

Who will be the victor of the NCAA basketball championship? See Cross Fire Page 2

CHAMPS sponsors a tennis marathon to raise money for charity. Page 3

Women's softball team sweeps a doubleheader against Coastal Carolina. Page 5

No one can earn a million dollars honestly.
William Jennings Bryan

THE Gamecock

Volume 84, No. 79

University of South Carolina

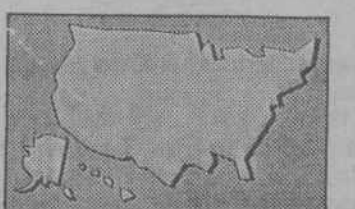
Friday, April 3, 1992

AT A GLANCE



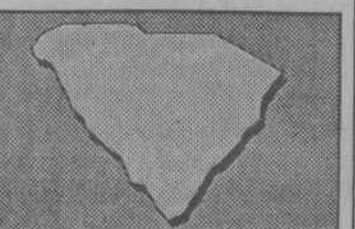
WORLD

Edith Cresson, whose 10-month tenure as France's first woman prime minister was a struggle for respect, resigned Thursday after the governing Socialists suffered crushing election defeats.
She was replaced by Finance Minister Pierre Berégovoy, a low-key pragmatist respected by the business community.
Earnest and combative, but widely perceived as abrasive and not fully in command, Cresson served for 323 days — the shortest and perhaps most turbulent stint of any premier under the current constitution, adopted in 1958.



NATION

John Gotti was convicted Thursday in his murder and racketeering case, capping the government's six-year crusade to topple America's most notorious crime boss.
The verdict, guilty on all counts, came in at about 1:20 p.m. Gotti was smiling confidently at the forewoman as she read the verdict, but showed no reaction as she announced, "Guilty."
Gotti faces life in prison.



STATE

BMW officials have given no indication of their company's plans for its first manufacturing plant outside Germany, but efforts continue to lure the luxury carmaker to South Carolina.
The Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Commission reportedly has agreed to extend a runway to accommodate 747 cargo planes to serve BMW. The giant cargo planes would carry parts from Europe to the new plant.



USC

Contributions are pouring in for Tim Crenshaw, a School of Music staff member who lost his wife and home in a fire last Friday.
USC's music fraternities and sororities have allotted contributions to Crenshaw, who has a 6-year-old daughter.
Donations for Crenshaw can be sent to the USC Band Hall or the Lebanon United Methodist Church at 10220 Garners Ferry Road, Eastover, S.C. 29044. The church also is accepting toys and clothing for his daughter and household items and furniture.

Rape victims demand action; Palms outlines task force

By KIMBERLY EVERITT
Staff Writer

USC President John Palms is putting new emphasis on the problem of rape and sexual assault by calling for the creation of a new task force.

Thursday Palms sent a memo to Vice President of Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt asking him to establish a committee addressing student concerns about rape.

Pruitt said the move to create a task force is in response to a Tuesday evening forum on sexual assault in which several female students angrily told panel members that USC fails to deal adequately with the problem.

Rape victims in the audience said students who are found guilty of rape should suffer harsher penalties, including expulsion from the university.

But Pruitt, who was a forum panelist, said each case is handled individually and a suitable punishment is determined after the facts are examined.

Palms' memo said the rape task force should address the following:

- USC's statement of policies and procedures for preventing and responding to sexual assaults.
- Guidelines by which university personnel would assist victims in judicial actions.
- Enhancement of educational prevention and awareness programs.
- Improving communication between campus and community agencies to minimize campus sexual assaults and assist victims.

Pruitt said the task force, which all interested students are encouraged to join, would be composed of representatives from campus organizations such as Student Government, Residence Hall Association, honorary groups and fraternities and sororities.

"The university should lead the way and provide factual information to the community," Pruitt said. "We are responsive and caring and we want to educate."

Some of the issues Pruitt wants the task force to address include time limitations on filing sexual assault charges, what approach USC should take toward victims and USC's role in protecting the rights of the accused.

Pruitt described how the system would treat a person found guilty of rape.

"A student could have a multiple sanction that would include community service activities, they would have to read a series of books and go to a series of

counseling sessions," Pruitt said.

In the past three years, Pruitt said eight criminal sexual-assault cases were reported at USC. The students accused of rape were suspended from the university on three occasions, and two are still under investigation.

Maria, a victim of acquaintance rape who asked that her last name not be used, said she went through the USC judicial system last year and is upset about the way her specific case was handled.

She said the man who raped her did not receive a harsh punishment, such as expulsion.

"The young man had to go to counselors, had to do community service and had to write a paper," she said.

