

Briefs

Debate team grabs national spotlight

USC's 1997-98 debate team is ranked as one of the top 16 debate teams in the country. Team members contributing to the success are senior Lane McFadden of Rock Hill and junior Corey Rose from Charlotte.

School of public health offers programs for youth

The department of exercise science at the University of South Carolina School of Public Health will offer the nationally recognized Goodbodies Program July 7-24 for youth ages 7-12. The program is designed to teach young people the importance of maintaining a good diet and proper exercising.

Grant helps fund annual fall festival

The University of South Carolina's McKissick Museum has received a grant of \$3,000 from the South Carolina Arts Commission. The grant money will be used to help underwrite McKissick's third annual Fall Folklife Festival, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27.

Library offers public tours

The Thomas Cooper Library will hold combined tours of the library building and the computer network during the first week of Summer Session II.

Tours last approximately one hour and give a general overview of the library as well as an opportunity for participants to ask questions about specific research resources.

Sign-up is not required. Those interested in participating in these tours are asked to meet at the entrance of Thomas Cooper Library on one of the following dates: Tuesday, July 8 at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 9 at 2 p.m., and Thursday, July 10 at 4 p.m.

CRIME REPORT

Dwayne McLemore

July 1

• **Armed robbery, partial recovery**, southwest area of Horseshoe. Victim stated unknown male approached him and threatened him with a sawed-off shotgun, demanding the victim give him his wallet. Victim also stated suspect was highly intoxicated, and after suspect took the wallet, he fled the area. Victim stated he did not see the sawed-off shotgun. Items stolen were the wallet and \$2. The wallet was recovered.

• **Assistance rendered**, Park and Blossom streets. Complainant called and stated there was a male on the ground at above location. Upon arrival, officer observed victim lying on the ground. Victim stated that while using a tool on the utility poles the tool broke, and he fell backward, hitting his head on the ground. Richland EMS was notified, and the victim was transported to the Baptist ER for exam.

• **Driving under suspension, driving left of center, providing false information to a police officer**,

Sumter and Pendleton streets. Officer witnessed suspect drive left of center going north on Sumter Street. Officer initiated a traffic stop at Sumter and Gervais streets. Subject was asked for a driver's license, but could not produce one. Subject gave officer a name and a date of birth. Subject's info came back as no match to a driver's license. Subject was arrested. Search revealed an S.C. identification card with suspect's name, which did not match the name given by the suspect. A DMV search revealed the subject was driving under suspension.

June 30

• **Bomb threat**, Carolina Gardens. Victim received a telephone call saying there was a bomb in their apartment, and they should get all their neighbors and leave the building. Victim notified CPD, who in turn notified CFD and USCPD. A check of the exterior and hallways met with negative results. A check of their apartment also met with negative results. Victim stated he heard both a male and female voice on the phone, and the caller was described as young with no accent.

June 29

• **Disorderly conduct**, Greene Street.

Officer approached subject laying down in the grass at 1500 Greene Street. After a short conversation, officer deemed subject to be highly intoxicated with a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about the person. Subject was arrested and was uncooperative and wouldn't provide any information.

June 28

• **Assistance rendered**, Carolina Coliseum. Victim complained of chest pains, shortness of breath and nausea while attending a convention at incident location. Richland County EMS was notified and transported the victim to Richland Memorial.

June 27

• **Driving under suspension**, Catawba and Assembly streets. Officer observed subject stopped at Assembly and Catawba streets. Subject pulled out in front of officer's vehicle, nearly causing a wreck. Officer initiated a vehicle stop. Upon investigation, officer discovered subject's driver's license had been suspended. Subject was arrested.

• **Larceny of bookbag**, B.A. Building. Victim stated person(s) unknown removed below listed items from incident location, which was unsecured. Property

stolen: one Eddie Bauer bookbag, one calculator, one electronic organizer and one SPSS Manual, with an estimated loss of \$245.

• **Larceny of printer**, B.A. Building. Complainant stated that person(s) unknown removed one HP Laserjet printer, in its box, from incident location. Estimated loss was \$1,286.

