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AT A GLANCE



WORLD

■ An Israeli air raid killed the leader of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, his wife and son in south Lebanon Sunday, security sources said.

The raids were in apparent retaliation for an attack a day earlier on an army camp inside Israel that left three soldiers dead and one wounded.

Hezbollah had earlier acknowledged that Sheik Abbas Musawi's motorcade was hit in one of the raids, but had said Musawi's fate was not known.

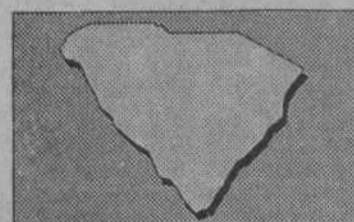


NATION

■ Jeffrey Dahmer was found sane, when he killed and dismembered 15 men and boys, by a jury Saturday.

The decision means Dahmer, who has already pleaded guilty to the murders, will receive a mandatory life sentence for each count. A judge will determine later when, or if, he will be eligible for parole.

As he announced out the jurors' 10-2 decisions, reading off a grim roll call of Dahmer's prey, a shudder of emotion rolled through one victim's family after another in the gallery. Some shouted in pain. Others rocked with sobs. One or two smiled.



STATE

■ Churches and book stores in South Carolina will soon be getting a letter from the Tax Commission explaining a state Supreme Court ruling that says they will have to start paying sales tax on religious publications, including Bibles.

So far, there has not been a big reaction to the tax from religious groups around the state, but one lawmaker says it is one sign of the deterioration of religious concerns in the state.



USC

■ Ms. Pat Callair will present a workshop Feb. 19 on building better race relations among our campus' female population.

The program will offer all those who attend a chance to interact with one another. The program will not be a lecture from Callair, but a forum with predetermined topics open to the free exchange of ideas from its participants.

## Dorm leaders criticize visitation

By MELISSA TENNEN  
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Overnight visitation, which may be revoked by next fall, has some residence hall leaders calling for a change of policy.

In the fall of 1987, Trustee Mike Fair publicly demanded a stricter visitation policy. He wanted to eliminate all co-ed dormitories, overnight visitation and no visitation at all for one female dorm.

A compromise between the board and the students was reached when a presidential committee investigated the situation. "It became a very moral issue with the public," resident student development director Jim McMahon said.

The board accepted a gradual phasing policy where stricter visitation for all dormitories would be enforced, eventually leading to no overnight visitation for all dormitories in the fall of 1992.

Awareness of the policy has been spreading quickly through campus. "We are paying to be here, yet we have no say over the board elections," history junior Chris Stansell said. "Almost everyone who pays to be here is against the change and we have no say to a board which is paid to be here."

Joe Hill, a Bates senator, agrees. "We are paying to go here. The customer is always right. Since we are paying to go here, we should have the right to decide what we want."

The Towers government sponsored an open forum in the Towers lobby last Tuesday night urging students to unite to protest the board's impending policy.

"We have to do our homework

and show the figures to the board," Student Vice President Shine Brooks said. "(Housing) is a multi-million dollar business. We have to come to an understanding."

Installation of the new policy could result in an increased dorm vacancy rate. It could also bring about a staff increase, to enforce the rules of the policy, Brooks said.

In the upcoming months, chances for students to get the policy overturned improve with the election of new trustees.

"We have got to come together as students and push for a change now," Residence Hall Association President Joelle Lastica said.

Organized efforts have begun in some dorm governments. For three weeks, residents of Moore have circulated a petition in the Towers complex currently with 150 signatures.

