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## BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS

### World

#### American hostages set free by Hussein

Fourteen Americans left the Iraqi capital for Jordan Tuesday after being freed by Saddam Hussein's government. They departed as Britain worked to gain the release of 50 sick or elderly Britons.

"I was waiting for this moment. I am extremely happy, but sad at the same time because I am leaving many of my friends and colleagues," Jack Fraser, one of the freed Americans, told an Associated Press reporter in Baghdad.

Fraser, 53, of Santa Ana, Calif., worked for a construction company and had been held in a diplomatic compound in Baghdad.

About 1,000 Americans remain trapped in Iraq and Kuwait.

### Nation

#### Representative gets misconduct charge

WASHINGTON — Rep. Donald Lukens, R-Ohio, conferred with his lawyer Tuesday about a fresh charge of sexual misconduct, and congressional sources said there were suggestions from House GOP leaders that he resign his seat.

Lukens was convicted last year of contributing to the unruliness of a minor in a misdemeanor case that stemmed from his having sex with a 16-year-old girl. He was defeated in his bid for renomination in the Republican primary last May.

But he remains in Congress until his successor is sworn in, and the ethics committee moved swiftly to deal with the most recent charge against him.

#### Working mother locked child in trunk

NEWARK, N.J. — A woman who said she couldn't find a baby sitter she could trust locked her 5-year-old daughter in the trunk of her car while she worked at a shopping mall, police said.

Chante Fernandez, 24, of Elizabeth, was charged with criminal restraint and freed on \$5,000 bail.

Her daughter, who was not hurt, was placed in protective custody.

The woman, who could get up to five years in prison and a \$7,500 fine if convicted, was arrested Saturday after shoppers at the Woodbridge Center mall parking lot heard sounds coming from the car trunk.

Officers said they found the girl inside with a blanket, a coat, a flashlight, a book, a stuffed animal and a doughnut.

Police said Ms. Fernandez told them she had been keeping the child in the car for the past month while she worked weekends as a sales clerk.

### State

#### Taylor charged with violating bribery law

State Rep. Luther Taylor continued on Tuesday to assert that he had not sold his vote. But he acknowledged he had made a mistake in taking \$4,300 from undercover FBI informant Ron Cobb.

Taylor stuck to his defense throughout several hours of grueling cross-examination from Assistant U.S. Attorney Dale DuTremble.

Compiled from wire reports



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Freddye Davie, a professor at Benedict College, emphasizes a point at a program held Monday night in the nursing auditorium. The program covered the topic of Black oppression in America.

## Leaders discuss black oppression

### Panelists suggest causes, solutions

By TONIA MALLETT  
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"Black by Nature; Oppressed by Choice" was the topic of a forum sponsored by the Minority Assistance Peer Program Monday.

"Oppression has been a topic of discussion for a long time in the black community. Oppression goes back as far as slavery when the master made sure his slaves weren't educated so that he could control their actions," said Shawn Bell, MAP assistant team leader and program moderator.

"This is where it began and here is where it will stay until we as a people develop the mentalities that make us cognizant of oppression, equip us for oppression and allow us to combat oppression,"

she said. The panel invited to the forum consisted of S.C. NAACP Executive Secretary Nelson Rivers, Benedict College professor Freddye Davie, Leon Spenser and Faith Parks from USC Counseling and Development, Student Government President Stephen Benjamin, USC NAACP chapter President Troy Brockington, Association of African American Students President Brian Black and Association of African American Students Second Vice President Torrey Mills.

The panel gave views on the situation of blacks being oppressed and what should be done to prevent it.

One of the points discussed in the forum was that oppression is not only because of race but because of power. It could also be based on the economical standings of the people being oppressed.

"The system has oppressed the people that are poor. They expect very little of poor folk," Davie said.

Spenser said blacks do have power, but they do not use it.

"We are not using our power — voting," he said.

The panel discussed the Confederate flag that is still flying above the State House.

"Until we take it upon ourselves to get the flag removed, it will stay up there. We can vote the flag down," Rivers said.

They also talked about the lack of knowledge many young people have about their heritage.

"You don't know where you're going if you do not know where you are coming from," Parks said. "We need to learn African history where they teach about the energy of a people, not individualism."

Rivers said "the older generation has sold out. Too many of my peers have spent too much time not talking and deal-

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## Legislation affects all campuses

### Buildings to become accessible to disabled

By ELIZABETH FOX  
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The Americans with Disabilities Act, which passed during the summer, will affect all businesses, communication systems and institutions that in any way deal with the public.

This includes USC.

When the act goes into effect after two years, USC will be required to modify anything that hinders people with disabilities.

To have a disability, a person must have an impairment that limits that person in a major life activity, such as talking, breathing, walking or working, according to the act.

"This is the most sweeping federal legislation since the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Just as the CRA mainstreamed minorities in this country, the act will have the same impact in mainstreaming persons with disabilities," said Rosvelt Martain, assistant dean of Student Development and Educational Services for Educational Support Services.

Because of this mainstreaming, the university is anticipating an increase in the number of students with disabilities, Martain said.

"We, as an institution, want to be prepared for the anticipated increase in the number of students," he said.

Already, they have consolidated Disability Services with PASS (Promoting Academically Successful Students), National Student Exchange, Academic Skills Center, ASAP (Academic Skills Assistance Program) and ASKUS telephone system to both sensitize students to the needs of those with disabilities and keep students from running around campus for the different programs, Martain said.

Also, a policy is now in the works for students with learning disabilities.

