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Koger not ready

Nimoy lecture in negotiation

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Leonard Nimoy is still 2,400 miles away from USC.

Nimoy's lecture, scheduled for today in the Koger Center, is postponed and a definite date for rescheduling remains unknown, said Jerry Brewer, dean of student life.

Postponement of the lecture, along with two other programs at the Koger Center, is a result of unfinished construction on the building, Koger Director Thomas Stepp said.

But Eddie Daniels, adviser to Carolina Program Union, said USC has offered Nimoy's booking agent two days in April as alternative dates for the lecture.

"We have given Mr. Nimoy's agent two possible dates that we can get into the Koger Center. We're just waiting for him to let us know," he said.

Daniels said rescheduling takes time due to communication between three parties over a long distance.

He said USC contacted Nimoy's booking agent in New York who will contact Nimoy in California. Nimoy will then confer with the agent who, in turn, will inform USC whether rescheduling is possible.

Brewer said Nimoy's involvement in other activities also delays USC from knowing if a reschedule will

take place.

"He does a lot more things than speaking engagements. Whatever he's involved in he may not be able to confer with us. It adds to the time frame for when we can get answers," he said.

Ticket sales for the lecture were halted because of the postponement, but will go on sale again if it is rescheduled, Daniels said.

Though rescheduling is planned, ticket refunding is also being planned, he said. "We're talking about maybe starting refunds a week from today if we haven't heard back from him by that point."

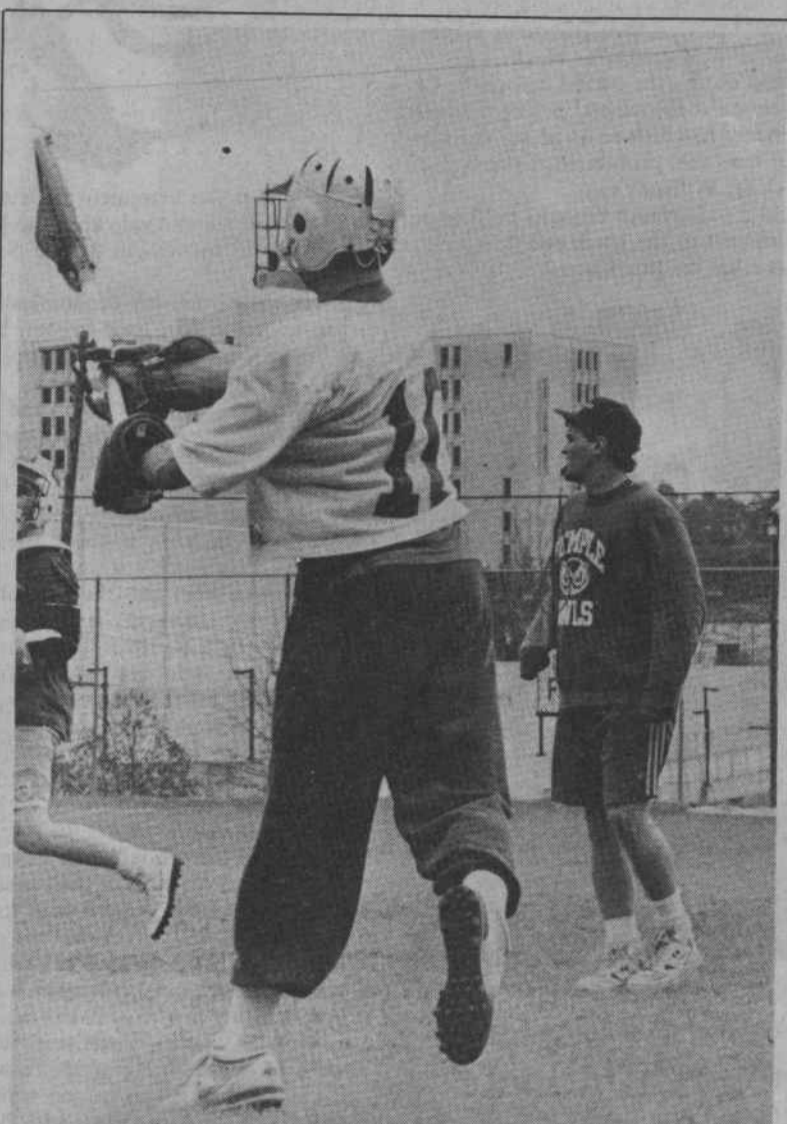
If refunds are given, they can be obtained by presenting a lecture ticket stub at the coliseum box office, he said.

Dennis Pruitt, vice president of student affairs, said he hopes cancellation and refunding will not be necessary.

"We want to have Leonard Nimoy, and we have the money to bring him. We don't want to lose him," he said. "He's a prominent speaker."

Stepp said there are no definite ideas or dates for rescheduling of the Columbia City Ballet's presentation

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Here, catch!

Eric Parson of the USC lacrosse team tosses the ball at the team's scrimmage game on Saturday. Lacrosse has become an increasingly popular sport in America.

Insurance freeze awaits passage

By JOHN ROBERTS
Staff writer

Students who own cars and pay their own insurance can expect a break from rising rates, at least for a while.

A six-month freeze in automobile insurance rates will allow the state legislature time to evaluate a system with some of the highest car insurance rates in the country.

The bill, which has been passed by both legislative houses, will prevent insurance companies from raising their car insurance rates for six months.