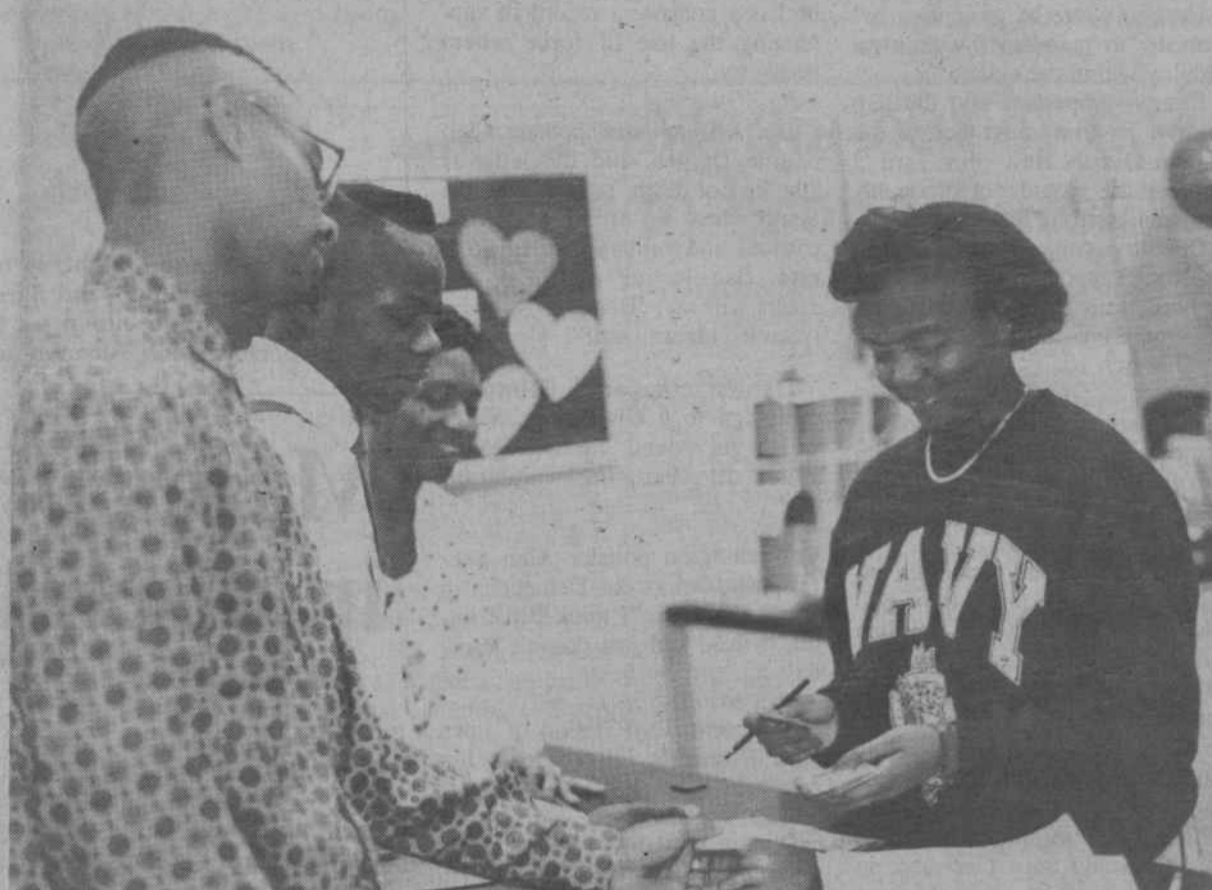
"What we are trying to do right now is give the board enough of a headache, so that they won't fight us on the change," Moore Vice President Brian Gambrell said.

Some students believe they have more freedom at home than they do living in the residence halls. "I would like to have the choice of seeing whoever I want, whenever I want," biology freshman Jenny Maize said.

Other students fear once the policy is completed, they will lose certain rights typical of the college experience.

"How could I gain responsibility to become an adult when I don't have it here?" Gambrell said.

Heather Mueller, president of Capstone, said, "We are mature



Sophomores Shawn Roberts, far left, and Larry Coe sign in to see their friend, Amara Smith, at the desk of Sims residence hall. Dormitory leaders are discussing the visitation policy.

enough to be away from home and our families, and I think that we are capable of having who we want in our rooms. Just because we have people in our rooms doesn't mean we are having sex with them."

