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USC BRIEFS

USC trustees elect Mungo for board chairmanship

Millionaire Columbia realtor Michael Mungo, 60, was chosen Thursday to be the next chairman of USC's Board of Trustees.

Mungo, currently the 22-member board's vice chairman, has been a trustee since the early '70s. He replaces Othniel Wienges, whose two-year term expired this year.

Media reports indicated Mungo was to be challenged for the position by trustee William Bethea of Hilton Head, but Mungo got the necessary 12 votes before Bethea got 7, so the full vote was not completed.

The trustees voted three times for a vice chairman, but were unable to break a vote deadlock and achieve a majority. They should vote again at the board's next meeting in December, Mungo said.

STATE BRIEFS

AIDS cases rise in state

State health officials say there were 346 confirmed AIDS cases in South Carolina as of Sept. 30, representing an increase of 17 cases from the previous month.

State health officials also said the number of people known to be infected with the AIDS virus has increased to 1,914 since testing began in the state in 1985. Exposure to the virus does not mean that a person has the disease.

Greenville police seize cocaine worth \$2.5 million

GREENVILLE (AP) — Greenville police have arrested two men and seized an estimated \$2.5 million worth of cocaine after the car carrying the two men was involved in a hit-and-run accident.

Police Lt. Jerry K. Nolan said Hector Marquez Zulueta, 36, of Greenville, and Louis Fernando Zapata, 24, of Miami, were charged Friday with trafficking and transporting cocaine.

Nolan said just before noon Friday a vehicle with Florida license plates was involved in a three-car accident at a downtown intersection and then drove off.

USA BRIEFS

Man holds on to sandwich bitten by former president

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A barbecued buffalo sandwich once bitten into by Richard M. Nixon is being preserved for posterity by an Illinois family.

Steve Jenne, now 42, was a 14-year-old Boy Scout in his native Sullivan when Nixon, then vice president, sank his teeth into the sandwich. Jenne walked off with the uneaten portion and his family has kept it in a deep freeze since.

WORLD BRIEFS

Storm hits Central America

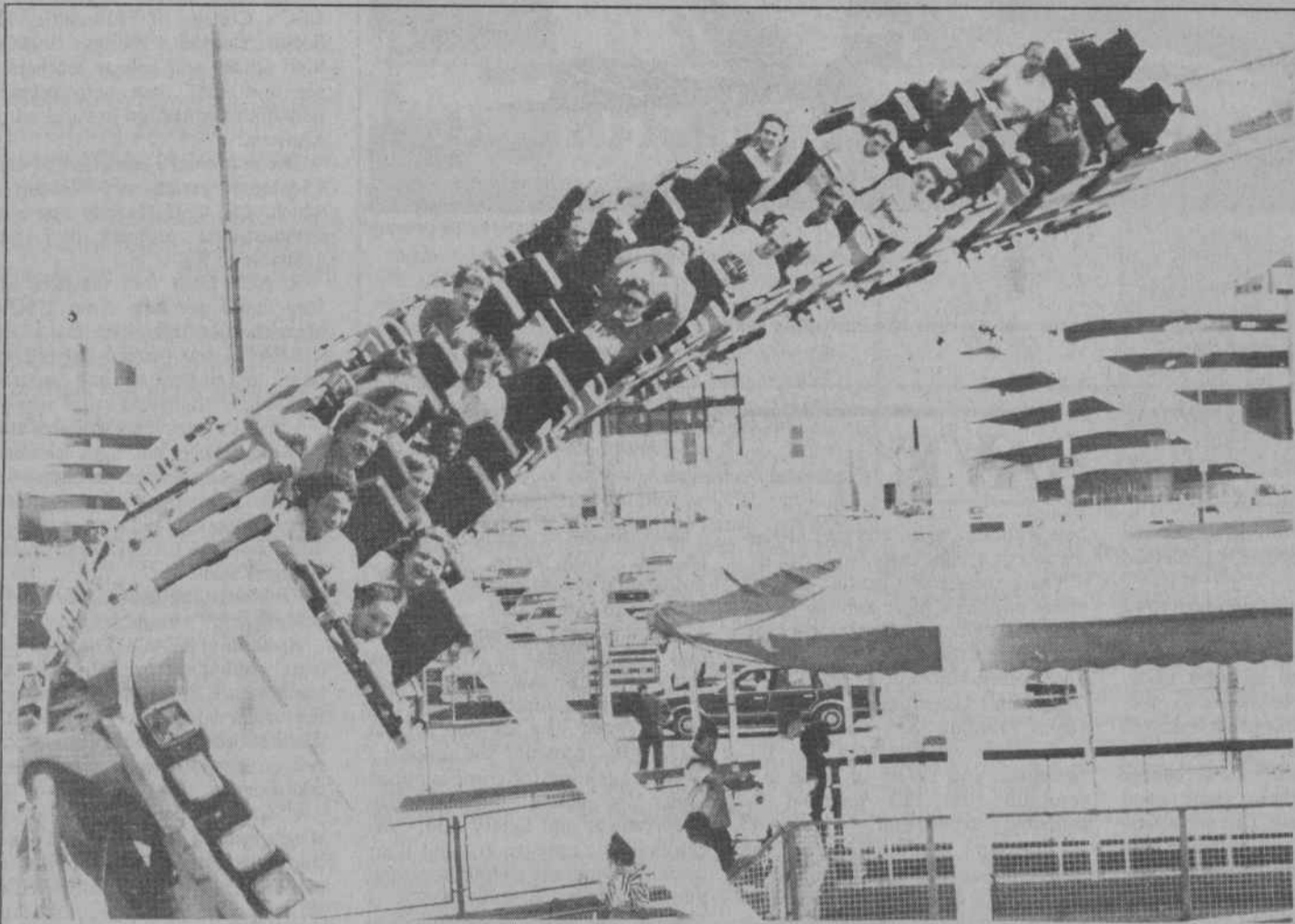
MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Hurricane Joan tore across Nicaragua Saturday with 125 mph winds and torrential rains, flattening buildings and setting off floods and mud slides. At least 15 people were reported killed in Nicaragua and 21 in Costa Rica.

