

Safety

Campus groups should begin helping form safety programs

Women Students' Services has started a campaign that every campus organization ought to follow.

The women's group has begun a campaign called "Five Points for Safety." It is a program designed to increase awareness about rape and get students involved with protecting themselves better on campus and off. It is mostly a campaign of words and rallying cries, but it is a campaign with a profound message.

The five points of the campaign include: never walking home alone, never leaving with someone you just met, keeping track of your friends, having a designated driver and finding a ride if you have had too much to drink.

These points will be on posters and cocktail napkins and table tents (the triangle table decorations one sees in the cafeterias) that will be distributed in bars in Five Points. They will also be distributed on campus as well.

This may not seem like a lot, but it shows that people and organizations are tired of violence and criminal acts being perpetrated against students. And it is a good start.

But there is a lot left to do.

This program is really geared toward women, but it includes men as well. It centers on Five Points because that is where many students go when they go off campus.

Every student organization should be lined up and ready to help in this new awareness campaign. Students should be bombarded with tips, programs and services to help them combat crime in our area.

Every student and campus organization should form an advocacy group to work with others to develop new ideas and ways to spread the word that USC students know what to do to stay safe.

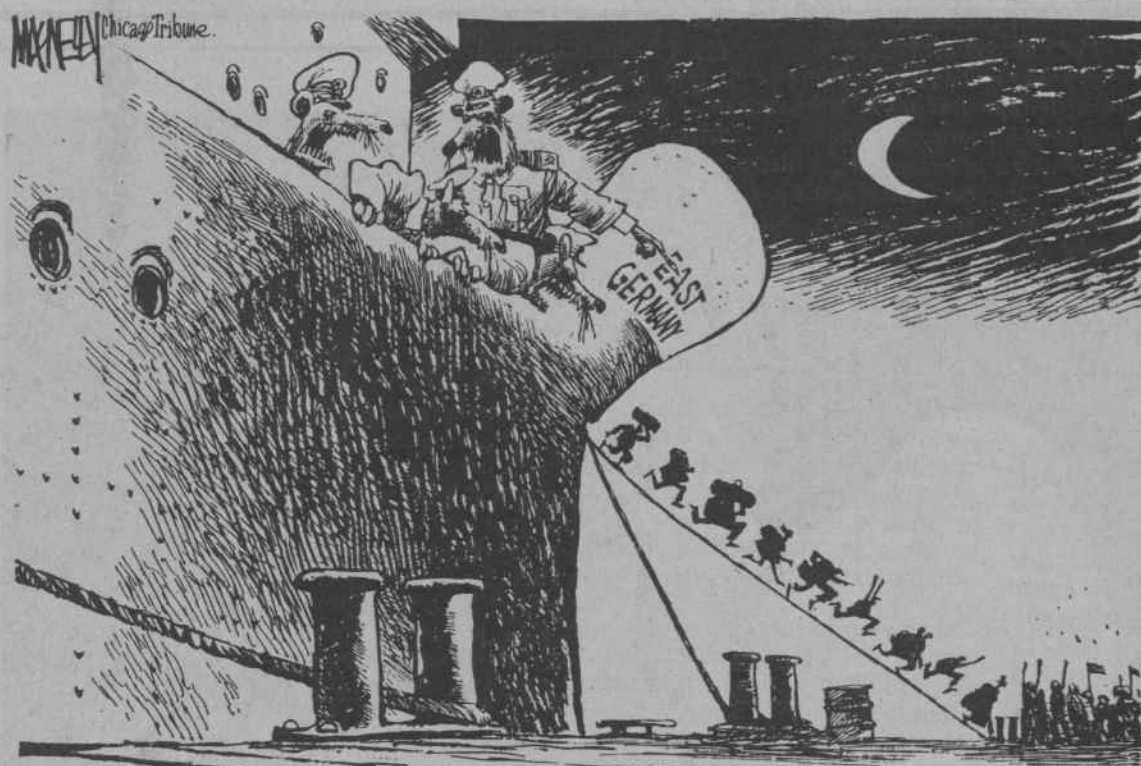
But most importantly, Student Government leaders such as S.G. President Marie-Louise Ramsdale ought to form a task force to coordinate a campus-wide effort to bring organizations together to develop these campaigns and programs.

