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Statistics comparing eight major crime categories:

- There were no murders in either 1988 or 1989.
- There were two rapes reported in 1989, up from none in 1988.
- Thirteen robberies were committed in 1989, a slight jump from 12 in 1988.
- There were 72 assaults reported in 1989, up from 56 in 1988. Of the 72 incidents, 26 were aggravated assaults and 46 were

simple assaults.

Breaking and entering was down from 155 to 100. Of those 100, 72 were forcible entries, 24 were unlawful entries and four were attempted forcible entries.

- Larceny decreased sharply, from 736 to 514.
- Motor vehicle theft was up to 56, compared to 39 in 1988.
- There were no arsons reported in 1989, down from three in 1988.

"The decrease in crime can

largely be attributed to the USC community," Baker said. "Interest in crime prevention is up, and the increased awareness is impacting on crime."

Stokes agreed, citing the call-boxes, Lightways maps and crime awareness programs as part of the crime decrease.

"The students have done what they need to do, and they're showing responsibility, restraints and leadership," he said.

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The full formula is the equation the General Assembly works with every year as they decide how much money the state can afford to give not only higher education institutions but all state institutions.

The decrease the House approved would bring \$800,000 in actual cash reductions in state appropriations.

USC will have to spread its budget in the fall to include \$5.2 million more than it covered this year, Smith said.

"This unavoidable expenditure is the result of state employee raises the General Assembly and the university passed last year," he said.

A \$100 tuition increase would bring about \$2 million back into the budget, but this tuition increase

would serve only to lower a \$6 million shortfall to a \$4 million shortfall, he added.

Benjamin said Student Government is not working against the Legislature.

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press will be permitted to stand in the coliseum.

Seats that will be reserved for special guests will be about 50 for the chorus that will be performing, 180 for faculty, 180 for platform guests and invited guests, 20 for marshalls for the ceremony and about 25 for certain USC staff members, Pruitt said.

Graduating seniors who pick up their tickets this week may also sign up for a lottery for the remaining tickets, and the results of that lottery will be known Monday.

"We are going to do this lottery the same way we do the Clemson (football game) lottery," Pruitt said.



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