Maria said USC needs a new rape policy on campus because she does not want any others suffering the way she did.

Forum panelist Judith Stringer, who is a rape victim, said rape is a crime of hatred and anger and the person who commits the crime should be put behind bars.

"They should not be allowed to write a paper, they should not be allowed to go to therapy, that is

not what it's all about," Stringer said.

Pruitt said the university strongly encourages students to carry through with criminal charges and said the rape crisis system is lacking in only one area.

"Individuals do not have enough confidence in the system to report a rape," he said. "If they're not reported, we can't deal with them."

In Tuesday's forum, student leaders suggested using the University 101 class to educate students about sexual assault.

Other students suggested a mandatory orientation session about rape awareness for all students when they enter the university.

Student Body President Tom Young said he is going to take a pro-active approach to dealing with the matter and wants to review the judicial process.

One out of every four college women has been the victim of rape or attempted rape, according to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape.

The report also said one in every 12 college men admitted to committing acts that meet the legal definition of rape.



Virginia Marshall/The Gamecock

Public relations senior Sally Tibshirany and biology junior Faith Lawrence (not pictured) were chosen as USC's Outstanding Women of the Year, sponsored by the Women Students Association and Womens Student Services.

WSA gives 2 students award, scholarship

By ROCHELLE KILLINGBECK
Staff Writer

Faith Lawrence and Sally Tibshirany were named USC's Outstanding Women of the Year by the Women Students Association Tuesday night.

The scholarship selection committee, composed of faculty members and students, unanimously voted to honor the tie and awarded the scholarship to both applicants. Each recipient received a plaque and \$125.

Kim Boyd, WSA president, said the quality of the applicants was extremely high, and the decision was tough.

"The competition was intense, and Faith Lawrence and Sally Tibshirany should be proud of themselves for earning the scholarships," Boyd said.

Tibshirany, a public relations major, is a Delta Delta Delta sorority sister and a member of the Mortar Board National Honor Society. She also works for Lt. Gov. Nick Theodore.

"I've received so much from USC over the last four years, and to be recognized for that is a thrill for me," she said.

After graduating in May, Tibshirany plans to work in public relations or state government for a couple of years. She then would like to attend law school at USC.

Lawrence, a biology and pre-medicine junior, is active in stu-

dent government and the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society. She is also a biology research assistant.

Lawrence was unavailable for comment.

"The purpose of the Woman of the Year Scholarship is to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of women leaders on USC's campus," adviser Novella Fortner said.

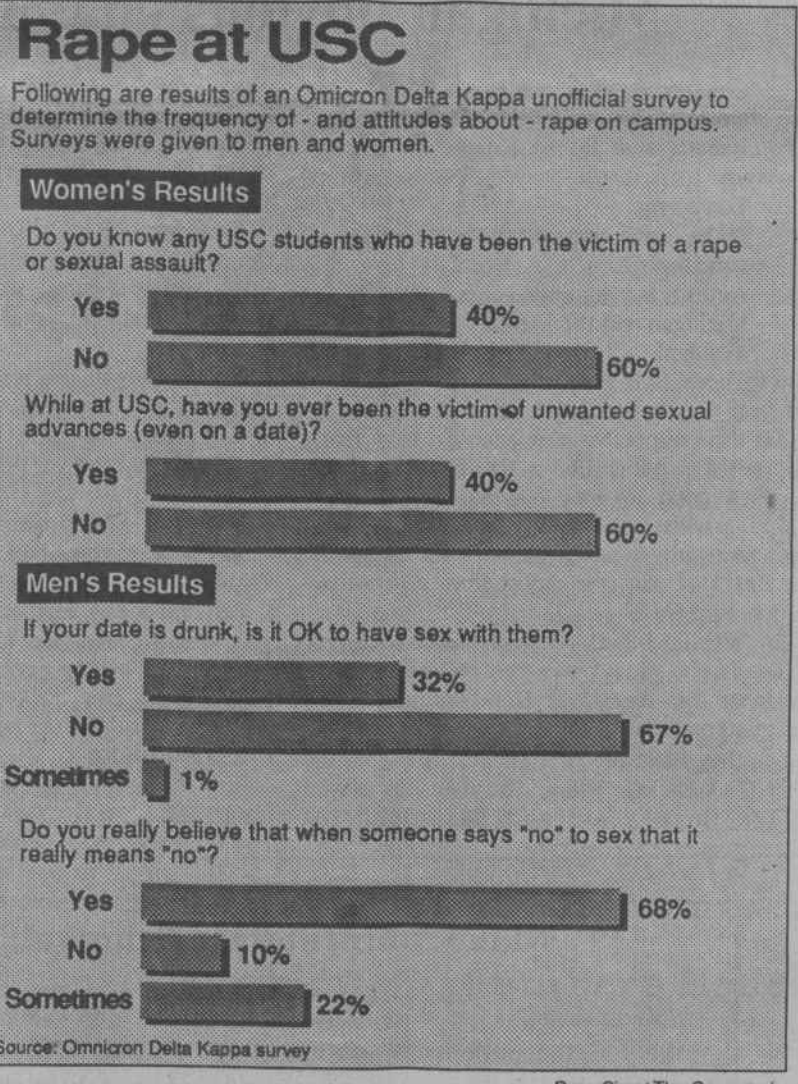
The 30 applicants were evaluated on their leadership, work experience and involvement in campus activities, community service, athletic activities, performing arts and campus media.