And they ought to do it soon.

Apart, the programs can help a little.

Together, a campus-wide program could help a lot.

"WHAT ARE WE BID FOR THIS ONE?"



Ship Deserting Sinking Rats.

The worst of times brings out the best in people

I haven't decided if I braved Hugo or if I stupidly Hugo — but anyway, I was out in the storm.

I was out under the pretext of taking pictures for *The Gamecock*. I did have a loaded camera that I shot picture after picture with. The only problem was the eye-piece had fogged up, so I wasn't sure if the light was good or if the pictures were focused.

So it goes.

My fellow reporter Hal Millard and I went to Carolina Coliseum, where the Red Cross had set up a shelter.

One person in particular was definitely out braving the storm.

Her name was Terry Langston, and she is a respiratory therapist.

The wind wasn't kicking up too high when we got there around 2:30 a.m., but it was pouring. People were huddled underneath the marquee outside the entrance to the Elephant Room. Terry was there.

Terry showed us an Elephant Room without the lines of students waiting to pay fees or get their loans, but full of cots, mattresses and people trying to sleep.

She showed us a coliseum floor where hundreds of more cots and mattresses supported more sleeping people, save for a few who watched or listened to the occasional portable T V flickering in the dimly lit Frank McGuire Arena, or to a small radio whispering details of the storm's passage.

She showed us the lounge where the Red Cross had set up an infirmary. People who had histories of heart or respiratory problems were kept close to the small supply of medicine.



Stephen Guilfoyle

There were also four or five pregnant women, two of whom were about nine months pregnant.

Someone said "Well, if the kids come tonight, the mothers will have a name for them."

And I said, "Let's just hope they aren't girls."

Older people were in the infirmary, too.

An old woman asked me about the storm. I said there was a lot of rain. She then asked if I was working for a paper. I told her I was working for *The Gamecock*, and she smiled.

She told me she was once a theater and speech student at USC, and smiled again, asking me if I liked the theater.

We talked for a few moments before she drifted off back to sleep.

As I walked further into the room, another woman, this time about middle-aged, asked me about the storm.

I took out my inhaler while I talked to her. "You shouldn't be out in this storm if you have asthma, young man," the woman said in a motherly tone.

"I'll be all right, but thanks," I said.

Then we went back up front with Terry. She started standing outside the door — as the winds picked up viciously, blowing the rain down in sheets along Park Street. She would run out to cover people with a blanket when they came in.

Since I was standing around inside taking pictures, I lent her my raincoat. It was like a tent on her, but that worked out. She was able to wrap up the children that she brought in from outside, keeping them dry. She was able to mostly cover up people with it as they ran in.

On two out of three runs, she brought back the cutest youngsters, who were smiling as if Hugo was nothing but a silly name.

Terry was there from around 3 a.m., when we got back to the Elephant Room door, to around 4:30 a.m., when Hal and I left. The rain had stopped a bit, so I really didn't need my coat to get to the car. I let her keep it because the radio reported that the worst Columbia would get would be hitting in about a half an hour and

that thousands more people had been ordered to evacuate to the coliseum.

She is a genuine hero. And everyone else who volunteered was. She didn't care about herself Thursday night, but just helped and kept on helping.

I think it's hard to notice heroism on a horrible night like Thursday.

You're surrounded by it and it becomes the norm.

An old friend of mine, Jimmy Jacobs, was also volunteering. He has had EMS training. He helped an old man with a broken collarbone out of a car and into a wheelchair. There was no way to get the man out of the vehicle without hurting him, but he just took the pain, Jimmy said. When Jimmy went to put the man's legs in the wheelchair's stirrups, he asked, "Where are your legs?"

The old man chuckled despite his pain and told Jimmy he didn't have any.

Members of Chi Psi fraternity were out helping, and one member assured me they were the only fraternity that volunteered to help. Some had driven a family to a hospital from the coliseum. Others were helping Terry get people in from the rain.

When I went back to the coliseum Friday afternoon, the sky was cloudy, but not dangerous. I found two more friends. Red had stood in a very long line to donate blood earlier in the day. Kathy said she was working with the children in the coliseum — "doing a Mr. Rogers," she said.

I loved the movie *Starman*. — This is not a digression.

