

Strong security necessary to keep thieves away

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"We try to work with police and the students as far as making ourselves available and also helping in contacting the bookstores to try and recover some of the stolen items," Hamby said.

Both Hamby and Pathel said book theft is a problem because students simply do not secure their belongings.

"Part of the problem is students feel too safe in their environment," Hamby said.

The Department of Housing declared September "Safety Month" and handed out many fliers on the importance of securing belongings and locking doors.

Continuing with this theme, Hamby said Douglas residence hall is planning a program in which the residence

advisors will go around the halls and check for open and unlocked doors.

The advisor will then slip a piece of paper under the door that reads something like, "I could have been a thief." The advisors may even close doors that are found open.

Another suggestion Hamby had was for students to talk to their parents about getting renter's insurance to protect the items in their dorm room, or for students to have their parents

check if belongings in a dorm room are covered under their home owner's insurance policy.

"Most of these thieves are not professional thieves," Pathel said. "They are taking advantage of an opportunity. That opportunity is an open door and something that can be traded pretty quickly. If the door is closed or locked, they will move on."

Impact sought as key goal of joint SG gathering

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Palms and Columbia Mayor Bob Coble and campus organizations participate.

As President of the Senate, Dickerson also spoke on its behalf. The senators are planning to place bulletin boards in all of the colleges with pictures of the senators and minutes from

the senate meetings in an effort to communicate with the student body.

"This will create a lasting impression from this year's senate," Dickerson said.

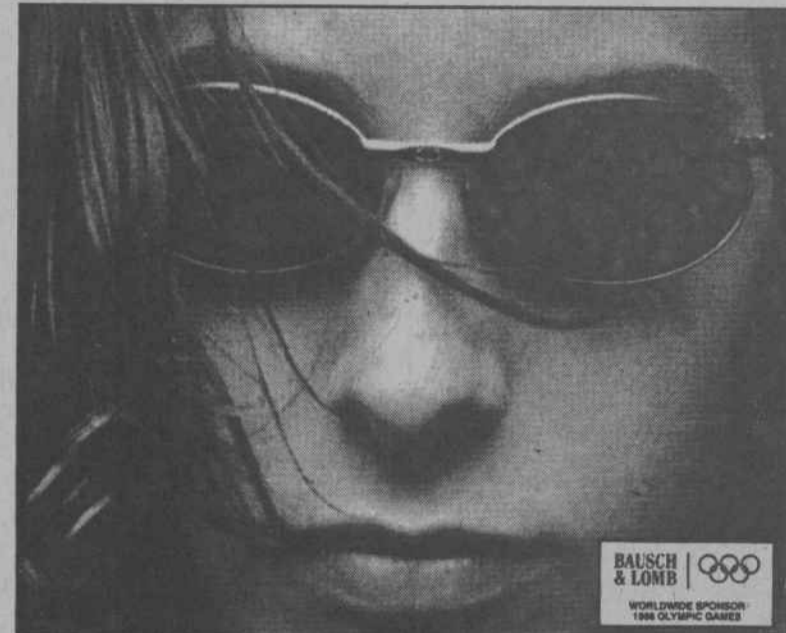
The senate recently passed a resolution requiring all senators to attend one multicultural event per semester and the student services committee has been developing plans for a safe-

ride program to prevent drunk driving at USC, according to Dickerson.

Treasurer Susanne Newman also spoke at the meeting. She told the group she is in the process of overhauling the finance system and is working with senators on a bill to hold the graduate schools to the same standards as other campus organizations receiving student activity fees.

When asked about organizations who recently had fee allocations revoked, Newman said she believed the policy should be changed, but those organizations did not follow the guidelines and should re-apply in the spring.

"We tried to make contact and let them know what would happen, but there was no response," Newman said.



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Sept. 21

Larceny of CD Player, Blossom Street Garage. Victim stated that unknown person(s) broke out passenger side window and removed CD player and 80 CDs. Estimated Value: \$1,650.

Simple Assault, Columbia Hall Parking Lot. Victim stated that while standing outside Columbia Hall, unknown person(s) threw a wet toilet tissue roll from a window, striking victim in the buttocks.

Sept. 22

Illegal Use of Telephone, Woodrow Hall. Victim stated that suspect called her several times asking for victim by name and then not saying anything. Victim believes the calls are being made on campus.

Sept. 23

Simple Possession of Marijuana, Roost Dormitory. Complainant notified USCPD of loud party. When responding officers arrived party had bro-

ken up, but bong with strong odor of marijuana was seen on table. Subject No. 1 admitted ownership and consented to a room search. Search produced small bag of leafy green substance and two pipes. Subject No. 2 stated that the bag belonged to him. Both were arrested and transported to Richland County Detention Center.

Larceny of Frozen Foods, Roost Cafeteria. Complainant reported food missing from kitchen freezer. Estimated value: \$400.

Sept. 24

Disorderly Conduct, Simple Possession of Marijuana, McBryde Guard Post. Complainant notified that she needed help with individual at McBryde. Responding officer discovered subject attempting to use Guard Post telephone.

Subject was intoxicated and argumentative. Subject stated he was calling his father in Augusta and was going to wait there until he arrived.

Subject was placed under arrest. Search of person produced 3.6 grams of marijuana.

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