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### Need bail money?

Advertising sophomore Mark Stillinger and Pre-med/Biology sophomore Kurt Harkey smile despite being sentenced to jail as part of the Jail-a-thon Tuesday. The event was co-sponsored by Kappa Alpha fraternity and Chi Omega sorority.

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## Bands donate relief money

By AMY BARCOMB  
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The Beach Boys and Chicago have each donated \$10,000 to the South Carolina Hugo Relief Fund after their recent performances at Carolina Coliseum.

The bands presented the checks to Lt. Gov. Nick Theodore during the intermission of their Oct. 13 concert, said Gloria Green, assistant to the press secretary for Theodore.

Neither the Beach Boys nor Chicago sought publicity for their act, Green said. They asked to give the checks to Theodore during the intermission, and none of their own media people were present, she said.

The bands felt strongly about helping and approached their concert promoters before the show, Green said.

"Band members were aware of how much damage the hurricane

did in South Carolina and they wanted to help," said Jack Swerling, attorney for C & C Entertainment of Camden, the concert promoters.

Theodore met with and talked to the bands during the intermission of their concert and was very impressed with them, Green said.

This is just one more caring act. The bands had no ties to Columbia or South Carolina other than it being a tour stop, she added.

"This donation shows that people across the nation are aware of the plight of South Carolina areas that suffered from Hurricane Hugo. This is a very generous gesture on the part of the Beach Boys and Chicago," Theodore said.

The money will go to the S.C. Hugo Relief Fund to help some of the areas that were hit really hard, Green said.

## Graduate student wins award for poem about AIDS

By ROBYN THOMPSON  
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AIDS has had an effect on many people's lives. In one case, the disease has helped a USC graduate student win a national award for his poem dealing with his feelings about working with people who have AIDS.

Daryl Lofdahl, an Elizabethan Literature graduate student, won a \$1,000 prize for his poem, "Distances," in a contest sponsored by the American Poetry Association. The poem will be published in *Best New Poets of 1989* coming out in March 1990.

Lofdahl wrote the poem during his undergraduate career at Winthrop College, where he won the President's Prize for Poetry for four consecutive years. The poem came from his work with Metrolina AIDS Project in Charlotte, he said. "Distances" is part of a series of poems on this subject.

"It was real emotional getting involved with these people. It was a difficult time and it came out as poetry," he said.

He got involved in the competition with a friend and fellow graduate student, Duna Miller, who won an honorable mention in the contest.

Lofdahl said he chose "Distances" because there was a 20-line limit and it was the only thing he had.

The Metrolina AIDS project worked to get patients in touch with the right social service agency that could help them. They set up a buddy system for the people with AIDS. The patient "deals with one person until they die. The sicker they got, the more help they needed."

The organization trained the buddies, staffed a hotline and tried to get information about AIDS to the public.

Lofdahl worked with the organization from 1985 to 1987. "When I started working there, there were six people and four clients. Now there are 400 clients, 300 volunteers and eight staff members. It is one of the best organizations dealing with people with AIDS in the South."

He worked with the executive committee, which looked for funding and set up bylaws so they could be declared a non-profit organization. They put out "Safe Sex Cards," telling which activities were safe and which were not.

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Daryl Lofdahl

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) tried to cut their funding because he said they were trying to send pornography through the mail, Lofdahl said. "I really got annoyed with what could and couldn't be talked about, and it came out as poetry," he said, adding that the poem is about not communicating.

Lofdahl has taken as many classes with James Dickey, USC poet in residence, as possible. Dickey has been supportive of his work, he said, which "means a lot because he is James Dickey." Taking classes with Dickey is scary, he said, because he is such a respected poet, but "if he sees that you're working, he'll go out of his way to talk to you and help you."

Besides Dickey, Lofdahl said he learns a lot from his fellow graduates students. He also enjoys teaching his English 101 students. All his work, however, means he has little time for writing and must do it late at night.

"I'm amazed at how much I get accomplished," he said. "I have no time to procrastinate."

