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Committee's plan seeks to strike balance

Trustees consider proposed visitation policy

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Students will have more residence hall visitation options if a proposed change in policy is approved by the USC Board of Trustees.

The proposal is a result of a five-year study by the Ecology Committee that will also be offered to the USC Board of Trustees in an effort to answer questions of campus safety and health in the residence halls, Vice President of Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt said.

The committee's proposal will call for assigning each residence hall to one of four categories with a range of restrictiveness, Pruitt said.

"The proposed range will be from no overnight opposite-sex visitation in some residence halls to the present apartment-style access in some," Pruitt said.

He said the committee is considering the Towers as a possible location for the no opposite-sex overnight visitation residence halls.

The committee tried to balance the desires and concerns of students with those of parents, Board of Trustees members and community members, said Jim McMahon, director of Resident Student Development.

Board of Trustees member Rep. Mike Fair, R-Greenville, said he will be asking the board to reject the plan. Fair said he favors a campus-wide ban on overnight opposite-sex visitation instead.

Allowing overnight visitation sends a hypocritical message to students, who are taught in S.C. public school sex education classes that abstinence from sex until mar-

Visitation Proposals

Ecology Committee

Four visitation categories, ranging from no overnight visitation by opposite sex to apartment-style access, depending on residence hall.

Rep. Mike Fair

No overnight visitation by opposite sex.

riage is preferable, he said.

"I've met with students who have made the very valid point that overnight visitation is not always a sexual thing," Fair said, "but I feel that most of the time it is."

Fair said he thinks the Ecology Committee's proposal is a weak compromise.

"It'll be a slugfest at the Board meeting," Fair said, "but I think most Board members will agree with me."

Resident Hall Association President Michelle Lefeld said RHA is starting a letter-writing campaign in support of the Ecology Committee's proposals.

"I support the committee's proposals because I know a great deal of research and discussion was put forth," she said, "and I want students to approve of the proposals."

Lefeld said the letter-writing campaign will be a positive movement, not a negative one.

"It is important for students to react in a mature manner to keep something more conservative from being implemented," she said.

Lefeld said RHA will be accepting letters from on-campus residents until April 5.

"I can't represent students if they don't help me," she said.

Dean of Student Life Jerry Brewer said not enough students express opinions to the Board of Trustees.

"If students don't make more noise than Mike Fair, then these things will pass," he said.

Student Government President Marie-Louise Ramsdale

said the Ecology Committee's proposals are the best possible solution under the circumstances.

"No student will have to live with a policy they don't want," she said.

McMahon said if overnight visitation is important to a student, he might want to look into suite- or apartment-style housing.

Freshman computer science major Jeff Edwards said the idea of having no opposite-sex visitation is stupid.

"We are here to learn to be young adults," he said, "not to be told what we can and can't do."

Resident Adviser Michael Sheehan, a graduate student in the MBA program, said he thinks the proposed change is a good idea.

"It gives us a choice, and I think that's good," he said.

If the proposal is approved, changes will take place in the fall semester, Pruitt said. An announcement about which halls will be designated as not allowing opposite-sex overnight visitation will be made as soon as possible, he said.

"It is not our intention to displace or inconvenience students," he said.

"A residence hall room is a person's home, not just a bedroom," Lefeld said, "and visitation is part of the college experience."

Music education freshman Lori Townsend said she would not live in a dorm with no opposite-sex overnight visitation.

"I think visitation is fine the way it is," she said.

Media Week offers awards, lectures, food

By PAM CREECH

Staff writer

Media Day this year has been extended into Media Week, a four day festival of media lectures, awards and presentations.

Edwin Newman, former NBC news correspondent, will bring the week to an end at 7:30 p.m. March 23 at the Shafto Awards Banquet.

The Media Week Committee decided on the format change to increase student involvement, said Joseph Shoquist, dean of the College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

The previous policy was to dismiss journalism classes for the designated Media Day so students could attend sessions sponsored during that period.

"In theory it was fine; in practice it didn't work out well, because many students regarded it as a holiday," Shoquist said.

A change made last year, the addition of a banquet, proved to be very popular.

"We saw that as something that we wanted to continue this year, but we decided to try a different approach to other events," Shoquist said.

The new approach will integrate events into regular classes and eliminate any class disruptions.

Two of the larger events will be Career Night March 21 and the Shafto Awards Banquet March 23, which honors outstanding work in South Carolina broadcasting.