Students do not think the change is necessary. "I don't like it, personally. The policy seems to work fine now. Why change a good thing?" Chris Bright, Columbia

Hall President, said.

Yet others can sympathize with the board's decision. Summer Smith, Wade Hampton president, believes, "There is some merit in not having overnight visitation as far as safety is concerned. It may actually cut down on the number of rapes which occur."

Compared to other state supported schools in South Carolina,

USC is considered to be lenient, Gambrell said.

"USC may have a seemingly lax visitation policy, but other schools don't enforce their policies like USC does," he said.

In March, a liaison committee formed by student government will meet in order to present a case to the board. A report will be written on the financial figures, Brooks said.

## Reid's platform to serve students

By PATRICK VILLEGAS  
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Student presidential candidate Beth Reid is focusing her platform on the needs of the students.

"If the president is not making the students happy, then he or she is not doing their job," she said.

Working in the executive cabinet as Director of Institutional Affairs the past two years, Reid, a broadcast journalism major, said the transition to student government president will not take much time.

Reid has a four-point plan which includes finding solutions to student stresses, financial burdens, unaccommodating facilities, and a lack of school spirit are her main goals.

Student stress issues Reid would like to solve include the creation of a "Student—Helping—Student" hotline to help answer questions which may arise while attending college.

Questions relating to such issues as homesickness and date rape would be handled by other concerned peers.

Reid also wants to re-establish the advisor position for Women's Student Services and a university legal advisor who would both be accessible to students.

She is currently working with the state in order to get free services of an obudsman.

Student financial burdens are also important to Reid. She wants to create a student lobbying group for the state house, which would try to make all South Carolina public schools available for need-based grants, not just private schools.

The student lobby group would also help in financial matters.

Reid also said unaccommodating student facilities would be improved if she is elected. Change machines for quarters would be implemented around campus to help students pay for laundry ma-



Reid

chines and parking meters. Reid said the coin machines departed when the Coca-Cola contract expired with the university.

Reid would also try to get a larger car for Alpha Phi Omega's late night transportation service. As of now, Reid said APO is using a small station wagon to transport people home, and the waiting period to receive a ride home lasts over two hours.

"These are just small points to help students feel better about their school," she said.

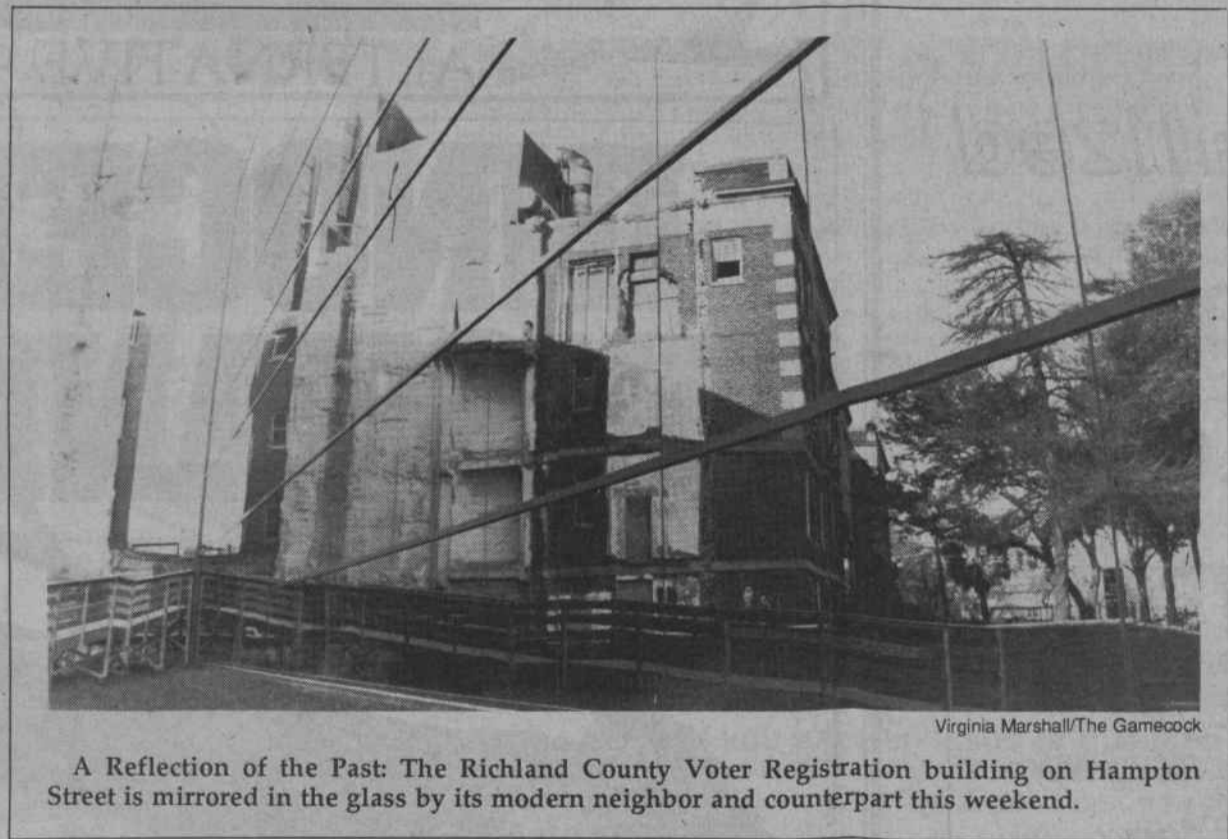
Finally, Reid wants to improve student apathy and the lack of school spirit on campus.

