



The Columbia Lyric Opera opens its season by performing "Cinderella" at The Koger Center for the Arts. See Carolina Life, page 4

Soccer tournament set to begin

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"I can't be more pleased with the team working together and trying to do what we're asking them." — George Felton, basketball coach See "Attitude," page 9

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Residents of Columbia Hall enjoy themselves at a Halloween party held in their dorm Tuesday night. *JAMES NETTLES/The Gamecock*

Jury makes decision

Marcum awarded \$234,000 damages

"The verdict of today in the Bob Marcum lawsuit apparently reflects the feeling of the jury that Mr. Marcum should have been compensated at the time of his termination, but only within the framework of his written contract. The university did not feel — and does not feel — that compensation is appropriate. However, it remains clear to the University of South Carolina that Mr. Marcum was discharged in the best interest of the university and that his termination was both appropriate and essential. We now have an athletic program that has among other major strengths, under the leadership of King Dixon, a drug testing program that is fact and not fiction."

USC President James Holderman

By The Associated Press

A federal jury today agreed that former USC Athletic Director Bob Marcum was fired unjustly and awarded him \$234,000 in damages.

The nine-woman, three-man jury deliberated about five hours over two days before returning its verdict shortly after noon, en-

ding the civil trial that began Oct. 16.

Marcum said it was not the money, but the principle that pleased him with the verdict.

"There's no doubt about it," he said. "The money's one thing, we've had a lot of expenses. But the most important thing is the verdict — it restores your reputation around the country."

After the verdict was announced, Marcum's wife, Cecile, reached over and hugged her husband, who had tears in his eyes. Outside the courtroom in U.S. District Court, Mrs. Marcum hugged attorney Don Richardson and said, "Oh, thank you, somebody finally believed him."

Richardson said he, too, was pleased with the verdict. "I have one comment: justice prevailed, and I'm sure the university will appeal," he said.

The university's attorneys left the courtroom without comment.

The jury's decision brought to an end — albeit temporarily pending possible appeals

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S.G. considering closing campus section of Green Street

By TODD VENEZIA
Staff Writer

In response to a suggestion made by USC President James Holderman, Student Government is investigating several options for closing off to traffic the section of Green Street running through the university.

Holderman made the suggestion at a senate meeting Oct. 4.

The courses of action now being considered include putting speed bumps down in front of Russell House, closing the gates (which are now shut between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.) for extended hours or closing the gates to traffic permanently.

"I think it's a security issue and a safety issue for the students," Student Government President Marie-Louise Ramsdale said.

Her office is currently investigating the problem

"I think that Green Street could become a very nice area like The Horseshoe is now — a field of green in a sea of concrete. I think Green Street should be torn up and made into a park."

Jerry Brewer
Dean of Student Life

and seeking student opinion on the matter in order to pass a resolution in the Student Senate, which will then bring the decision on Green Street before the city council.

"One of our main issues now is the number of accidents (caused by the traffic on Green Street)," said Todd Weiss, assistant to the president. "The blind spots out there are terrible."

The biggest question seems to be whether the closing of Green Street will have a detrimental affect on automotive traffic and, if so, will that concern outweigh student safety.

"With 70 percent of the student population commuting it's a question of who do you accommodate first?" Weiss said.

Dean of Student Life Jerry Brewer thinks traffic will not be impeded. "I haven't seen any information that suggests that it would be that detrimental to traffic patterns on this side of town."

He said studies indicate that 80 percent of the traffic across that section of Green Street is university

vehicles or non-essential traffic.

Brewer, who remembers the mid-'70s, when this issue was the hottest on campus and students took to the streets in protests unheard of today, said the reasons they wanted it closed back then still hold true today. "It's always been felt that that street divides the campus unnecessarily," he said, adding, "The safety reason was important, but it became a question of unifying the campus."

"What the students could gain far outweighs somebody having to go a few blocks out of their way," he said about a 1974 plan to close down Green Street permanently and make it into a park.

"I think that Green Street could become a very nice

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Professor lectures on drug war effect

By LINDA KENNEDY
Staff Writer

An informal lecture dealing with drug wars and national security was presented Wednesday by Morris Blachman, an associate professor of international studies.

Blachman's lecture, "The Drug Wars and National Security: Consequences for American Constitutional Democracy," was taken from research conducted over the past eight months. The complete results of Blachman's research will be published in numerous journals and publications.

Due to the complexity of the drug war situation within the U.S. and nearby countries, Blachman decided to focus his research before analyzing the equally complex problems elsewhere.

The professor's work focuses on U.S. foreign policy in relation to Latin America and the policies of other foreign countries. The increasing problems with drugs became large enough to work its way into national relations and Blachman's field of study.

One main topic introduced in the research is how democracy has been strongly affected by the crackdown on drugs through the drug war. Drugs are working their way into all societies and classes of wealth. Drug use has expanded into the lowest classes on into the upper class.

The increase in wire tapping, extensive Drug Enforcement Agency files containing more than a million names and frequent search and seizure are examples of how democracy is being strongly affected.

For many accused of participating in narcotics-related crimes, their assets are frozen. This can

"The world has never been without drugs, it never will be. The government's influence on the supply of drugs will not stop drugs, only affect the demand and the cost."

Gene Stephens
College of Criminal Justice

easily limit funds for an adequate defense. Complicated cases are often left in the hands of unspecialized public defenders. Although highly educated, many are not experienced in defending drug-related cases.

