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 ... she uses some hair goop out of Australia (distilled from something exotic like Koala snot, no doubt) ...  
 —Columnist Scott Pruden on hair-care products  
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**BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS**

**World**

**Man smuggles cocaine in thighs**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — U.S. Customs inspectors at San Juan's international airport arrested a man from Colombia after finding a pound of cocaine surgically implanted in his thighs, officials said Tuesday.

Roberto Julian O'Neil, 23, a Colombian citizen, was arrested Saturday on drug-smuggling charges after arriving at San Juan's Luis Munoz Marin International Airport on a flight from Bogota, the Customs Service in Miami said in a statement.

O'Neil was taken to a hospital, where doctors removed his stitches and took a half-pound of cocaine from each thigh, the statement said.

**Nation**

**AIDS teen-ager in critical condition**

INDIANAPOLIS — Ryan White, the teen-age AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance won hearts and better understanding of the disease across the nation, remained in critical condition Tuesday on a life-support system, his physician said.

Dr. Martin B. Kleiman said White, 18, was unconscious and heavily sedated so that life-support systems would function more efficiently.

White, who during his five-year battle with AIDS grew from an object of scorn in his hometown to an international spokesman for AIDS patients, has been hospitalized at Riley Hospital for Children since Thursday.

**State**

**Court sets date for execution**

Death row inmate Ronald R. Woomer, who escaped the electric chair 10 months ago when the U.S. Supreme Court issued a last-minute stay, is scheduled to be executed April 27, officials said Tuesday.

The state Supreme Court early Tuesday set the execution date for Woomer, Corrections Department spokesman Francis X. Archibald said.

"He was rather stoic, and that was all. He made no comment," Archibald said. "It's an order which we will carry out in the most professional manner possible."

**Hugo unearthed Civil War artifacts**

FOLLY BEACH — When Hurricane Hugo battered this community it uncovered well-preserved Civil War artifacts including smoking pipes, leather boots and wooden buttons from a Union camp, officials said.

The site, a secret since the storm in order to discourage vandals, was revealed Monday as part of a Duke University geologist's trip to assess Hugo's damage.

**Weather**

Today, sunny with highs in the mid-60s and northwest winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight, clear with lows in the upper 30s. Thursday, mostly sunny with highs in the middle 70s.

*Assailants described as 'skinheads'*  
**Student victim of attack near South Tower**

By LYNN GIBSON  
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A USC student was attacked in front of South Tower Saturday night by two men described as "skinheads," police reports said.

A sophomore music major suffered no injuries when he was attacked at about 11:45 p.m. after walking home a South Tower resident after performing in an out-of-town concert for USC.

The resident, who is a theater and speech junior, said she dropped the victim and another student off at their dormitory, but she couldn't find a parking place near

South Tower.

"I parked my car in front of the building and called him to see if he could walk me home," she said.

The victim rode with the witness until she found a parking space, and they began walking from Greene Street to Bull Street.

"I noticed some guys with shaved heads tearing down posters around Russell House, and we started walking faster," he said.

Both said they saw several other people on the way to the dorm, but they weren't approached until they reached the front of South Tower.

"She (the witness) had just thanked me

when two guys came up behind me and grabbed me — there was no warning," he said. "They started to hit me, and I just doubled over to protect myself."

The witness signaled security guards from South Tower, and the assailants fled when the guards opened the door.

The attackers are described as wearing black T-shirts and white jackets and having very short black hair and "extremely" pale skin. One was about 5'10", and the other was about 5'7".

"I don't understand why they did it," the victim said. "Neither of the attackers said anything the whole time."

"I don't understand either," the witness said. "I had my purse with me, and they didn't even look at me. They weren't after money."

Associate Vice President for Law Enforcement and Safety Ernie Ellis said he wasn't aware of any previous problem with "skinheads," who are traditionally known as white supremacists who shave their head and wear military-style clothing.

"I would like to add that no one knows the attackers were 'skinheads,'" he said.

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Emad Arafa stands in front of Pro-Palestinian posters while students observed the 14th anniversary of Day of the Land.

**Palestinian students observe Land Day**

By ELISABETH TANGUY  
 Staff Writer

Palestinian students observed the 14th anniversary of the Day of the Land by displaying slogans, petitions and brochures in front of the Russell House Tuesday.

The Day of the Land marks the anniversary of the general uprising that began March 30, 1976 in Arab cities and villages of Israel. The reason for the uprising was the expropriation by Israel of 520 acres of Arab land.

"We still celebrate that day because the Israelis are still confiscating our land," said Nadia Naser, president of the Arab Student Association. "They take the most fertile land in order to build more settlements," she said.

The Palestinian students want to use the anniversary as an opportunity to inform Americans about the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, which are the areas occupied by the Is-

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raeli army.

By midday Tuesday, 131 students from USC had signed the petitions asking for the re-opening of the universities in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The students chose to focus their demands on education, since they say that Israel denies them the right to a basic education.

"Since December 1987, the universities and the schools have been closed for security reasons," Naser said. "But education is important for my people. We can't be ignorant. Throwing stones is just a part of the struggle."

Because schools have been shut down, the Palestinians try to establish an alternative education system in the occupied territories. Classes occur in houses, barns and garages.

But for Bernard L. Friedman, counselor from the Jewish Hillel Counselship, the closure of schools on some occasions may be justified.

