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Cloudy  
High 82  
Low 69

**THURSDAY**  
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**Tea time**

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**BRIEFS**

**Representative from Australia to speak about exchange**

A representative of the University of Newcastle in Australia will hold an informational meeting for those interested in taking part in an exchange program. The meeting is scheduled today at 11:30 a.m. in room 704 of the Byrnes Building. Call International Programs at 777-7461.

**Fear seminar held today**

The Academic Skills Program will host a Drop-In Seminar today from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Russell House room 303. The workshop will focus on conquering fear. To sign up, call 777-6688.

**Career Center to hold graduate school workshop today**

The USC Career Center will sponsor a workshop entitled "Is Graduate School for You?" from 3 to 5 p.m. today in Business Administration 801A. Contact the Career Center at 777-7280.

**Into the Streets to meet**

Into the Streets will meet at 7:30 p.m. today in Russell House room 205. Call 777-8402.

**National Depression Screening Day is Thursday**

The Counseling and Human Development Center will sponsor free depression screening Thursday. The screening is open to all students, faculty and staff. The free program will be held at 10 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the Counseling and Human Development Center's conference room located on the first floor at 900 Assembly St., suite 101.

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## O.J. found not guilty; media blitz to continue

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The verdict is in, and O.J. Simpson is acquitted of double murder charges.

Although the trial is over, the public certainly hasn't heard the end of it. The O.J. Simpson trial is a can of worms that has not only exposed two gruesome murders and the possible incrimination of a national sports hero, but has implicated sinister activities on the already-suspect Los Angeles police department.

Authorities, including the president, wince as they ponder possible reactions to the surprisingly swift decision. But another unlikely suspect still awaits judgment — the judgment of professor Eddith Dashiell of Ohio University. Her target? The media.

Dashiell is concerned that the media portrays African Americans as victims. In her presentation last Friday in the Carolina Coliseum, Dashiell explored how racism is exhibited by the broadcast media.

She began her inquiry by stating the typical television tendency to show "a brother, handcuffed, in an orange prison jumpsuit and flip flops." In an effort to systematically study media racism, she counted references to O.J. Simpson, Nicole Brown, the Simpson jurors, the LAPD and community groups as found in trial-coverage transcripts of three major networks.

Contrary to what might be expected, Dashiell counted only 10 racial references to O.J. Simpson. She said this could be because everyone knows he is black, because Simpson is a celebrity. The majority (21.9%) of statements about the trial referred to Simpson as a "football hero," "celebrity," "actor/ sportscaster," or, more interestingly, a "fallen hero."

So, O.J.'s celebrity status, not his race, is his salient characteristic. This led Dashiell to conclude that the media "sanitizes" African-American celebrities "as a TV commodity" — a theory seemingly affirmed by one network's reference to Simpson as an "honorary white man."

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Kelliah Spell, freshman

Perhaps Dashiell's study of racial bias in the media might be more revealing if limited to non-celebrity African Americans. However, her study affirms, along with Johnnie Cochran Jr.'s inflammatory closing remarks, that the trial is decidedly racially charged. Television frequently characterized the Simpson jury, the LAPD and other community groups in racial terms. And it is just these "other groups" — community groups actively interested in the trial — that may or may not react violently to the Simpson verdict.

Graduate student Ameena Kulaib was dis-

appointed at the rapid jury decision: "I knew he would be found innocent when the jury decided in a snap."

Communications graduate student Tara Hun stated, "I think it's sick. After the millions of dollars spent and all the evidence, that he was found not guilty is sickening."

Other students bemoaned the racial overtones of the trial. "If it was a black guy and a black woman, you'd never hear about it, but since it was a white woman, it was blown way out of proportion, and it will always be that way," freshman Kelliah Spell said.

"Race is a factor, but it shouldn't be," senior Sara Helterman said. "It doesn't matter if Mark Fuhrman is a racist, because O.J. is still guilty."

Business graduate student Anthony Dozier was bothered by media generalizations of "the black community." He said, "Have they gone down from door to door and asked these people their opinions? I don't think so."

**SIMPLY CAROLINA**



Sophomore Abby Brown, English sophomore Lae White and HRTA junior Brian Green work on building a float for the Homecoming Parade. The parade will begin at 3 p.m. at the corner of Park and Gervais streets. The Homecoming carnival will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today on the Russell House patio.

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## Jewish students celebrate new year

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The USC Jewish community is celebrating 10 days of reflection and introspection that comes to a conclusion today with the holiest day of the Jewish year, Yom Kippur.

The celebration began last Monday with Rosh Hashana, which is the New Year on the Jewish lunar calendar, the year 5756.

According to Carl Evans, chair of the Department of Religious Studies, the 10 days are supposed to be a time of self-examination in which people make improvements. It is also a time to mend fences with someone you may have wronged. It is characterized by fasting, confession and church.

The 10 days come to their climax today. Yom Kippur began Tuesday night and involves a time of fasting and asking for forgiveness.

"We don't eat, drink or put anything into our mouths for 27 hours," said Rabbi Phillip Silverstein of Beth Shalom Synagogue.

Silverstein said Jews throughout the world will be in synagogue all day Wednesday starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 8 p.m.

