rutledge Chapel, 4 p.m.

Thursday

USC DANCE COMPANY IN CONCERT: Drayton Hall, 8 p.m.

WORKSHOP, "FINANCIAL SERVICES II": 1600 Hampton St. Annex 104, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

COLLOQUIUM, "SIMULTANEOUS INFERENCE FOR PREVALENCE USING POOLED ASSESSMENTS": LeConte College 210A, Lecture 2 p.m., Refreshments 3 p.m.

COLLOQUIUM, "PROBING THE UNIVERSE WITH QUASAR ABSORPTION LINES": Jones Physical Science Center 409, Refreshments 3:45 p.m., Colloquium 4 p.m.

STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION SESSION: Business Administration Building, 6th Floor, 4 p.m.

COLLOQUIUM, "BARE LIFE, BEARING WITNESS: AUSCHWITZ AND THE PORNOGRAPHY OF HORROR": Nursing Building 127, 4-6 p.m.

PRINT JOURNALISM JOB FAIR: Carolina Coliseum

Friday

USC DANCE COMPANY IN CONCERT: Drayton Hall, 8 p.m.

"DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HYPER-PROXY SYSTEM FOR HIGH QUALITY STREAMING MEDIA DELIVERY IN INTERNET": Songquin Chen of College of William and Mary, Swearingen Engineering Center 1A03, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Saturday

USC DANCE COMPANY IN CONCERT: Drayton Hall, 8 p.m.

SPRING BEGINS

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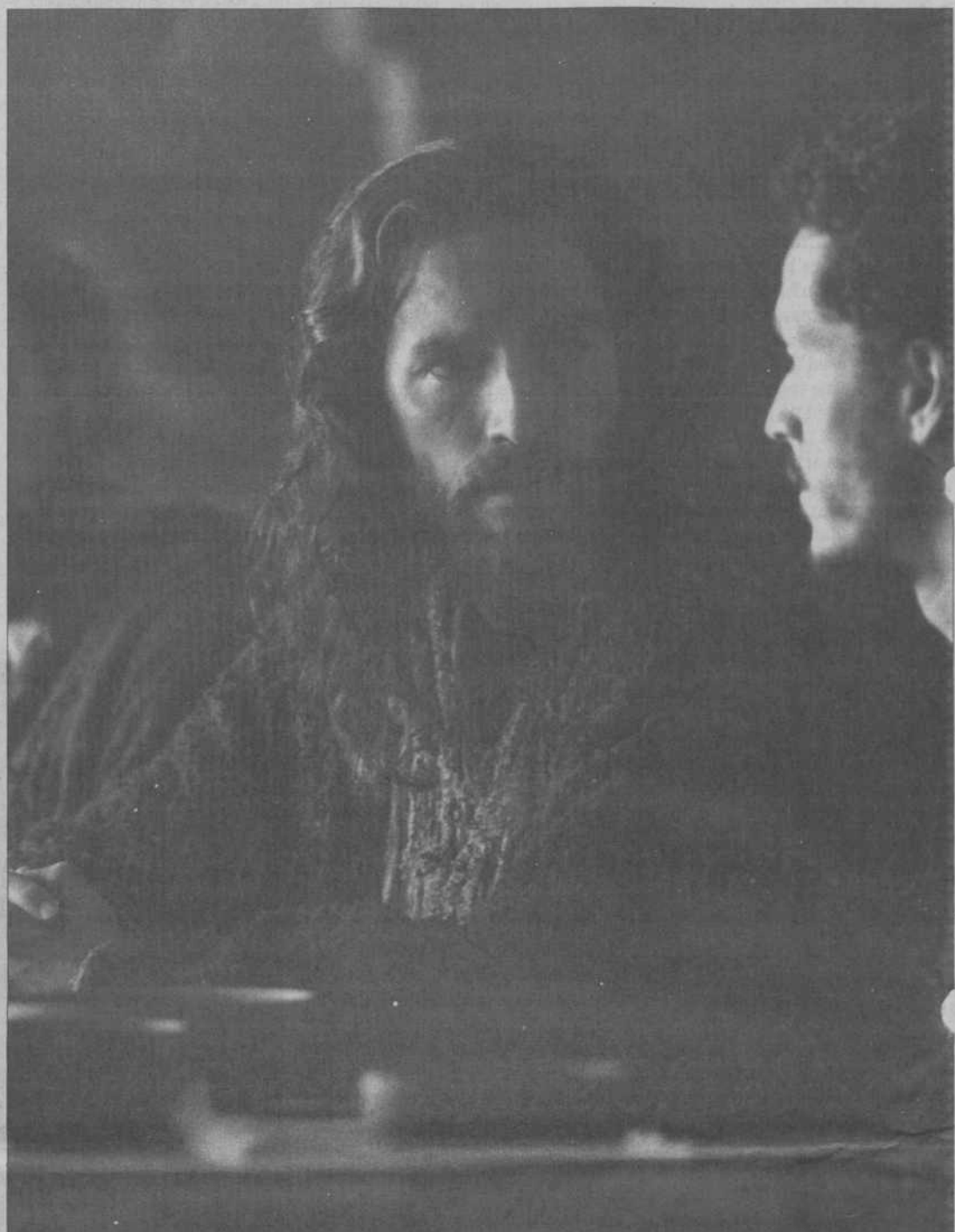
Pope meets with 'Passion of the Christ' star