Three people also were killed in Panama Saturday, raising the overall death toll from the storm in Central and South America since Monday to 65. The reports from Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama said 39 people were killed Saturday.

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Thrown for a loop

A group of riders enjoys the Doppel Looping roller coaster at the S.C. State Fair last week. The fair, which attracted 530,000 people during its 10-day visit, ended Saturday.

CHARLES JONES/The Gamecock

Man hacks doors with machete

By RICH WALENDA
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In a scene reminiscent of the *Friday the 13th* movie series, an unknown male used a machete to hack several doors in Snowden Dorm just before midnight Friday.

No one was reported hurt in the incident. The person, believed by police to be a student, attacked three doors on the dorm's fifth floor at about 11:40 p.m. apparently "to relieve tension," University Police reported.

Police said they are looking for a white male with brown hair, about 18 years old, 5 feet, 6 inches tall and about 170 pounds.

In a separate incident, Marvin G. Morris, 25, of 2302 Center St., was charged by

University Police with first degree burglary, grand larceny and resisting arrest. The incident occurred at the McBride fraternity quad in the Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Upsilon wings at 5:10 a.m. Saturday.

Police reports said someone fitting Morris' description broke into the dorm room where its occupants were sleeping and stole a wallet, which contained \$40 and other items. When challenged by the victim, the person ran out of the room and then was seen running toward the Thomas Cooper Library, according to police reports.

University Police were called and saw Morris near 800 Sumter St. Morris allegedly ran when told to stop by police, who chased him on foot and apprehended him at 1300

Greene St.

A female student reported an incident of indecent exposure that occurred Thursday in the Thomas Cooper Library. The victim told University Police that a male dropped his pants and underwear and exposed himself to her around 10:35 p.m. Police have no suspects.

Donald Richard Piano of 2816 Chatsworth Drive, 21, was charged by University Police Thursday with failure to stop for a blue light and had several charges for receiving stolen goods.

Piano, who is not a student, was placed on \$3,000 bond. The court date is yet to be set. The case is under investigation, University Police said.

Koger Center offers work

By RITA COSBY
Senior reporter

Though the polish and professionalism of "cultural events" are not typically student mainstays, Koger Arts Center officials hope plans to hire students will keep the USC community involved in the new arts center.

The Koger Arts Center will have an open student meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Russell House Theatre to inform students about available job opportunities.

Jobs will be available to students of all majors. "This is such a fantastic pioneer opportunity for students of all disciplines," said Carolyn Holderman, Mortar Board adviser. "It will allow so many diverse students to be a crucial part of this project from the very start. That's something to be really proud of."

The employment opportunities are endless, said Ronald Pearson, Koger Center associate director. Available positions include public relations/publicity work, tour guides, ushers and technical, as well as secretarial/administrative areas.

All students will be paid, with wages ranging from \$4.50 an hour for ushers to \$8.85 an hour for technical engineers.

Pearson, who originally came to USC after developing a similar and successful program at the University of Illinois, said he hopes to fill every type of students' needs.

"We would like to have a couple hundred students involved," he said. "This is the perfect time for students to join this \$15 million Koger Center project. We are not limited in any way."

The center, which is funded primarily by USC, will have its first performance Jan. 14, 1989 with the London Philharmonic.