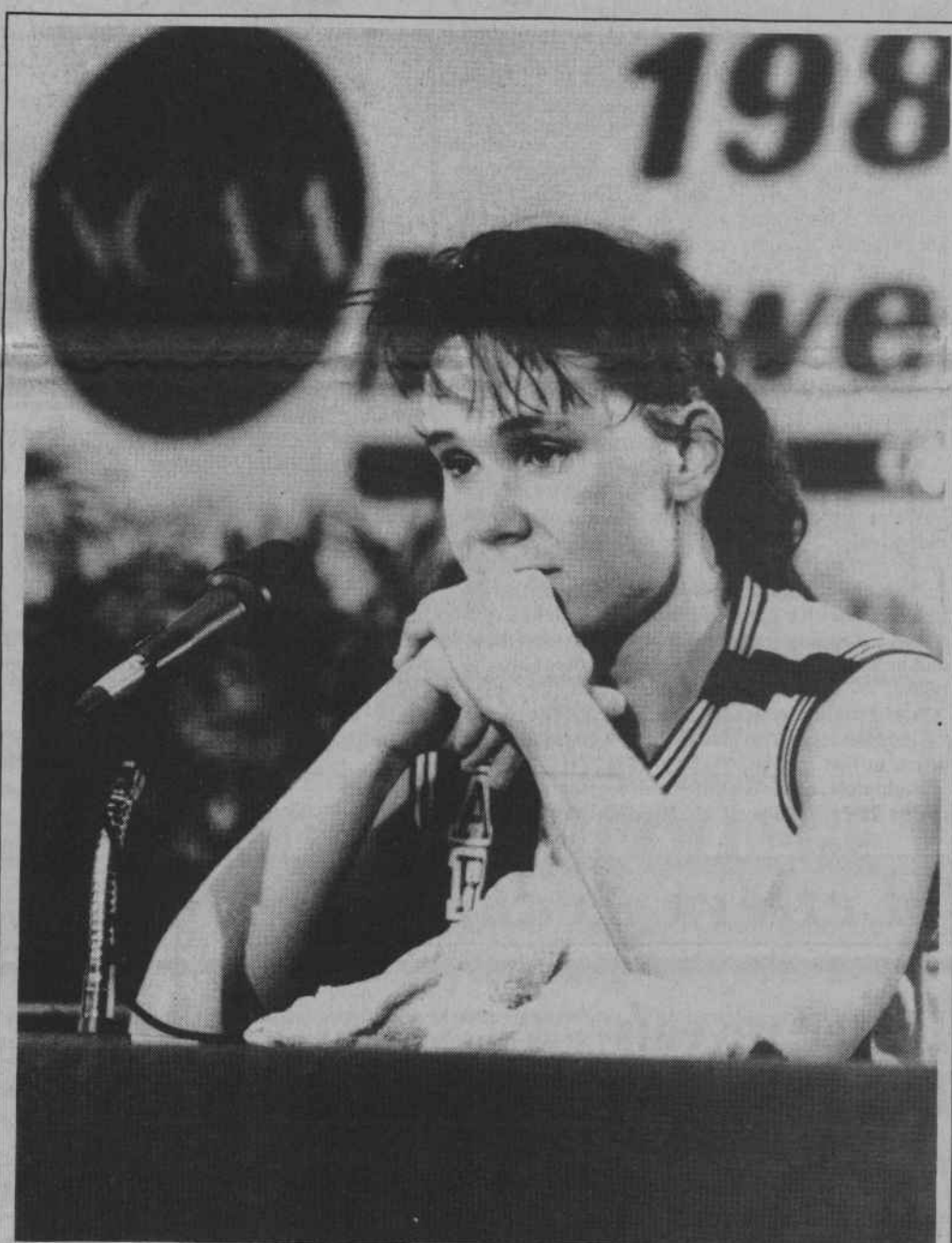
Tickets for the banquet are selling well, said Shawn Fulper-Smith, the President of Alpha Delta Rho.

"There was a big rush when tickets first went on sale," Fulper-Smith said. "We expect another big rush near the end."

Because there are only 220 tickets available, he also advised those interested to buy their tickets right away. They are \$5 and are available in the journalism dean's office in the coliseum.

Other plans for Media Week include a showing of the 1988 CLIO Award Winning Commercials at Russell House Theater and daytime lectures.

Most events are open to all university students, regardless of major, but luncheons at the Radisson Hotel on Tuesday and Wednesday will be for special groups only.



Agony of defeat

An emotional Martha Parker sits at her last post-game press conference after the Lady Gamecocks first-round loss to Tennessee Tech, 77-73, at Carolina Coliseum Wednesday. Parker's No. 13 jersey will be retired.

Photo courtesy of KEITH JONES

Dorm security to improve

Call boxes, maps part of safety plan

By D. R. HAYNES

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Thanks to the new call boxes scheduled to be installed at various locations on campus next fall, students can report crime on the spot, members of the newly created Safety Committee said.

New security methods for dorms, maps displaying lighted routes and educating students on crime were other topics discussed in the first committee meeting held Tuesday.

As part of an experiment to determine the safest security in campus housing, Thornwell Apartments will be using a new ID system that allows them access into the building, Safety Committee Chairman Richard Conant said.

A special bar code will be added to the ID cards of residents living in Thornwell, Conant said. The idea is to give its residents sole access of their building and reduce the chances of crime occurring, he said.

"It's just one more step to make it harder to just wander into the dormitory," Conant said.

"I think we're going to see a lot more security and show more safety in the dorms," said Student Government President and Safety Committee member Marie-Louise Ramsdale.

Security lighting maps will be issued next fall, Ramsdale said. It will also have the location of the call boxes on it as well as emergency telephone numbers, Ramsdale said.