• **Larceny of wallet and money**, Carolina Plaza. Victim stated that person(s) unknown removed his wallet from incident location, which was unsecured. Subject interviewed indicated the previously listed stolen property had been left in a women's restroom in the trashcan. Officers responded to the specific restroom and found the wallet. Subject was arrested, and confessed to the incident and others.

June 22

• **Accidental damage**, Gadsden and College streets. Complainant stated while driving a USC forklift with cinderblocks on the tines, he was required to stop quickly due to oncoming traffic. The stop caused five to 10 cinderblocks to fall of the tines and land on victim's vehicle, causing damage to left, front side of vehicle.

Science complex funded by national grant

STAFF REPORTS

The U.S. Department of Defense, through its Office of Naval Research, has awarded USC a \$9.3 million federal grant to expand the science complex.

The grant, awarded through a proposal submitted in competition with other schools from around the nation, will be used to conduct research in biological, chemical, physical and mathematical sciences and medicine.

Money will also be used to build a new graduate science research center.

The new complex will be built adjacent to the physical science center currently in use.

The building, under construction

now, will be five stories high with a basement, covering 158,060 square feet of total space.

The new building will not be used for classroom space, but it will indirectly allow for better classroom facilities by allowing the use of other buildings. In addition to the federal money being used for the project, \$21 million in institutional bonds and \$10 million from South Carolina will be used.

Much of the money will be spent on up-to-date scientific laboratory safety equipment, including ventilation systems to replace the older ones.

USC is currently ranked 92nd in the nation among science research schools, the top-ranked schools being

Johns Hopkins, the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Washington, MIT and Texas A&M University.

This is the largest grant received by the University for scientific purposes thus far.

"The award of this grant reflects the increasing credibility of the University of South Carolina on the national level and what we are trying to accomplish for our institution and state," USC President John M. Palms said. "It recognizes that we have the faculty and the facilities to participate in the type of cutting-edge research that is critical to the future of our country."

The funds, which fall under the broad research category "Combat Readiness," will include study in the rapid detection of lead and other metals on surfaces, a biomaterial that will expedite bone healing, bone marrow transplants and a process for rapidly identifying high-risk disease-carrying mosquito species, as well as work in the fields of mathematical and computational sciences.

External awards for USC research have increased 350 percent (to approximately \$80 million a year) in the last 15 years.

Staff writer Brad Huncher contributed to this story.

Trustees vote to up tuition, health and activity fees for fall

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said. "Without this tuition increase, we could not continue the remarkable momentum and recent quality strides we have made at Carolina under the leadership of President John Palms."

State appropriations provide less than 40 percent of USC-Columbia's \$375.7 million 1997-98 budget. Over the past five years, the university has focused on its most important academic

priorities, including the recent shift of \$16 million from administration to academics, and administrative cost-saving measures of approximately \$3 million.

"As you know, over the past five years, various audits have commended the way in which we are managing our resources," Palms said. "Our ability to make progress toward our goals of excellence, despite growing expenses

on one hand and persistent underfunding on the other, reflects our shared commitment to careful planning on all of our campuses. This budget, including this small tuition increase, will sustain our operations and programs without damaging their quality."

A 6 percent increase is planned for students attending the USC School of Law. Students from South Carolina attending USC's School of Medicine

will see a 6 percent tuition increase and non-resident medical students will see a 10 percent hike.

Tuition increases at other USC campuses include the four-year campuses at Aiken and Spartanburg (6.1 percent), and the two-year campuses at Beaufort, Allendale, Sumter and Union (2.6 percent).

The 1997-98 budget will become effective at the beginning of the state

government's fiscal year July 1.

The University of South Carolina is the state's oldest and largest public university with an enrollment of 38,000 students at eight regional campuses.

Some 26,000 students attend classes on the Columbia campus. Of those, 16,000 are pursuing undergraduate baccalaureate degrees, and 10,000 are enrolled in various graduate schools at the master's and doctorate levels.