Only 10 percent of USC's 26,000 students voted in last year's student body election, Reid said. To help increase the amount of voters, Reid would put the scanning machines, normally used for acquiring student football and basketball tickets, in five different campus locations for easier convenience.

These machines would make it unnecessary for students to go to their respective colleges to vote, she said.

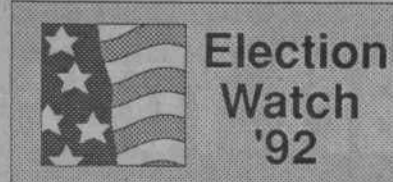
Reid said she would make it more convenient for students to get involved by posting flyers and communicating to students as much as possible through many different means.

"I don't have a fancy slogan or fantasy ideas," she said. "But I can get the job done."



A Reflection of the Past: The Richland County Voter Registration building on Hampton Street is mirrored in the glass by its modern neighbor and counterpart this weekend.

## Money, students focus of treasurer campaigns



By GORDON MANTLER  
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The student treasurer campaign pits incumbent Brian Black against student senator Eric Dell.

Black's campaign emphasizes the experience and knowledge of the funding process he has gained during the past year.

"I have the proven leadership when it comes to money," he said. "I have the experience of dealing with the system. You can't relate when you haven't been through the process."

Black promised there will be "progress and growth if I'm elected."

Dell said, "The student treasurer should play an active role in every finance decision made in the Student Government office."

"The student body deserves no less than a treasurer who will be there for the student and student organizations, to help them get their funding as quickly and as easily as possible," he said.

Dell plans to create a treasurer's workshop video for students and organizations to borrow.

"It will provide a link between the students and student government," he said.

Black is concentrating on four areas:

- managing student government's budget.
- representing the students on the Senate Finance Committee.
- monitoring allocations once they have been allocated to the various organizations.
- helping students with the overall

funding process.

"Since I've been treasurer for a year, it lets me know what I need to focus on," he said.

Dell also said, "I'd like to push every student government organization receiving funding to have at least two students on their budget processing committee."

The students should be listed on the organizations' budget forms, he said.

"I have more time to commit because I want to be more accessible," Dell said. "It's important for students to know where their money is going."

In addition to his senate position, Dell was also a member of Freshman Council.

Black was president and interim treasurer of the Association of African-American Students before becoming student treasurer last year.