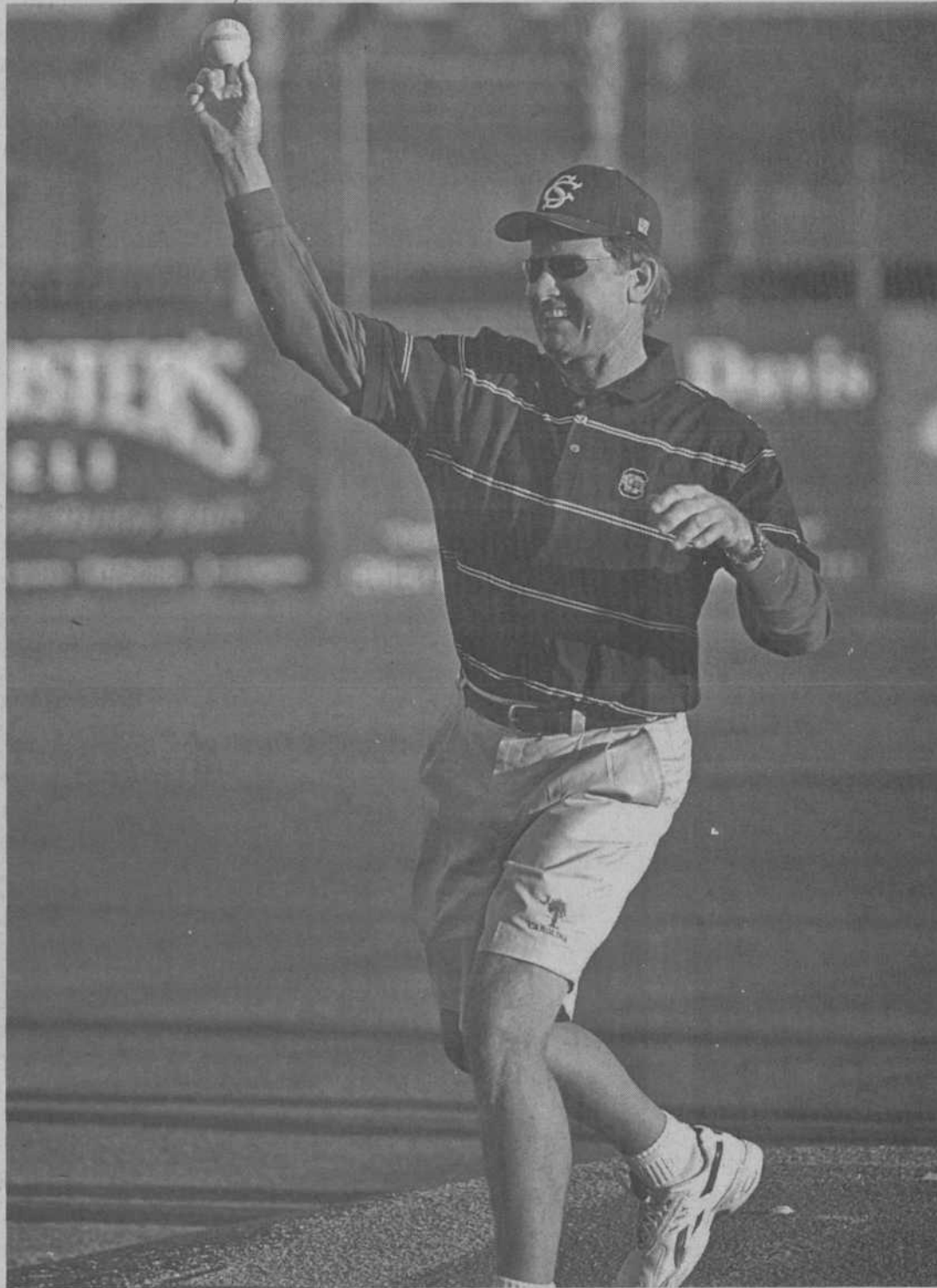


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CHANGE-UP?



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USC football coach Steve Spurrier throws out the first pitch of Wednesday's baseball game against Clemson at Sarge Frye Field in Columbia. The Gamecocks lost, 3-2.

CAROLINA BRIEF

USC School of Law appoints new dean

A University of Notre Dame law professor has been named dean of the University of South Carolina School of Law.

USC officials announced Thursday that Walter F. "Jack" Pratt Jr., who also is a former executive associate dean of the University of Notre Dame Law School, will join USC July 1.

USC President Andrew Sorensen said Pratt's appointment comes at a critical time for USC's law school and will bring a renewed sense of energy and optimism to the law school and its building campaign.