"The finalists had to reflect involvement in these areas. They had to reflect a well-rounded student," scholarship chairwoman Debra Williams said.

The seven finalists for the award were Lawrence, Tibshirany, Carol Beckett, Bonnie Drake, Debbie Drucker, Maeve O'Connor and Margaret Ann Weaver.

Members of WSA and faculty members were on the scholarship selection committee. They evaluated the applications by blind review, and the six applicants with the highest scores were selected as finalists.

To be eligible, the applicants must have earned at least 60 credit hours, have been enrolled at USC for at least one semester and maintained at least a 3.0 GPA.



Police arrest man for carrying handgun

By TIGE WATTS
Managing Editor

USC Police arrested a 39-year-old Columbia man for carrying a .32-caliber handgun near the Russell House late Wednesday afternoon.

Ricky Paul Hickman, of 404 West Lakeside Drive, was charged with "possession of a pistol by a convicted felon" and "carrying a firearm in a public building or areas adjacent there to," according to a police report.

Hickman, who was in hospital scrubs, was booked at Richland County Detention Center, where he was released at 11:09 a.m. Thursday, the report said.

Details were sketchy Thursday about Hickman's arrest, and any possible action

against him. However, Vice President of Law Enforcement and Safety Carl Stokes said, "Right now, I would say that there probably won't be any more action on our part, but I'm really not sure if anything further will develop."

Stokes also said USCPD's investigation did not delve into Hickman's reasons for having a gun on campus.

"He gave no particular reason, as I recall. Just the fact that he had it on campus was enough for us. We did not inquire as to why he had it," Stokes said.

But a witness to the incident said Hickman claimed somebody inside University Bookstore was threatening him.

"I saw the guy packing a gun under his shirt when he got out of his car. He said some guy was threatening him inside of the bookstore," Stacy Ruff, a political science major, said.

"When I saw him, I raced inside the student affairs office and told a custodial worker 'some guy's out there with a gun.'"

Ruff also said Hickman claimed the gun wasn't loaded. The police report did not indicate if the gun was loaded or not.

No one is sure why Hickman was on campus, but reports stated Hickman may have a relative who works at the bookstore.

"It seems like he had a relative up here," Stokes said.

"I don't exactly know why he was here, but I think he was picking up some friend or relative who worked there," Ruff said.

An employee at University Bookstore said a Nancy Hickman works at the store, but did not know if the two Hickmans were related.

Ms. Hickman refused to comment about the incident, and she also refused to say if she was related to Ricky Hickman.

A search warrant to inspect Hickman's car was also requested, according to police reports.

Senate sending thanks to Palms, P.E. Center

By JACK DUNN
Staff Writer

The Student Senate adopted a resolution expressing congratulations for USC President John Palms' first year in office.

However, Sen. Carl Maas expressed concern the resolution might be premature and said some

of his constituents were upset about the purchase of the Carolina Plaza Hotel.

Sen. Paul Elam, the bill's sponsor, gave his reasons for proposing the resolution.

"My reasoning is that the Senate session has just started, and we need to start off on the right foot,"

Elam said. "I think that Dr. Palms should be congratulated for stepping into the situation, and taking on the problems left by Holderman."

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

In other action, the senate passed two bills concerning the Sol

Blatt P.E. Center weight rooms.

The first resolution, sponsored by Sen. Todd Hudak and Sen. Paul Elam, expressed appreciation to Jerome Provence and Greg Conde for their efforts in extending the P.E. Center's weight room hours. The hours have changed from 12:15 to 2 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday to include the two hours between these times.

The second resolution, also sponsored by Hudak and Elam, thanked the Residence Hall Association, the Department of Student Life and the Blatt P.E. Center Administrators.