Lofdahl is using his prize money to go to France this summer with a former teacher. He said he will use that time to see if he will pursue writing as a career. But right now, he is just worried about getting out of school.

He has considered being a teacher. "You don't make money as a poet, but creative writing teachers do," he said.

If he could teach his students about people with AIDS, he said, then they "need to remember that they're people and they're sick." What he has learned from his work with AIDS is "not to waste any time. People my age really do die."

## Peer Conduct Board plans to expand, inform students about fair treatment

By THERESA STAROPOLI  
Staff Writer

The Peer Conduct Board, which handles housing violations, plans to expand its role on campus and let students know they can be treated fairly during university proceedings, university officials said.

The PCB currently consists of 10 students who review cases of strictly housing violations on campus. When a residence hall adviser receives a violation report, he can request that the case be reviewed by a higher source. The student then has the choice of the case being heard in front of an administrator or by a group of his peers, the PCB.

The board plans to publicize itself this year by letting students know they can get a fair hearing from a group of their peers if needed.

The group was formed because students felt the administration wouldn't see their side of the story in a violation case, Kris Rollin, biology senior and three-year member, said.

Last year the board heard about 10 cases that were brought to them over conflicting facts. This year they have heard only one.

"I'm excited about the group's endeavors for this year," Debbie Ritter, assistant director of Resident Student Conduct, said. The board plans to publish pamphlets, create a poster series and has plans for the next Carolina Preview Week to inform students of the board and its goals.

According to Ritter, the board plans to "spot problems before they start and encourage students to get help before they are in trouble."

The PCB is looking to expand from 10 to 15

members this year. The board is looking for responsible, dependable students who maintain at least a 2.5 GPA, are on-campus housing residents and are at least second semester freshmen.

"Board members must have good judgment and must believe in the university's policies and discipline," Rollin said.

Applicants must be nominated by a PCB member, resident adviser, residence hall director or resident life coordinator. There are never more than three RAs on the board at one time, and all majors are invited.

"It's a good way to meet new people, show leadership and understand the judicial system," Andy Jones, graduate student and PCB adviser, said.



### Taking the votes

Members of Sigma Chi man a table on the Russell House Patio Tuesday as part of Derby Days.

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## State may cut school year in Hugo-hit districts

By The Associated Press

The state Department of Education will recommend shortening the 180-day school year by five days to help districts hit hard by Hurricane Hugo, state education Superintendent Charlie G. Williams said Tuesday.

Under the recommendation, all schools that closed for more than five days because of the Sept. 21 storm could shorten their school calendars to 175 days, Williams told the state Budget and Control Board.

Districts that lost additional days would have to make up that time by shortening vacations, eliminating teacher work days, lengthening the school year or increasing the school day.

Schools unaffected by Hugo

must hold classes for 180 days, he added.

The proposal, which Williams said appears to be the consensus of the state's superintendents, must be approved by the state Board of Education and the General Assembly. Approval, if it comes, is not expected for several months because the General Assembly does not reconvene until January.

Meanwhile, Williams told the board, it will cost an estimated \$55.1 million, instead of the \$85 million first projected, to repair schools damaged during the hurricane.

All public school students returned to class by Oct. 20, although many classes are still being held in temporary quarters such as churches and portable classrooms.

Williams and Gov. Carroll Campbell have written U.S. Education Secretary Lauro F. Cavazos to ask that such repair expenses be included in the \$8.5 million limit South Carolina will have to pay for damage to public facilities. The federal government would pay the remainder.

In other business, the state

Budget and Control Board:

—Adopted a form that state agencies must use to report their lobbying activities at the State House. The General Assembly last year closed the loophole allowing state employees to avoid reporting such expenses. Lobbyists representing private concerns already are required to register and report expenses.

## For The Record

In Monday's issue of *The Gamecock*, Campus Rape Awareness was incorrectly referred to as the Rape Awareness Group. Also, Kathryn Gilbert is the group's co-chairperson, not its pro-chair president. *The Gamecock* regrets the errors.