Pratt joined the University of Notre Dame Law School faculty in 1986. During his tenure, he also has served as co-director of the Notre Dame London Law Center and as associate dean for academic affairs.

Before joining Notre Dame, Pratt was on the law faculty at Duke University.

A Jackson, Miss., native, Pratt earned his bachelor's degree magna cum laude in history from Vanderbilt University, his doctorate in politics from Oxford University, and his law degree from Yale University, where he was article and book review editor of the Yale Law Journal.

THIS WEEK USC

TODAY
Third Annual Social Justice Day: 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., BA Building

I-Comm Week — "Why Should I Stay Connected to the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies?": 10 a.m., Athletic Practice Facility's Frank McGuire Room

Relay for Life: 7 p.m., Baskin Track

SATURDAY
USC Opera presents "A Little Night Music": 7:30 p.m., Keenan High School

USC Showcase: 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., Horseshoe

State

High schoolers tested for alcohol at prom

HILTON HEAD ISLAND — Hilton Head High School students will need more than fancy dresses and tuxedos to get into this year's prom. They'll also have to pass a blood-alcohol test.

The high school decided to test all students to see if they have been drinking after several students arrived at last year's prom intoxicated, said Obie Schramm of the Beaufort County School District.

"Unfortunately, there's always a handful of students drinking, and that makes it hard for everyone. We don't want something terrible to happen," Schramm said.

School officials will administer the tests at the prom, principal Helen Ryan said.

Nation

Bush authorized leak of intelligence data

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney's former top aide told prosecutors that President Bush authorized a leak of sensitive intelligence information about Iraq, according to court papers filed by prosecutors in the CIA leak case.

The filing by Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald also describes Cheney's involvement in I. Lewis Libby's communications with the press.

There was no indication that either Bush or Cheney authorized Libby to disclose Valerie Plame's CIA identity. But Cheney could be one of the originators of the idea that Plame could be used to discredit her husband, Bush critic Joseph Wilson.

World

Tests confirm bird flu caused swan's death

LONDON — Britain confirmed its first case of the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu in a wild swan on Thursday.

The swan was found in the Scottish town of Cellardyke, more than 450 miles north of London, according to Scotland's chief veterinary officer, Charles Milne.

Health officials said the case poses no serious risks to public health but the government began restricting poultry movement and implementing a 965-square-mile "wild bird risk area" around the site where the swan was found.

The deadly virus has not been found in domestic British poultry. At least 109 people have died from bird flu since late 2003.

CRIME REPORT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Larceny of clothes, 7 a.m.
Patterson Hall, 1520 Devine St.
The victim, 19, said someone stole her clothes from a dryer.

Estimated value: \$300
Reporting officer: J. Widdifield

Grand larceny of laptop, 8:30 a.m.
BA Building, 1705 College St.

The complainant, 47, said someone removed a Dell laptop computer.
Estimated value: \$400
Reporting officer: W. Guyon

Found property, 11 p.m.

C-2 Lot, Byrnes Building, 901 Sumter St.
An Allsouth Federal Credit Union Visa check card was turned in by an unknown person.

Reporting officer: M. A. Winnington

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Information, 12:55 a.m.
Intersection of Rosewood Drive and Garners Ferry Road

Reporting officer A. Mitchell saw a vehicle in a parking lot, which was on fire. Mitchell used a fire extinguisher in the patrol car to put the fire out.

U.S. decision to not join U.N. human rights council draws strong criticism

Nick Wadhams
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — The United States said Thursday it will not seek a seat on the new U.N. Human Rights Council this year, a decision that drew strong criticism from rights groups and members of Congress.

The United States was virtually alone among the 191 U.N. member states in opposing the 47-nation council's creation last month. State Department officials said the U.S. would wait until next year before pursuing a seat.

"There are strong candidates ... with long records of support for human rights that voted in favor of the resolution creating the council," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said. "They should have an opportunity to run."

People with knowledge of the decision-making process that led to Thursday's announcement said the Bush administration, criticized for alleged abuses in Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib, also feared it would not get the necessary 96 votes to win

a seat. U.S. officials had raised the possibility of U.S. defeat during a confidential U.S. National Security Council meeting earlier this week, said one person who was at the meeting and spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak about the closed session.

Human rights groups criticized the decision, noting the United States had long worked with the discredited Commission on Human Rights, the body the council replaced.

"It's childish for the U.S. government not to cooperate with the new Human Rights Council when it cooperated for decades with the vastly inferior old Commission on Human Rights," said Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch.

They also said the U.S. assessment that it might not get enough votes contrasted with the U.S. line during negotiations earlier this year, when U.S. Ambassador John Bolton had lobbied hard for American members to be elected by a two-thirds majority of the General Assembly.



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