

# Strict new laws hit underage drinkers arrested in Clemson

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The first weekend of the school year yielded more than 200 alcohol-related arrests, Clemson University officials said.

More than 100 of them had their day in court on Tuesday, and many lost their driver's licenses for 90 days.

Members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, state police and county deputies saturated the town of Clemson on Aug. 24, 25 and 26.

Joe Dorton, ABC director of enforcement, said the new driver's license law will be "one of the most effective tools we've been given."

However, for Clemson students the case may not end in court. Amelda Jacks, vice president for student affairs, said, "No matter where you are, as long as you're enrolled in Clemson, you are representing the school."

The student handbook says the administration has the power to "impose sanctions against a student for violation of any regulations that occur off campus when the alleged conduct would, if true, impair, interfere with or obstruct the missions, processes or functions of the university."

What this means for students is, in addition to losing a driver's license and paying a fine, a student may be required to attend a

six-hour alcohol education class, Jacks said.

"They (students) look at us as adversaries, as administration not wanting them to drink, but it's the law. That's the bottom line," she said.

If a student was to continually refuse notification letters sent requiring him or her to attend the alcohol education class, he or she could face being suspended from the university, Jacks said.

The procedure a student will follow begins in Clemson's Office of Student Development. Joy Smith said the office will look at each case on an individual basis before rendering a decision as to whether or not a student needs to go through the program.

In the present situation, Smith said "the property of Clemson University wasn't involved, and the mission of Clemson wasn't involved." She said her office generally gets involved in incidents on a bigger scale such as fights.

The ABC has committed to sending a list of names of students who were arrested for possible disciplinary action, Dorton said.

"Our police and other local law enforcement agencies have an informal agreement that if a Clemson University student is arrested or transported... they would tell our police department," Smith said.

# Cable

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watch, you don't want to look at all that fuzz," Robinson said.

As of Wednesday afternoon, 19 channels were part of the cable package. These include the four major networks and MTV, PBS, CNN, ESPN, TBS, a home shopping channel, four South Carolina

Educational Television stations and four USC Engineering channels.

The Black Entertainment Network will be added in October.

Burgin said movie channels like HBO, Cinemax and Showtime are not part of the package because the technology used to install cable

into the Towers will not let them split certain channels off to individual rooms for separate billings.

The decision was made to install the cable in the Towers because of repairs that were going to be made to the hallway ceilings. The cable,

which is installed through the ceiling, will be installed with fewer disruptions, Burgin said.

If students sign up before Sept. 30, cable will be \$15 a month or \$60 for the semester. Students can sign up at Housing Services between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

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groups will have to find a place to live before the game, McMahon said.

USC Band Director Jim Copenhaver said there are 320 band

members. Many of them live on campus, and they are required to attend the game.

Copenhaver suggested that if the halls were closed, band members

who live on campus could stay with others who live off campus.

"We try to be a family to one another in situations like these," he said.

# Library

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totaled \$292, police reports said.

The suspect steals the books and attempts to sell them back to bookstores around Columbia, Baker said. He added, it is the general policy with bookstores to return property that is proven to be stolen to the rightful owner, if it is possible to do so.

Baker and Davis both recommend students enter their name and social security number some-

where on their books. This makes it much easier to return the stolen merchandise to its owner if it is found.

Baker recommends taking advantage of Operation I.D., which is conducted through his office. A student may have his or her valuables engraved with the students name and social security number, free of charge. More information about Operation I.D. can be ob-

tained by calling the USC Police Department at 777-8400.

One victim said he had gone home for the night, and upon returning the next day, discovered that two books totaling \$80 were stolen.

Library officials and police officials are urging students to beware. "People are going to steal," Baker said, recommending that students take extra precautions until a suspect is caught.

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