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II met with Jim Caviezel, star of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," the Vatican said.

Caviezel, who plays Jesus in the film, had a brief conversation with the pontiff, who then blessed the devoutly Roman Catholic actor, Vatican spokesman the Rev. Ciro Benedettini said. He had no further information on their discussion.

The ANSA news agency said Caviezel attended a private screening of his film at the Legionaries of Christ, a conservative Catholic group. Caviezel's wife also attended the meeting with the pope, the news agency said.

Gibson's dramatization of Christ's final hours earned \$264 million in the United States and Canada after 19 days in theaters, according to studio estimates released Sunday.



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Banks moving away from covergirl image

RADNOR, PA. — Known for gracing the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue and the Victoria's Secret catalog, Tyra Banks is moving into life beyond the runway.

"America's Next Top Model," the UPN reality television series she created and executive produces, is in its second season and has been picked up by UPN for two more.

And the shapely model also has recently debuted the video for her first single, "Shake Ya Body," a dance track produced by Grammy Award winner Rodney Jerkins.

"The (modeling) industry represents a revolving door: The new ones come and the old ones go. I'm still in there, but I'm ready to kick myself out soon," Banks tells TV Guide for its March 20 issue.

'Will & Grace' stars featured on album

NEW YORK — The stars of "Will & Grace" are hoping for success on the record charts.

Eric McCormack, Debra Messing, Megan Mullally and Sean Hayes will lend their voices to "Will & Grace: Who's Your Daddy?" The album is set for release Sept. 7, BMG Strategic Marketing and NBC Enterprises said Monday.

The "companion" compilation will feature songs from — and inspired by — the hit NBC show, including "Got to Be Real" by Cheryl Lynn and "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" by Ella Fitzgerald, performances by cast members and a

statement Monday.

Bono set to speak at commencement

PHILADELPHIA — U2 lead singer Bono will be the commencement speaker at the University of Pennsylvania on May 17.

"With his tireless efforts and use of his celebrity to remind us of our moral duties as citizens of the globe, Bono has been a powerful force for change, galvanizing the action of presidents, countries and the general public," Penn President Judith Rodin said in a

the musical maverick has finally been categorized — as a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Prince crowned into Rock Hall of Fame

NEW YORK — Throughout his career, the prodigious Prince has defied categorization. The androgynous rocker with a soulful bent blurred musical genres, racial boundaries and sexual attitudes with songs that broke barriers on an artistic and social scale.