"No government can stand if there is violence," Friedman said. "If the purpose of schools is to create unrest then they might be closed. It doesn't matter if this happens in Israel, in Great Britain or in the United States."

The Palestinian students hope the leaflets and brochures they distributed will be able to make their demands better known to the American people.

"We are asking for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as our only legitimate representative, and for an in-

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**Foundation may help pay Koger's debt**

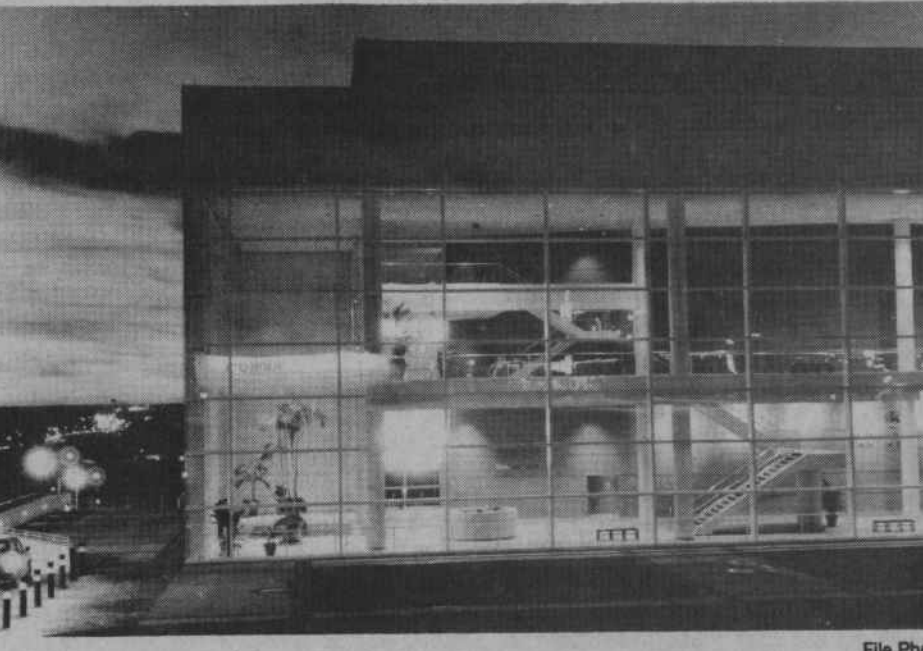
By The Associated Press

A private foundation allied with the University of South Carolina may help pay its art center's \$5 million debt if the move does not hurt scholarships and other support efforts, officials said.

"We're very concerned about our ability to continue our other commitments," said Arthur M. Williams Jr., president of the private foundation. "We don't want to do anything that would jeopardize our ability to fund things the university depends on."

State records show the Legislature has contributed \$2 million over the last three years to help USC meet its annual principal and interest obligations on the \$15 million Koger Center for the Performing Arts.

The school has not asked for similar state support this year, though, and awaits a decision by the Carolina Research and



USC may receive the money it needs to pay the Koger Center's multi-million

**Committee discusses drug policy**

**Secret Service will decide graduation audience size**

By DEBORAH RYAN  
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USC's proposed student drug policy and the allocation of graduation tickets were discussed in the Student-Trustee Liaison Committee meeting Tuesday.

Most of the concern was about the policy's section on suspension. Former Student Government President Marie-Louise Ramsdale said she wanted to make clear that there are degrees of suspension.

"I don't want students getting suspended left and right for simple possession of marijuana if it's a first offense," she said.

Suspension can be accompanied by conditions, said Vice President of Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt, who presented the drug policy. The student could be allowed to remain on campus until the case was resolved, but certain restrictions would apply to the student's participation in campus activities and general mobility.

However, there is a difference in the degree of punishment between someone who is caught with drugs and someone who comes in for help, said Michael Mungo, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The student has the option of having the case heard by a panel of peers or the administration, Pruitt said. About 98 percent choose the administrative hearing, he said.

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**Clemson student found innocent of DUI charges**

By BILL SWAIN  
 The Tiger

CLEMSON — William "Trey" Blackwood, former Clemson University student body president, was found innocent on charges of driving under the influence, alcohol and reckless driving at his trial Thursday.

Blackwood was arrested for DUI on Feb. 21. Clemson University Police, three days after signing the new campus alcohol policy.

In the trial, the defense successfully made a motion to suppress the breath analysis test because of discrepancies found in the method of the simulator test which was performed prior to the actual breath test.

John McKenzie of the Clemson Police Department said the setting of the galvanometer, the needle that shows blood alcohol content, was not exactly set zero in the simulator test.

The officer performing the test said, in his opinion the test was performed correctly, but the defense questioned the accuracy of the test.

"It is a very accurate test," McKenzie said. According to procedure, "if the simulator test is not 100 percent then you should not proceed with the test. If the breath test is not right, if there is reasonable doubt, to whether or not it's an accurate test, then the defense has to do his job as a defense attorney and he has to point that out," he said.

McKenzie said, "Once that evidence that was tainted by the breath test was deemed tainted, anything related to the breath test was irrelevant."

He said the extensive media coverage that Blackwood's case received prior to the trial was not an issue in jury selection.

The jury was selected from registered voters in the Clemson area. Blackwood was represented by J. Gentry of Pickens, and Paul Aaron pleaded guilty for the people. The Judge Louis Merck presided over

File Photo