This would allow those students to withdraw from classes after the 'withdrawal with a failure' date without penalties. It will also require documentation from a doctor to substantiate the disability and give the students a chance on the admissions packet to indicate whether or not they have a disability, Martain said.

The act would also affect buildings across campus.

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## Fraternities on Quad to get new concrete, brick decks

By AARON SHEININ  
Staff Writer

All fraternities on McBryde Quadrangle with wooden decks will soon see them replaced with concrete and brick.

The wooden decks present problems with drainage, erosion and safety, Director of Greek Life Rick Gant said Tuesday.

"They only last so long before you have to replace them," he said.

A new deck for Zeta Beta Tau fraternity

is almost complete. ZBT President Nick Leoncavallo said he is pleased with the progress being made on the deck, the first to be redone with concrete.

"All the help the university has given and the speed at which it has been done has been impressive. I am pleased with their performance even in the face of unexpected problems and delays," he said.

Leoncavallo said the existing wooden decks will be torn down and a concrete slab

will be put down in its place. The university will supply the concrete free of charge, he said. However if a fraternity wants extras, such as brickwork, basketball goals or a grill, it will have to pick up the bill.

Leoncavallo also said the fraternity members play an important part in the destruction of the old deck and construction of the new one. The fraternity is supposed to provide non-technical labor, including moving wood and bricks, Leoncavallo said. The

university supplies technical labor and supervision.

Anthony Lombardo, executive-vice president of ZBT, said there is a definite need for new decks.

"There definitely was a safety and liability problem with some of the decks. I like the design of the new deck .... We definitely needed one (a new deck). Our wooden deck was in horrible condition," he said.

## Crime wave sweeps campuses, students call for more protection

By The College Press Service

A student is found strangled in his dorm room at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania.

At Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts, student editors return to their office one day in September to find \$23,000 in computer equipment stolen.

At about the same time, police arrest four Delaware State College students, charging them with the gang rape of a nearby resident.

A student at State University of New York at Buffalo is found raped and strangled on Sept. 30.

Such scenes, observers say, have unfolded at an unusually high number and broad range of campuses this fall. A crime wave seems to be washing over American higher education.

"College campuses are just seething with crime," said Alan Lizotte, associate dean of criminology at the State University of New York at Albany. "They're horrible places."

"A lot of students are scared. They don't go out alone," said Rob Tumney, an Ohio State University senior who heads the school's Crime Watch Escort Service.

The fear has turned into wild rumors at some campuses. Administrators at Iowa State University spent the first week of October trying to convince students

that there was not a serial rapist on campus.

But the crime threats are real.

While campus crime statistics are notoriously unreliable, Purdue, Yale and Loyola of New Orleans universities as well as the universities of Colorado at Boulder and California at Santa Barbara all report an increase in crime during the past year.

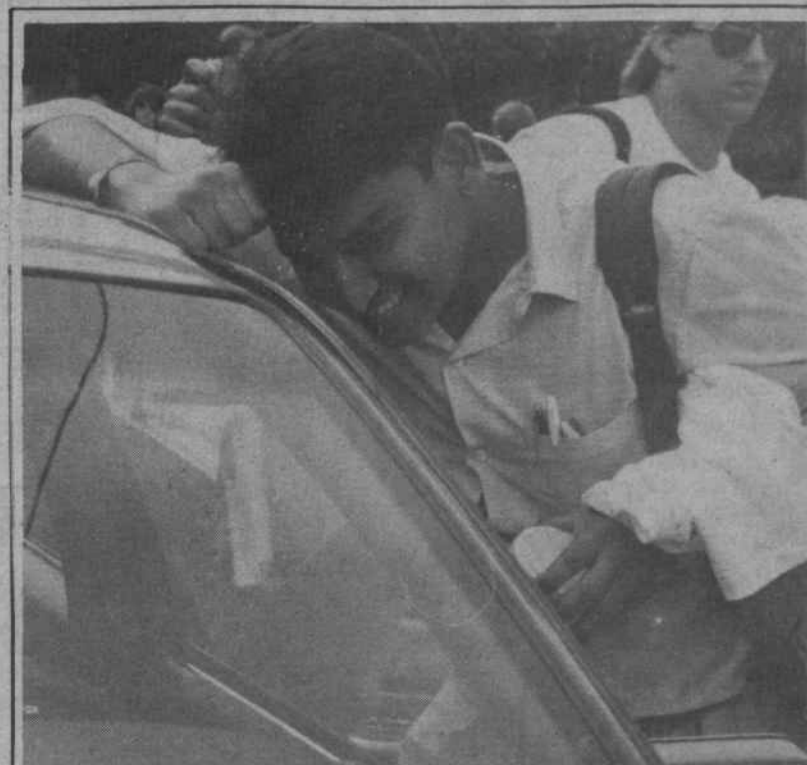
Much of the nationwide student skittishness stems from the brutal late-August murders of one Santa Fe Community College student and four University of Florida students.

While police still search for clues, the tragedy made the subject of campus crime more visible than ever. Recent stories on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Good Morning America*, *ABC News* and in *USA Today* have fanned the flames.

Pleas for better protection from criminals were central parts of protests at Tennessee State University, Morgan State University, Paine College in Georgia,

Marygrove College in Michigan and the University of South Carolina during the 1989-90 school year.

"It's hard to know whether crime is going up or whether the appearance of crime is going up," Lizotte said.



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### Wishful thinking

Computer Science graduate student Aditya Agrawal looks into a Pontiac car parked in front of the Russell House Tuesday as part of a promotional give-away.