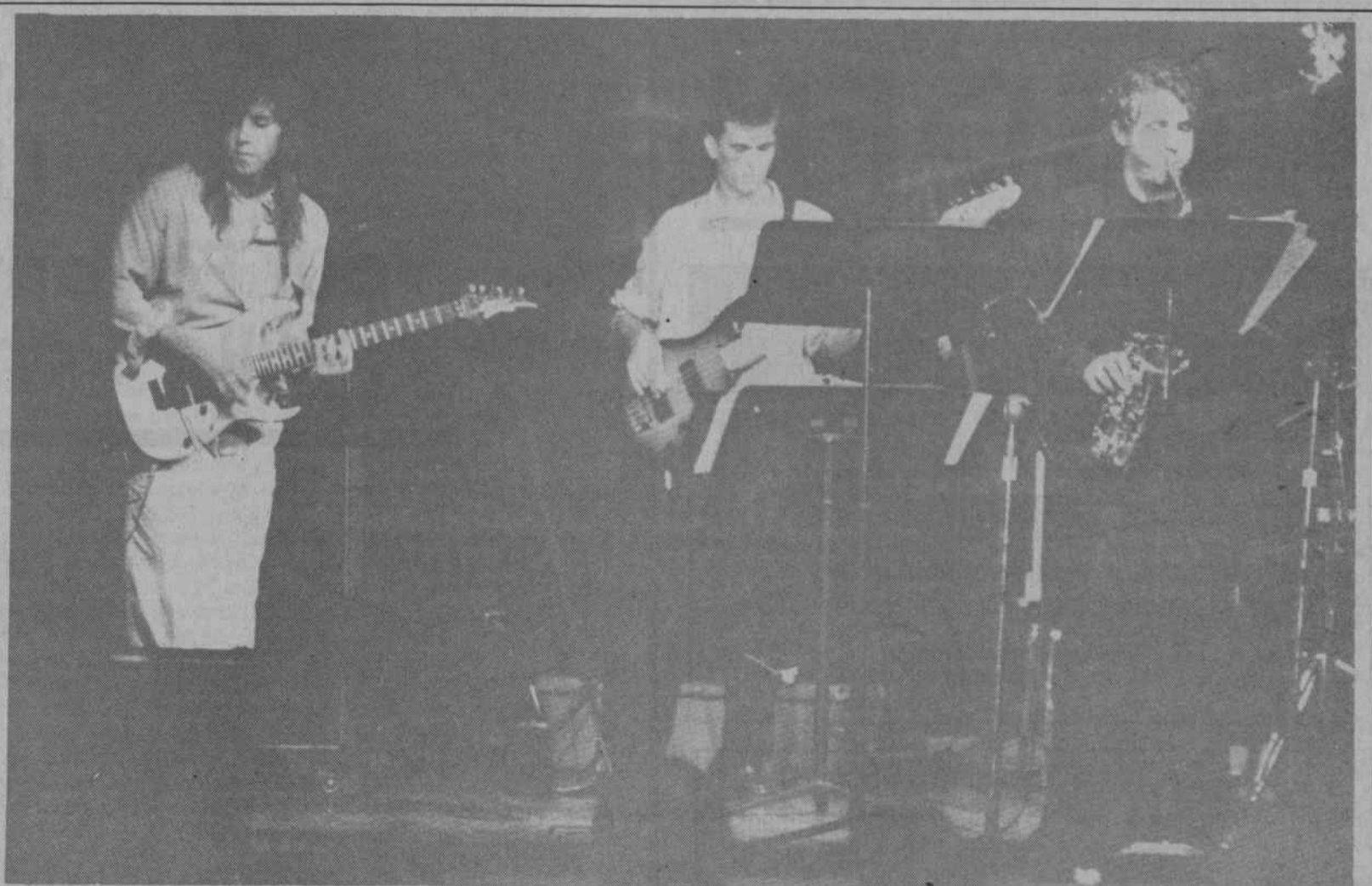
He discussed how law enforcement officials are being required to be more intrusive than ever, which requires a great deal of integrity.

Blachman pointed out several ways democracy is being affected through the drug wars. One example is how an attorney indicted for receiving fees obtained through illegal drug activities can be forced to give privileged information to the courts.

In 1984 it was decided that personal merchandise involved in the selling, trafficking or trade of drugs would be confiscated and sold by the government, while funds received through the sales would go back into the system to support drug enforcement.

Blachman discussed "trade-off" and how it is becoming more and more necessary. Blachman said, "We must limit the rights we pro-

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The band, The Techno-Brats perform at the Golden Spur Tuesday night. The Golden Spur has become an excellent place to listen to up and coming bands.

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Senate passes finance bills about funding

By KRIS TAYLOR
Senate Reporter

The Student Senate passed two finance bills concerning supplemental funding at its meeting Wednesday.

The first bill, proposed by Sen. Rajan Shah, allocated supplemental funding to undergraduate student organizations. The increase in student activity fees this year gave the finance

committee an extra \$50,084 to distribute among these groups.

Shah said some organizations received more money than usual because of recent Senate legislation that made an honorarium fund unnecessary.

According to Shah, organizations were budgeted lower before because the honorarium fund was available for extra monetary support

for groups hosting major speakers.

Since the honorarium fund no longer exists, however, the finance committee budgeted higher to allocate more monies in its original funding process.

The second bill allocated supplemental funds for graduate student organizations. The finance committee distributed \$8,112 among these groups.

Both bills passed by acclamation.