In it, Jeff Bridges, the alien, says that he loves the human race despite the way we so pettily squabble among each other, among nations, etc . . . Because, despite all that, he said, humans " . . . are at your best when times are worst."

Which is proven right by people like these.

Letters to the editor

State still has race problem

To the editor:

It is quite obvious that our state has been the victim of many racial problems over the past few months. The situation with not allowing blacks to swim in a citizens' swimming pool and the restaurant that refused to serve blacks were disgusting and uncalled for.

Then there is the problem in Conway with the quarterbacks.

A black quarterback is replaced by a white one and many people become upset. These people that are upset over this probably not only have little knowledge of the game of football, but are also trying to solve a problem that does not exist.

Every position on a team is important whether it is cornerback or quarterback. It is highly doubtful that a person was moved to another position because of his race; he was moved because he was simply not as good of a quarterback or because his coach felt he could help the team more by playing "full time" defensive back. What the bottom line is that for a team to be successful, everyone must be unified and the best players should be in the positions that they are best at.

In life, for blacks, whites and everyone else to get along, we should be unified as a human race and not worry about how many blacks or whites occupy certain positions as long as the most quali-

fied people occupy these certain positions.

Someone at USC has spray painted on the sidewalk in front of Russell House, "Stand Up, You Mighty Race." I certainly don't agree with vandalism, but that is a good statement if it is speaking of the human race as a whole.

Randolph Gore
Criminal justice senior

Administration wasted money

To the editor:

Our fine university blew it again. In the area of \$20,000. The school decided to vinyl side the blue NADA building this summer. Great idea. No maintenance, just ugly plastic versus the elements. It was a great idea until somebody realized the house was a historical landmark and work on the house had to stop.

Now the siding is being ripped off the house, and it has to be repainted to its original color. What a complete, idiotic move. All someone had to do was check that one small fact and they could have invested the money in something else. I know people have better and more important ideas than vinyl siding.

Hello, President Holderman, if you are listening don't even try to raise my tuition and housing again. Especially when your staff blatantly wastes our money in a time when classes are being dropped because of lack of funds. I know it's nothing to you, you still got a

raise this year. Well, geez, you deserve it, I guess.

David Oventhal
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Barra's letter had mistakes

To the editor:

This is in response to Marne Barra's letter (*The Gamecock*, Sept. 11) concerning the incidents occurring in Conway. The purpose of that letter was to correct misstatements from various previous articles. Ms. Barra's letter also held a few misstatements and failed to mention some very important facts.

First of all, yes it is true that football means teamwork, but it is impossible for a team to display unity when one of the leading players has been wronged. One of the facts not appearing in the article was that where the new quarterback was qualified because he played J. V. quarterback for two years, Carlos Hunt therefore must have been overqualified because he has been a member of the varsity for two years.

Secondly the referral to the Rev. H. H. Singleton as a "rabble-rousing middle school teacher" was made solely because he is unwilling to stand for the mistreatment of blacks, and is not only an immature opinion, but also shows that certain members of this society are still unwilling to accept the fact that freedom of speech is extended to everyone. Singleton is the spokesman for the players be-

cause they came to him after deciding to boycott the practices. He is also the president of the Conway chapter of the NAACP as well as a respectful teacher and resident of Conway. Singleton did help to bring about justice at Conway High School "three" years ago when a group of black cheerleaders were racially discriminated against — not merely complaining about not making the squad.

In reference to Singleton's suspension, with or without pay is not the issue. The true issue is that there were no grounds for this suspension. The district suspended Singleton because he exercised his right to free speech and also because of his race — and that is a violation of his First and 14th Amendment rights. This information was left from the previous article as well.

Concerning the 1983 replacement of Robbie Squatriglia by Lauren Reddick, the situation was entirely different. Lauren was statistically proven the better player, therefore the replacement was in the best interest of the team. Due to the fact that Conway has yet to win a game, the replacement of Carlos was obviously not in the best interest of the team.

Yes, it is true that biased, incorrect and, most importantly, incomplete information in a newspaper letter does not solve the racial problems of Conway; it only adds more confusion to the situation.

I, as a resident of Conway, can only hope that the situation is soon corrected before it becomes larger and more complex than the residents are prepared to face.

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