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but he was surprised to learn the department had no record of the intruder coming into Columbia Hall Monday night.

Lawrence Pathel, USC chief of Investigations and Administration, said the situation Monday did not warrant an incident report because there was no evidence at the time that a crime was committed. Rather, the police filled out a field interview card that said a man had entered Columbia Hall without an invitation.

"He was told at that time not to return within six months, or he would be charged with trespassing," Pathel said.

After Sanders' phone call Tuesday, officers were dispatched to Columbia Hall to file an incident report about the two stolen watches.

Pathel said he does not know if the man who entered the building Monday night actually committed the larceny, but the investigation is continuing.

"I'm looking at a few facts from the incident report," he said. "It's been assigned to an investigator, and I have not seen his report yet."

Since USC is a campus widely

open to the public, it is unrealistic for the USC Police Department to monitor everyone who has no distinct purpose here, Pathel said.

"We don't have signs with 'No Trespassing' all over the place," he said. "Our library, our Coliseum, our football stadium are all open to the public."

USC President John Palms agreed and said if the university tightens security and puts up "walls and fences around campus," students would complain.

Strengthening security measures in dorms would likely make students feel even more constrained, he said.

"Security is a joint responsibility of the students and the administration," Palms said. "And because we're so close to the city here, we need to be particularly vigilant."

Palms said students are mature enough to know how to regulate visitation in dorms. Security is best established through communication with students, he said.

"We're not overly burdensome on them as far as identification is concerned," Palms said.

But some Columbia Hall residents are still puzzled about

Monday night's incident because desk operators have diligently required all students to show identification before entering an elevator or stairwell.

"I've been living here three and a half years, and they still ask me for my key," Collins said. "This guy, who is definitely not a student, just walks up apparently."

"I was real concerned about the fact that with visitation you can't have anybody here for more than three days," Sanders said. "And they're so strict about safety, but they'll let somebody who looks like that come straight to the elevator and walk in our room."

But Konopke said Columbia Hall has a tradition of safety, and she does not want this incident to create false impressions of "one of the safest buildings on the campus," she said.

"I don't want people to think there's a security problem at Columbia Hall because there isn't," Konopke said. "We explained the seriousness of this to the desk operators. They feel very bad about this. I'm concerned about their welfare. I'm trying to help them through it."

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"This doesn't give them money," Holt said. "It doesn't legislate money. It merely opens the door for them to come in and ask for money. And it is ultimately up to the Finance Committee and the senate to decide whether or not they get the money."

Another part of the bill that has generated opposition is a change in the finance codes to read "Individual Social Fraternities".

Some opponents read the change to mean that individual fraternities and sororities will receive funding. However, the section of the codes being changed is a listing of groups ineligible to receive funding.

Sen. Marie Lovelace, chairwoman of the senate Finance Committee, said money will not directly support Greek organizations.

"In no way would any individual fraternity or sorority gain control of this funding," Lovelace said.

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criminating," Moore said. "How can they decide who has more spirit? There's no criteria that's obvious."

Haller said the selections were based on recommendations and people the organizers knew.

"We asked people we knew to make recommendations," Haller said. "Fifty percent of the people invited we knew; the others were from recommendations. We asked leaders in the Greek community, in the black community. In areas we were ignorant, we asked."

SGA Sen. Scott Williams said he understands the organizers' intentions, but their methods of selection are wrong.

"Something that should have been inclusive has turned into something exclusive," Williams said. "The core group they assembled was not an accurate cross-representation of the student body. If you have a group half SGA, half Greek, the group is then absent of vital members of the community they're trying to reach."

"Spirit is something everybody should have," he said. "You can't form exclusive cliques to promote something everybody should be exhibiting."

When McGee was asked how much support the Athletics Department was giving to Absolute Carolina, he declined to answer.

"I can just say we are going to be involved," he said. "It's still at the early stage. We're not sure as to all the programming that will be done, so we can't say other than to express our participation to some extent. Some areas have yet to be defined."

Haller said only the Athletics Department is providing funding. But Lovelace said both the Athletics Department and Student Life are backing the group.

In an interview three weeks ago, Brewer said his office was willing to provide assistance to the group, but it did not give any money to the group for the Oct. 27 meeting.

"There were no funds out of Student Affairs involved," he said. "I would say there is not any funding. You don't need any, you just need excitement."

On Thursday, Brewer said he approved a \$30 purchase order to Cromer's for the group's activities at Saturday's game against Clemson. His office also copied fliers for the group that were put in every residence hall room.

The group is now working with the Athletics Department and Student Life because it would not be able to reach its immediate goals in the student government structure, Solomon said.

"It was mainly the structure of it and time constraints," Solomon said. "They wanted the most bang for their buck."

He said the group needed to work with the Athletics Department so it could receive funds and use the athletics facilities.

Murky funding

SGA President Carl Solomon said the group received funding through the Athletics Department and Student Life. He emphasized that no student activity fees, which SGA handles, were given to the group.

"No activity fees were given to Absolute Carolina," Solomon said. "They are not a student organization. Granted, a lot of people here are in it. But they are also in Mortar Board and ODK. I don't think it should have been a student government issue as far as funding is concerned."

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