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Def Leppard Has New Album: After three years of hard work, Def Leppard has released a new album, *Adrenalize*.

"We'd never rush anything out," bassist Rick "Sav" Savage said. "We have to be 100 percent happy with the way a record sounds."

The death in 1991 of guitarist Steve Clark devastated the band. Clark's death was caused by an accidental combination of alcohol, anti-depressants and the painkillers he was taking after cracking three ribs in the fall.

Def Leppard got back on track in March 1991, with Phil Collen stepping into the breach to simulate the feel of the band's trademark twin-guitar attack.

Plans are underway for a world tour.

Which Elvis Stamp Will It Be? Forget about presidential politics. Don't even think about electing a new member of Congress. The vote that America has been waiting for has finally arrived.

Will it be Elvis the younger or Elvis the mature?

Starting Monday, Americans get to vote for the design of next year's Elvis Presley postage stamp. Ballots will be available at post offices and in the April 13th issue of *People* magazine. Ballots must be postmarked by April 24.

The winning design will be announced June 4 at Presley's Graceland Mansion in Memphis. The Elvis stamp will be issued in 1993 as part of a Legends of American Music series.

CORRECTION: In Friday's issue, it was incorrectly reported that the band Public Ayes would be playing at Greenstreet's in this past weekend. They will be playing this coming weekend.

Also in Friday's issue, Greg Criste's name was misspelled, and his partner, Dana Conner, was misidentified.

In the spring tabloid published March 30, it was incorrectly reported that tanning salons do not use ultraviolet rays and that they are less intense than sunlight. Ultraviolet rays used by tanning booths are more intense than sunlight. Also, employee Dawn Pruitt's name was incorrect.

The *Gamecock* regrets the errors.



Dr. LaVeta Small, surrounded by students, observes as her class presents their oral reports.

Professor seeks to help 'children at risk'

By KRIS HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

LaVeta Small has received three teaching awards in the past two years, but these are not her most important career achievements.

Small receives personal awards every day from the many youths she volunteers with throughout the week. Every Monday through Sunday, Small is on the go in Columbia working with children at risk — kids who do not have most of the advantages of the middle classes and who may be on their way to a troubled adulthood.

Small's work with a young girl, Nicole, from Columbia's Hendley Homes housing project, has been one of the professor's greatest success stories. Small began working with Nicole when the child was nine, and the girl was the home's worst discipline problem, Small said.

Small empowered the girl with leadership skills, and Nicole has made a complete turn-around in the past two years. Now she is a model citizen at the home and tries to make sure the other children stay in line.

"Empowering" is teaching children and adults what needs to be done, how to do it and giving them the opportunity to be successful. In Nicole's case, she was called "bad" by her peers and teachers

and didn't know how to be good.

Small showed the girl how to improve herself and gave her the opportunity to do it, something most people won't take the time to do, she said.

Small teaches more than 140 students every week and gives many lectures, but still finds time to work with these children at risk.

When kids learn they can make something happen, they feel better about themselves and become more successful adults, Small said.

Small carries these tactics into the classroom. "If you respect a student's viewpoints, they'll come to class knowing it and are more open. Ideas surface. They can disagree with me on politics and viewpoints as long as they can back themselves up," Small said.

"I challenge only those students who are intolerant of others," Small said.

Small began teaching at age 23. Then she worked as a teacher trainer and developed curriculum for the state of Illinois. She got her doctorate in educational psychology at Southern Illinois.

Small said she enjoys teaching because it allows time for research. "It is disappointing that we don't have better resources to work with," Small said.

As part of her curriculum, she

requires volunteer work from her students. "So much needs to be done. They see the work I do, and it ignites others to get involved," Small said.

Before starting her work at Hendley Homes and other housing projects, Small worked with public housing officials for five years in the Virgin Islands and in Washington, D.C.

This summer, Small will be working in Florence on a research project

sponsored by Berkeley University to develop an intervention program for alcohol abusers. She was the only researcher selected from South Carolina to work on the project.

Small also has traveled extensively in the United States, giving lectures and training seminars ab-

out subjects such as parenting skills classes for young unwed mothers and establishing community involvement programs with law enforcement agencies.

"I love what I do and thrive on work. I like making a difference in the lives of my students," Small said.

Professor Profile

Dr. LaVeta Small



Department	College of criminal justice
Degree	Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Southern Illinois University
Thoughts on teaching	"If you respect a student's viewpoints, they'll come to class knowing it and are more open, ideas surface, they can disagree with me on politics and viewpoints as long as they can back themselves up."
Upcoming project	Working in Florence on research project sponsored by Berkeley University

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