Gov. Carroll Campbell still needs to sign the bill before it becomes law, but a bill not signed within five working days of its being passed becomes law, said the governor's spokesman Eskew Tucker.

He said that because Campbell is out of the country, he cannot sign the bill, but that it has the governor's support.

The freeze was proposed by S.C. Chief Insurance Commissioner John Richards, said David Butler, a staff attorney with the S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs.

"Richards proposed to freeze automobile insurance rates because of mixed signals being received from automobile insurers and to give the General Assembly time to study the scope of the problem," Butler said.

He said the freeze, when passed, would immediately go into effect.

"They should freeze it, and they

should look into it, because if South Carolina insurance rates are high they ought to make sure that the insurance rates are only as high as they should be and that the insurance companies aren't cheating us," said Russ Blackwell, freshman broadcast journalism major.

"Maybe we ought to do what California did and vote to make a reduction in car insurance," he said.

The proposed freeze would allow the General Assembly to evaluate past legislation designed to lower automobile insurance rates, said Carlton Truax, an editor for *The S.C. Insurance News Service*.

In 1987 legislation was passed to make high-risk drivers pay more for insurance, and in 1988 a law designed to make state highways safer passed, Truax said.

South Carolina has a bad record on highways, and insurance is based on risk, so there has been more of a tendency to raise rates, he said.

He said more cases in South Carolina are settled in court, which doubles the cost of settling a claim.

"The laws that govern how automobile insurance is sold are the problem. Good drivers are paying for at-risk drivers," Truax said.

"This is the most expensive and most inefficient method ever devised by the human mind of man of insuring automobiles," he said.

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Student Government candidates express their views

By DAVIS ROWELL
Staff writer

Three candidates are running for Student Government vice president, and two are running for treasurer. Here are their feelings concerning the main issues of the campaign.

Joshua Koger Jr., economics/political science senior
"Tuition increases obviously top the list of pertinent issues facing us as students. We as students need to replace destructive student passiveness with constructive student activeness.

"In my capacity as vice president, I will uphold my end of the bargain by participating in intense lobbying efforts with the General Assembly. Also, I will work closely with various student organizations, such as Students for a Better Carolina and directly with the student body itself.

"I have held various positions, both on campus and off, that more than qualifies me for the vice president. These positions range from various chairmanships in fraternal and campus organizations, an officer in my church, a member of an armed forces component (U.S. Naval Reserves), a legislative assistant to the Senate Judiciary Committee for the past four years."

John Leary, science sophomore
"It is important that we as students realize that there are many important problems facing our university. The greatest of these is maintaining a rapport with the state legislature. We should never forget that this is a state institution.

"I have had experience working one-on-one with legislators and would maintain such a relationship.



Joshua Koger



John Leary



Todd Weiss



Debra Gladstone



Britt Seibert

Another problem we face is that of soaring tuition. The only way to achieve concrete results is a cooperative effort by all branches of S.G.

"I have served diligently as a student senator for the past year. I was a member of the Student Senate Finance Committee. I have never missed a Senate meeting and am always attentive to the legislative matters at hand. As a U.S. Senate intern and as a page in the S.C. State Senate, I have seen the legislative process first-hand. I know what it takes to run an efficient, effective senate."

G. Todd Weiss, undeclared sophomore

"I believe that the biggest problem is campus safety. In the past we've had a safety committee, but not a permanent one. I would lobby for stronger legislation for a permanent safety committee. I'd like to set up a budget for it. Safety is the major concern of all people at the university, or should be.

"The S.G. currently has 36 committees. I'm still doing research, but it seems to me that these committees, for the most part, meet an average of once a semester. I think

that the committee system is the strongest form of representation, but it's not being utilized.

"Over the last three semesters I have served as parliamentarian. During that same time, I served as an adviser to the vice president. I've seen two administrations. I believe there is no substitute for experience, and

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TRACY MIXSON/The Gamecock

All the world's a zoo

Chemistry/math sophomore Laura Starr and biology sophomore Melinda Richey examine the stuffed animals in the gift shop at Riverbanks Zoo Friday. Admission to the zoo is free on Fridays during February.

Majority of rapists know their victims

By KELLY C. THOMAS
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According to reports from around the country, 20 percent of any female college population has been raped.

The above figure does not include attempted rape situations, which boost the total number of sexually assaulted college women to 30 percent.

Even more shocking is the fact that the majority of these rapes occur between people who know each other, Auburn psychology professor Barry Burkhardt said.

"It helps us feel more comfortable to believe that these violent actions come from strangers," said Claire Walsh, director of the University of Florida's sexual assault recovery service. "But often they come from peo-

ple we know, even if it's just someone we smile at at the bus stop every morning."

Men and women have very different attitudes toward relationships and different ideas on what acquaintance/date rape is, Walsh said.

In a short film shown during a teleconference held Thursday in the Belk Auditorium of the Business Administration building, this difference of attitudes and ideas was demonstrated.

The film showed a female rape victim and her attacker separately as they told the story of what had happened on the night she said she was raped.

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For the Record

An article in Wednesday's issue of *The Gamecock*, "APO escort car runs over foot," contained several errors.

First, the headline was misleading. The car did not run over the passenger's foot; it brushed against her heel.

Furthermore, the article should not have implied that the driver was irresponsible or operated the vehicle in a reckless fashion. The article lacked the driver's version of the incident. Also, the driver was misidentified as a freshman; she is a third-year transfer student.

We regret the errors.