The center seats 2,236 people, and has two full rehearsal rooms and the ability to acoustically and visually reduce the seating to 1,200 seats. The construction is taking 700 days and will be completed by the end of this semester.

"They have been working on having a major arts center like this in Columbia for 15 years now," Holderman said. "And since it is partly funded by the city and Richland County, this can be a full-service center, having the best artists in the country and in the university itself."

The concept behind the center is that it will be run by students. "I want everyone, including the high community officials that will probably come to the center's performances, to see students first and foremost. This is the best



Wanna go higher?

Melissa Merkle, a hotel, restaurant and tourism administration freshman, gets a push on the swings Saturday in front of Cliff Apartments from her boyfriend Richard Grace who was visiting from Washington and Lee University.

JULIE BOUCHILLON/The Gamecock

S.G. program to promote campus safety

By JOHN ROBERTS
Staff writer

Student Government in cooperation with USC's Law Enforcement and Safety Division will sponsor "USC Safety Days" Oct. 24 to Oct. 27.

The week will include programs on campus safety and marks the third year of Safety Days, said Student Sen. Marie Louise Ramsdale.

All programs are free and open to students and faculty. "The main purpose of the program is to heighten campus awareness and encourage students to take responsibility on themselves to become more safe," said Ramsdale, a Soviet studies junior and a coordinator.

The theme of the program is "Think Smart, Act Sharp." A safety fair will be held today on Greene Street in front of the Russell House. The local chapter of Citizens Against Violent Crime, the Rape Crisis Network and Minority Student Affairs will be present.

Brochures and pamphlets will be distributed to students. There will also be a bicycle registration, and Student Government will give away safety whistles, Ramsdale said.

A program, "Protect your Property," will be given by the division of Law Enforcement and Safety 7 p.m. Tuesday in Russell House room 202. The purpose of the program is to educate students on how to reduce their chances of becoming victims of crime, Ramsdale said.

Following the program, students will meet in front of the Russell House at 10 p.m. for a "safety walk."

"We will walk around campus and point out areas that we've had new lighting installed," Ramsdale said. Students can also point out areas they feel are dangerous, and the comments will be passed on to the USC administration, she said.

"We want to get everyone concerned about walking alone on campus and show students the right ways to walk after dark," she said.

The Red Cross will give a presentation and show a film on "latch key kids" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Calcott Auditorium.

Students and faculty with children are encouraged to attend the program, which will give safety tips to parents of "latch key kids," or children who often have to stay home alone, Ramsdale said.

Thursday will be Rape Awareness Day. Experts will speak throughout the day on various topics concerning rape. Registration for Thursday's events begins at 9 a.m., Ramsdale said.

During the day, experts will hold sessions and field questions about date rape, risk reduction, trauma syndrome and self defense.

"We encourage both guys and girls to come and take advantage of at least one of these seminars," Ramsdale said.

The entire week's program cost S.G. \$426, which covers the cost of the whistles and hot chocolate.

Anti-crime group draws 'crowd'

By KELLY C. THOMAS
Staff writer

The first meeting of a campus organization devoted to fighting violent crime on campus attracted more than 50 people last week, including prominent community leaders and representatives from the state General Assembly.

Attendance Tuesday at the first meeting of Students Against Violent Crime, or SAVE, included state representatives Candy Waites and Tim Rogers; Scott Elliott, a candidate for the state House of Representatives; Student Affairs Vice President Dennis Pruitt; and Danny Baker, assistant vice president for the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety.

"The whole purpose of SAVE is to get USC as a whole to look at the crime situation," finance and marketing senior and SAVE member Walt McConnell said. "We want to see what students think the problems are and what everyone thinks should be done about them."

Issues discussed at the meeting included the organization and goals of SAVE, the lighting on Greene Street and the progress on implementing a safe weekend transportation system for students.

The organization will be composed of one representative from each fraternity, sorority and campus organization, SAVE coordinator Tony Helton said.

Elections will be held at the next meeting for vice chairman, treasurer and secretary. These officers will not be regarded as organization representatives, and any organization to which they belong will be allowed to have a representative present.

Elliott said he gave one of three donations received by the organization so far for the promotion of campus safety programs. R. Phil Roof of RPR and Associates also gave a donation, and S.C. Electric and Gas company donated \$100 to help cover the cost of a taxi system to Five Points and back for one weekend, he said.

Waites said improvements of the lighting problems on Greene Street have been studied and that, several days before the meeting, she had talked with Columbia's Assistant City Manager Miles Hadley about the poor lighting on the street.

Hadley inspected the street lights and decided that some changes would be made, Waites said.

"They are going to trim the trees in the area," Waites said. "They are also going to change all of the mercury-vapor lights to high-pressure sodium lights. There is one