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Actress speaks

Tyson draws large crowd

By PAM CREECH
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Actress Cicely Tyson told a standing-room-only crowd Tuesday night in the Russell House Ballroom that black communities need to bond together for support.

Seeing the more than 500 people in attendance, Tyson said, "I am pleased that so many of you, so very many of you, came to let me see you."

The first 30 minutes of the program was devoted to a question-and-answer session in which Tyson was both serious and entertaining.

Her acting career began when she decided that being a secretary was not for her. She just pushed away from her desk one day and decided to make a change, she said.

"I was sure God did not put me on this earth to bang on a typewriter," she said.

She criticized the film industry's treatment of blacks by recounting a story. A relative went to Europe and was stereotyped by an Oriental man, who had believed the image of blacks he saw in the movies.

After a few days, that man asked the relative, "Why you not walk and talk like the people in *Car Wash*?"

The relative coolly replied, "Not only do I not walk and talk like the people in *Car Wash*, but millions of people who look like me don't walk and talk like the people in *Car Wash*."



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Cicely Tyson gets ready to address a full house in the Russell House Ballroom Tuesday.

She also commented on the scarcity of black Academy Award winners — three in 60 years. "I think it's obvious," she said. "What other reason could there be?"

Because of black exploitation films, the Screen Actors Guild has about 5,000 black members. Only about a dozen, though, make their living in the acting industry, Tyson said.

Tyson said the negative images portrayed in those films made her become very selective about the roles she chose to accept.

"I could not afford the luxury of just being an actress," she said. "I chose my profession as a

platform to make the statements I wanted to make."

To the public, she advised, "If you don't like the images that are projected of you, don't buy it. Turn off your television set, sit down and write the network and let them know."

The program's second half began with the dimming of the lights. Cicely Tyson did what she does best — perform.

She read a combination of poetry by authors such as Langston Hughes, portions of the famous "I Have a Dream" speech by Martin Luther King Jr., role plays and personal narratives.

Fall admissions to close today

By JEFF WILSON
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Freshman applications will be closed as of today because of the more than 7,500 applications already on hand, university admissions officials announced.

USC is also considering toughening admissions standards for the 1990 freshman class.

"What students tell us when they come to USC as freshmen is that they are coming because of the reputation of the academic programs," said Char Davis, director of enrollment management. "We hear that consistently, and the fact that word is out and known certainly attracts other students."

Another factor might also be earlier planning and college counseling in the high schools by guidance counselors, Davis said.

"Students that think they may be going to USC are going ahead and making their decisions earlier in the fall," she said. "Whereas some years ago, people may have known all year they were going to USC, but didn't bother to spend the time with the guidance counselor to do the paperwork until March or April."

More of South Carolina's top students are now attracted to USC because of the university's honors college and its sizable scholarship fund, Davis said.

"We have added the Alumni Legacy Scholarship Program and the Valedictorian Scholarship Program. We have also just finished this year's Carolina Scholars competition," she said.

The Alumni Legacy Scholarship Program will go into effect in the fall, said Earl Mayo, director of scholarship. The awards, \$200 yearly, will be given to freshmen who are dependent children of USC Alumni Association members.

In-state students are required to score 1,000 on the SAT and graduate in the top 25 percent of the class. For out-of-state students the graduation requirements are the same, but SAT scores must be 1,100.

The Valedictorian Program Scholarship is restricted to students ranked first in their class in a public or private high school in South Carolina. The four-year scholarship requires a 1,000 minimum on the SAT.

Student Senate says fee increase to be beneficial

By LUCY SOTO
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A proposed \$12 increase in the student activities fee was explained at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday.

"We're not going to make our tuition jump \$12. It's going to jump up no matter what. We're just going to make it jump in a way that is beneficial to us," Sen. Terri Marshall said during the brief explanation of the Senate Finance Committee's resolution.

Marshall said \$255,000 is projected to go to student organizations next year. "We felt that, first of all, there is not possibly enough money to distribute and, second, that the method used to distribute was not the most equitable," she said.

The activities fee is part of the larger university fee of about \$108 that includes \$61.50 for health and \$21.50 for athletics. The activities fee is \$25.

"Anyone who knows business realizes that things are not as they were in '81," Vice President Andy Williams said. "We're not talking about a substantial amount."

Marshall said the administration has worked to raise tuition by only about \$100. "That \$12 will get subtracted from the \$100 and will leave about \$80 worth of need to go to other areas," she said.

She said educational areas would not necessarily suffer from this allocation of funds.

"That need could come from the physical plant because they want new lawn mowers or leaf blowers. So it's not necessarily education," she said.

The resolution calls for a restructuring of the distribution of activities fees. Of the funds, 67 percent would be distributed to registered student organizations by the senate, meeting criteria set forth by Student Government.

The remaining 33 percent would be under the control of the vice president of student affairs for programs described as "administrative budget" or "professionally advised," Marshall said. The areas include the alcohol and drug program, intramurals, the Golden Spur and Russell House operations, among others.



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Business freshman Danny Wade hands a conference review to Leigh Stanton, coordinator of USC's Women's Studies Services.

Teleconference informs Society ignores date rape

Editor's note: This is part one of a two-part story on acquaintance/date rape. It discusses the essence of the teleconference held Thursday and some tips on curbing date rape occurrence. Part two will run Monday and will discuss the effects of rape on victims and the attitudes of victims and their offenders.