However, of all the rock royalty on hand, it was clearly Prince's night. He opened the ceremony with a trio of his '80s hits that caught the breadth of his work: the rock anthem "Let's Go Crazy," the topical "Sign O' the Times" and the funk groove of "Kiss."

Twenty-five years later, though,

USC Briefly NAACP recognizes contributors to USC

The USC chapter of the NAACP will play host to its first Image Award ceremony on Thursday in Gambrell room 153. Members of the USC community who have made substantial contributions to

the betterment of the Gamecock community will be honored. The event, which will take place at 6:30 p.m., is free and open to all faculty, staff and students.

Applications available for SG Cabinet, Board

Student Government Cabinet

and Board applications are available in the SG office on the second floor of the Russell House.

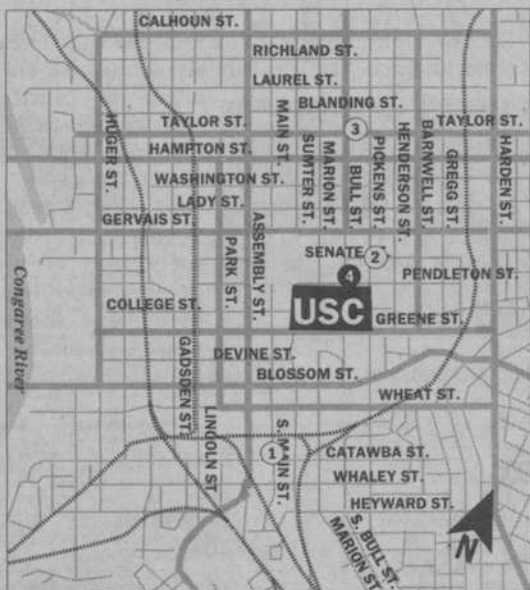
They can also be viewed on the SG Web site at www.sg.sc.edu. Cabinet and Board positions are open to any full-time graduate and undergraduate student.

The deadline for these applications is by 5 p.m. Friday.

If there is a problem making this deadline or any question about the open positions, please contact the SG office at 777-2654 and ask for Zachery Scott or Angela Dusenbury.

SG executive candidates will be inaugurated today at 4 p.m. in the Rutledge Chapel on the Horseshoe.

Police Report



Each number on the map stands for a crime corresponding with numbered descriptions in the list below.

DAY CRIMES (6 a.m.-6 p.m.)
 Violent
 Nonviolent

NIGHT CRIMES (6 p.m.-6 a.m.)
 Violent
 Nonviolent

CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS
 Violent
 Nonviolent

These reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department.

Wednesday, March 3

- ① **LARCENY OF PROJECTOR** 300 MAIN ST. Complainant said someone stole a projector by cutting the bolts and cables that secured it to the ceiling. Investigator Branham responded. The crime scene had been contaminated and was not processed. Estimated value: \$2,305. Reporting officer: M. Denard.

Tuesday, March 9

- ② **LARCENY OF POTTERY** MCMASTER COLLEGE, 1106 PICKENS ST. The complainant saw a white female between the ages of 50 and 60 remove three pieces of pottery. Estimated value: \$1,120.

Reporting officer: P.R. Morant.

Thursday, March 11

- ③ **HARRASSING TELEPHONE CALLS SOUTH TOWER, 1614 BULL ST.** The victim said Kelvin Lamont Williams calls her room and cell phone and leaves threatening messages. Investigator Branham was called to speak with the victim. Reporting officer: P.R. Morant.

Monday, March 15

- ④ **LARCENY OF MONEY** HAMILTON COLLEGE, 1512 PENDLETON ST. Complainant said when he arrived he found damaged vending and Pepsi

machines. Both victims, Pepsi Co. and Cromer Food Services, were notified. A representative from Pepsi Co. responded to the scene and found the machine's door damaged. Nothing was missing. Cromer Food Services has not made contact with USCPD. An unknown amount of money was stolen from the vending machine. Damage to the vending machine's glass was incidental to larceny of money and snacks. Estimated damage: \$400. Reporting officer: L.R. Morales.