"See, we don't go to a priest in a cubicle. We make a public confession, all of us together. We spend the whole day confessing," Silverstein said.

"This day is a time for one to ask God for forgiveness for sins," Evans said. "The significance of the previous nine days is that one must be made amends with himself and others before he can ask

God for forgiveness."

Bernard Friedman, religious counselor and adviser for Hillel, the Jewish student organization, said on-campus services aren't held because the Jewish community welcomes students into its various synagogues in Columbia and the surrounding areas. There are approximately 138 listed Jewish students on campus, but Friedman estimates that there may be as many as 400.

"There's really no reason to have services here, when the people in the Jewish community welcome students as guests to their services," Friedman said.

For the Jewish community, Yom Kippur is a time to start over.

"We're allowed to come together to ask God to forgive the sins we've committed and start over with a clean slate," Friedman said.

"It is a time for fasting and going to the synagogue," said Beverly Wilson, president of Hillel.

"The holiday lasts from sundown on Tuesday to sundown on Wednesday," Wilson said. "On Wednesday at about sundown, Hillel will be sponsoring a breakfast in the Russell House to signify the end of Yom Kippur."

Wilson also commented on recent talk that some professors are giving students unexcused absences for missing this day.

"No one I know is having that problem," she said. "I think if people would go about it the right way, they would not have a problem."

"A lot of Jewish students don't even miss class on these days," she said.

**Monday, Oct. 2**

**Larceny of wallet,** McMaster College. Victim reported that unknown persons removed the wallet from an unsecured location. Estimated loss: \$41.

**Larceny of decal,** S-12 Lot. Two different victims reported that unknown persons had removed the USC parking decals from their respective vehicles. Estimated loss in each case: \$1.

**Sunday October 1**

**Malicious injury to real property,** Capstone. Victim reported that unknown persons apparently fired a BB gun into her window from outside. Estimated damage: \$200.

**Malicious injury to real property,** USC Faculty House. Victim reported that unknown persons fired a paintball into the wall of the building, apparently from the third floor of Maxcy. Estimated damage: \$50.

**Friday September 29**

**Larceny of household goods,** Capstone Lobby. Victim reported that

unknown persons removed a coffee table, an end table, and a chair from the premises. Estimated loss: \$300.

**Larceny of purse,** Thomas Cooper Library. Victim reported that unknown persons removed her purse from an unsecured pushcart. Purse was recovered, estimated loss \$10.

**Autobreaking, grand larceny golf clubs,** Blossom Garage. Victim reported that unknown persons entered his secured vehicle. There were no signs of forced entry. Suspect removed golf clubs and a CD changer from victim's trunk. Estimated Loss: \$1,785

**Attempted larceny auto parts,** Blossom Garage. Victim reported that unknown persons pried open the vehicle's passenger door and attempted unsuccessfully to remove the car radio. Estimated damage: \$525

**Trespassing after notice,** USC Law Center. Officers noticed suspect looking into building windows at a late hour. Suspect was stopped, ID'd, arrested and booked.

**Thursday, Sept. 28**

**Larceny,** 2 counts, Burglary 3rd, B.A. Building. Victim observed male enter an unsecured room. Later, victim noticed that her sunglasses were missing from the room. A police officer then located and detained the suspect on Greene Street. Suspect was searched by consent and a clock was found in his bookbag, and he was wearing the stolen sunglasses. Suspect was positively identified by the victim and the clock was confirmed as having been stolen from the same room. Suspect confessed and was taken into custody.

**Larceny of purse,** Coker Life Sciences. Victim reported that unknown persons removed her purse from an unsecured location. Estimated loss: \$137.



**CRIME REPORT**

**Larceny of money,** USC Law School. Victim reported that unknown persons entered an unsecured office and pried open the desk drawer; \$25 in cash was taken, and there was \$5 damage to the desk.

**Larceny of wallet,** B.A. Computer Lab. Victim reported that unknown persons removed the wallet from an unsecured location. Estimated loss: \$195.

**Larceny of wallet,** Partial Recovery, Gambrell. Victim reported that unknown persons removed the wallet from an unsecured location. The wallet was later recovered in a trash can, missing some cash and credit cards. Estimated loss: \$10.

**Wednesday Sept. 27**

**Larceny of a wallet,** Computer Lab, Byrnes Center. Victim reported that a male was suspected to have removed the wallet from an unsecured location. Estimated value: \$50.

**Larceny of a wallet,** B.A. Building. Victim reported that unknown persons removed her wallet from an un-

secured location. Multiple credit cards were taken. Estimated loss: \$85.

**Larceny of a printer,** Douglas. Victim reported that unknown persons removed a computer printer and a room key from an unsecured room. Estimated \$201.

**Tuesday Sept. 26**

**Larceny of a bookbag,** Humanities Office Building. Victim reported that unknown persons removed her bookbag from an unsecured office. Bookbag was later recovered, missing \$9 in cash.

**Larceny of bicycle,** Gibbs Green bicycle rack. Victim reported that unknown persons removed the secured bicycle and its lock. Estimated Loss: \$170.

**Larceny of money from a vending machine and malicious injury to personal property,** Coliseum second level snack room. Victim reported that unknown persons pried open the coffee machine and removed \$100 in cash. There was \$500 worth of damage to the machine.

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