By KELLY C. THOMAS
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A sad message rang out loud and clear during a teleconference held Thursday in the Business Administration building's Belk Auditorium.

Acquaintance/date rape is a very present problem, and it is continually dismissed or ignored by today's society.

The teleconference originated out of Georgia and was shown at 180 universities and colleges across the U.S. and in Canada. Key speakers were Claire Walsh, director of the University of Florida's sexual assault recovery service, and Barry Burkhart, a psychology professor at Auburn University.

"There are three factors that constitute a rape," Walsh said. "First, there must be penetration; second, force or the threat of force; and third, a lack of consent on the victim's part."

"We are brought up being taught that if you are assaulted by someone you know, it's not rape... but it is," she said.

She added that there is a tremendous amount of confusion on the subject of acquaintance rape which adds to the problem of dealing with it.

"You'll notice," Burkhart said, "that her (Walsh's) criterion was not 'sexual assault from strangers.' Acquaintance rape is defined by the word 'rape.'"

Burkhart said most people's vision of a rape is a stranger with a weapon pulling someone behind the bushes, but the majority of rapes oc-

cur between people who know each other.

He said when people are faced with the two words *acquaintance (or date)* and *rape*, they tend to see the first one, interpret it as "friend" and ignore the other.

"In most cases, people look at the two words and the formula is *acquaintance rape NOT RAPE*," he said. "But it is a problem that occurs. It has been occurring, and we have not known about it."

Both Walsh and Burkhart mentioned a few tips for curbing the occurrence of date rape.

- Dispel the myths about acquaintance rape... the "She gets what she deserves because of what she wears," the "She just says no, but she really means yes," and the thousand of other excuses used throughout the years.

- Watch for signs such as excessive aggressiveness, extreme competitiveness, impulsiveness, angry outbursts and use of stereotypical phrases.

- Watch how much you drink and who you drink with — alcohol does not create the problem of rape, but it does increase the risk of sexual assault ("She's drinking... she wants to have sex").

- Try to remain on neutral turf or on your own turf. The majority of rapes occur in places where the female is vulnerable, usually on the male's ground.

- Realize that every time you are alone under any circumstances with a man, you are susceptible to rape.

In many rape cases, Burkhart said that the offenders do not like women. They see women as adversaries and as obstacles to be overcome by power.

Walsh agreed. "Rapists do not rape for passion or togetherness," she said. "They rape for the power and the struggle, and for the humiliation it will bring on the victim."

Five candidates for president present platform

By DAVIS ROWELL
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Student Government elections are scheduled for Feb. 16.

The five presidential candidates were asked, "What do you think is the biggest issue facing USC, and what do you propose to do about it?"

They were also asked what experience they had that would make them a good choice for Student Government president. Here are the candidates' answers:

Tony Helton, political science junior

"The biggest issue is the parking situation. The only way to create more parking on campus is the building of a new parking garage. What I propose is to go to the state legislature and get an outside loan. I realize that it would be a very large loan, but it would be guaranteed."

"I don't have a lot of experience, but I'm not completely without it. I was student body president at my high school. I've been very active in my fraternity. I founded and am the chairman of SAVE (Students Against Violence on campus), and I believe



Tony Helton



D. J. Jensen



Marie-Louise Ramsdale



Lorri Shealy



James E. Smith

I've gotten to know the students one-on-one."

D. J. Jensen, physics/math freshman

"The biggest issue is that the campus would be better off if students would learn to think for themselves. It's got to be the most serious thing you're going to hear from me this whole campaign. I'm going to be your average complacent president, only I'm going to be proud of my complacency."

"My experience? A life not wasted on politics."

Marie-Louise Ramsdale, Soviet studies senior

"Our greatest problem is the high cost of education. Not just tuition but also housing, food, books and other expenses. We need to continue to lobby the State House and to involve more students. It is also essential that we work for a voting student member on the Board of Trustees and a feasible student book exchange, and a tuition deferment plan."

"As a two-term student senator, I

have chaired the academics and safety committees and served on the rules, finance and minority student affairs committees. I have lobbied for a more responsive Senate, produced legislation that has resulted in a permanent university safety committee and worked with academic departments on issues of integrity. I have also served on various other university committees."

Lorri Shealy, broadcasting/political science junior

"My top priority is keeping costs

down. Tuition has risen several times in the past five years, and students are being forced out of school. The first step toward rectifying this situation is to exert pressure on our administrators to be very cautious in their spending habits. After we've convinced the legislature that we know how to control our own spending, we can then make a serious lobby for full-formula funding. Through direct contact with our legislators, I know they will not give us more funding until we learn to watch our nickels and dimes."

"I've been involved in many areas of campus life, and I'm familiar with the needs of students from various perspectives. Furthermore, I've held many positions in which I've had to represent students to the 'outer world,' and I'm very comfortable doing so."

James E. Smith, political science sophomore

"I would have to say that tuition is the obvious one, but the apathy that seems to coincide with getting people involved to helping it is the biggest one. I'd like to get everyone involved. I want S.G. to make an impact on everybody. The only way that issues can be made important is by student activism."

"I have experience with the state legislature. I was selected to chair Students for a Better Carolina because of my experience, and I'd like to bring that experience to bear in the office of president. The students need someone who can make a difference. I believe I can make that difference."