"It will show students the safest route to walk around campus when they are walking at night," Ramsdale said. "What we're trying to do is prevention as opposed to correcting the problem after it has happened."

Additional lights, gates behind vending machines where criminals can hide and campus awareness are

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S.G. president

improvements that have been going on since the temporary committee became permanent, Ramsdale said.

As far as service fraternities such as APO, there needs to be more student involvement, Ramsdale said. "Students tend to be reactive as opposed to proactive. You've got to take action before things happen, and the education programs of the committee will encourage students to be proactive."

Educationally, the committee plans to put on more seminars and programs, Conant said. The committee plans to reach more of the students through orientation programs parents, Conant said.

"Another thing we're looking at is extending the shuttle hours, particularly in the winter months," Conant said. The hours of availability have not yet been discussed, Conant said.

The shuttles once ran late, but the university found it too expensive, Conant said. As a compromise, they are going to push for a later closing-down time such as 8 p.m.

The committee is comprised of students and university officials from various departments such as housing, Student Affairs, Women Student Services and security.

Laboratory not dangerous, professor says

By ROBERT THOMAS

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A USC biology professor said he will continue to have students study their urine as part of a laboratory despite a student's complaint.

"The purpose of the lab is to illustrate a particular point and to illustrate the mechanisms of scientific inquiry, particularly the function of the kidneys," said Thomas Hilbish, a South Carolina College introductory biology professor.

English junior Carol Weir expressed her feelings about the laboratory to her teaching assistant and professor and wrote a letter to the editor of *The Gamecock*, published March 1. "We were not doing an experiment," she said. "We were doing a demonstration."

She said she will follow proper procedure to have that particular laboratory eliminated from USC biology curricula or to have an alternate assignment offered prior to the experiment.

"This problem (a student objecting) had never occurred to me," Hilbish said. "Certainly, if any student had told me that urinating in a cup would have been humiliating, they could have foregone the laboratory."

The experiment, conducted by groups of four students, called for each student to drink one liter of water. One of the four then ingested 18 salt

tablets, one student exercised for 20 minutes, one student swallowed four caffeine tablets and one student acted as the control.

Following that part of the experiment, each student was to urinate into a cup every 20 minutes or six times during the course of the experiment.

Each student was to record the specific gravity, color, pH and volume of his urine for comparison to the other group members' urine.

Acting SCC Associate Master Jim Stiver said the honors college has checked the situation and found the lab to be useful and safe.

"We were alarmed by this occurrence," Stiver said. "As far as we are concerned, the matter is closed."

In her letter Weir said, "The salt takers felt bloated; the caffeine drinkers began to speak rapidly and sweat."

"I have personally taken the experiment twice and had no problems," Hilbish said. "The caffeine is probably the least comfortable for the patient. When I took the treatment, it gave me the jitters."

Hilbish said the laboratory is safe and has been used nationwide.

Dr. Teresa Noble, doctor of pharmacy at the Drug and Poison Information Center, also said the experiment is not dangerous and is not out of the ordinary.

"I would not expect any effects on the student except for a little jitteriness in the caffeine takers and thirst in the salt takers," Dr. Noble said.

Weir said she felt the experiment to be unethical and degrading.

"Using the bathroom is a private act, and it is an invasion of privacy to make undergraduates perform tests on their urine," she said.

"I think it is part of a scientific study and does not violate their rights," Hilbish said.

Terry Palm, associate legal counsel for USC, said he is unaware of any authority of law that says it is an invasion of privacy if the student participated in the lab voluntarily.

"That area (kidney functions) was the most difficult to grasp, and the laboratory helped to clarify the material discussed in the lecture," said pre-med freshman Richard Unger, who also participated in the experiment.

Unger said he had a headache after taking the salt tablets.

Biology and chemistry junior Vickie Emerick, who participated in the laboratory a year ago, said she did not feel humiliated.

"It was kind of embarrassing at first," Emerick said. "We were mature enough to handle the situation because we were doing a scientific experiment."

Freshman arrested on forgery charge

By MARY PEARSON

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A freshman was arrested Wednesday in connection with falsifying identification for underage drinkers, a USC administrator said.

The arrest of Corey J. Drake, 19, of 520 Moore came as a result of a five-week investigation by USC Police, the Alcohol Beverage Commission and the S.C. Highway Department, said Danny Baker, vice president of Law Enforcement and Safety Division.

Drake was charged with one count of forgery, simple possession of marijuana and possession of alcohol by a person under 21.

Baker said the arrest was made at 10:45 p.m. Wednesday in Moore after an ABC undercover agent purchased a fake ID from Drake.

"The forgery charge is the most serious. It is a felony," Baker said. If convicted, Drake could be sentenced to up to seven years in prison, officer Ken Reed of the Highway Department said.

Officials refused to give any more information about the arrest because the investigation is still ongoing. But Coates said more arrests were anticipated.

"This is reality and not just some game," Baker said. "The authorities are taking the business of falsifying IDs and underage drinking very seriously."