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Eastover male arrested in USC rape case

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A male suspect from Eastover was arrested Saturday afternoon in connection with the sexual assault and abduction of a USC freshman early Friday morning.

The 19-year-old suspect was arrested when an individual identified the victim's stolen car and called the authorities, according to Richland County Sheriff's Department spokesman Joe Pellicci.

The suspect was denied bail at a hearing Sunday.

The 18-year-old victim was attacked after she parked near the tennis courts on the corner of Blossom and Pickens streets at about 2 a.m. Friday, according to USC spokesman Jason Snyder.

According to Snyder, the victim tried to get

out of her car, but was allegedly pushed back inside by the suspect, who then told the victim to drive to the Hopkins area, near Eastover, where the sexual assault took place.

The suspect then took the car, leaving the victim at the scene, where she sought help from area residents, Snyder said.

No weapon was used, according to the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

The suspect is wanted in connection with at least 14 other crimes, including criminal sexual conduct and grand larceny, according to the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

The suspect was also on probation for possession of crack cocaine and unlawful use of a vehicle, according to the department.

Director of Student Life Jerry Brewer said a combined effort has begun on campus to prevent any further criminal activity.

"We're posting information in residence halls, giving updates verbally to hall staff and resident advisers, and encouraging people to use sense and caution," Brewer said.

Brewer said a meeting has been scheduled with the major student organizations "to get information out there."

"We want to hear from everybody," he said.

Brewer is also encouraging cooperation between the USC community and law enforcement agencies.

"It's time to remind ourselves to work with police and others for safety," he said.

Brewer maintained that USC is statistically a

safe place and that every case is taken very seriously.

He added that the University Police Department has stepped up its efforts to prevent crime.

Director of Law Enforcement and Safety Ernie Ellis said USCPD is "taking certain steps to enhance the safety for faculty, staff, students and visitors."

Law enforcement officers will have "increased visibility," he said.

Ellis added that students shouldn't be worried if a uniformed officer isn't in sight.

"Just because [people] don't see a uniform, that doesn't mean there's no officer in the area," he said.

"We employ different techniques to identify and arrest criminals," he said.

There's a "visible [police] presence" in the area and on campus, Ellis said.

The USCPD is also working to improve safety measures, such as lighting and the placement and number of call boxes.

Ellis said that for safety reasons, the parking garages' gates are raised between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., and students can park during those hours without fear of penalty.

He emphasized that the USCPD has a full-time officer dedicated to crime prevention and community relations. Sgt. Henry Garbade can be reached at 777-0855.

Campus Cleanup to start at USC

BY KELLY HAGGERTY
STAFF WRITER

A new event called Carolina Campus Cleanup will kick off Homecoming Week on Friday.

Inter-Fraternity Council President Taylor Jones is organizing the event to get the USC community together and involved in one project. Jones said that other colleges, including Clemson, have had a program like this for years.

"We're going to do something important for campus. It's an improvement process. Finally, we are going to give back to the campus," Jones said.

The event will begin when participants meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday in front of the Russell House and will last a couple of hours, Jones said.

Working with Jerome Provence at the Office of Facilities Management, Jones decided to divide the campus into five areas that need attention. These include areas around dumpsters, parking garages, residence halls and possibly the reflection pool in front of the library.

Participants will mostly pick up litter, but they will also weed flowerbeds, dispose of cigarette butts and take fliers down from telephone poles.

Jones wants students to clean up campus before alumni arrive for Homecoming.

Tracy Bonds, who works on the Homecoming Commission, agreed with Jones.

"The event works out real well. For us to be able to put it at the beginning of the week is great," Bonds said.

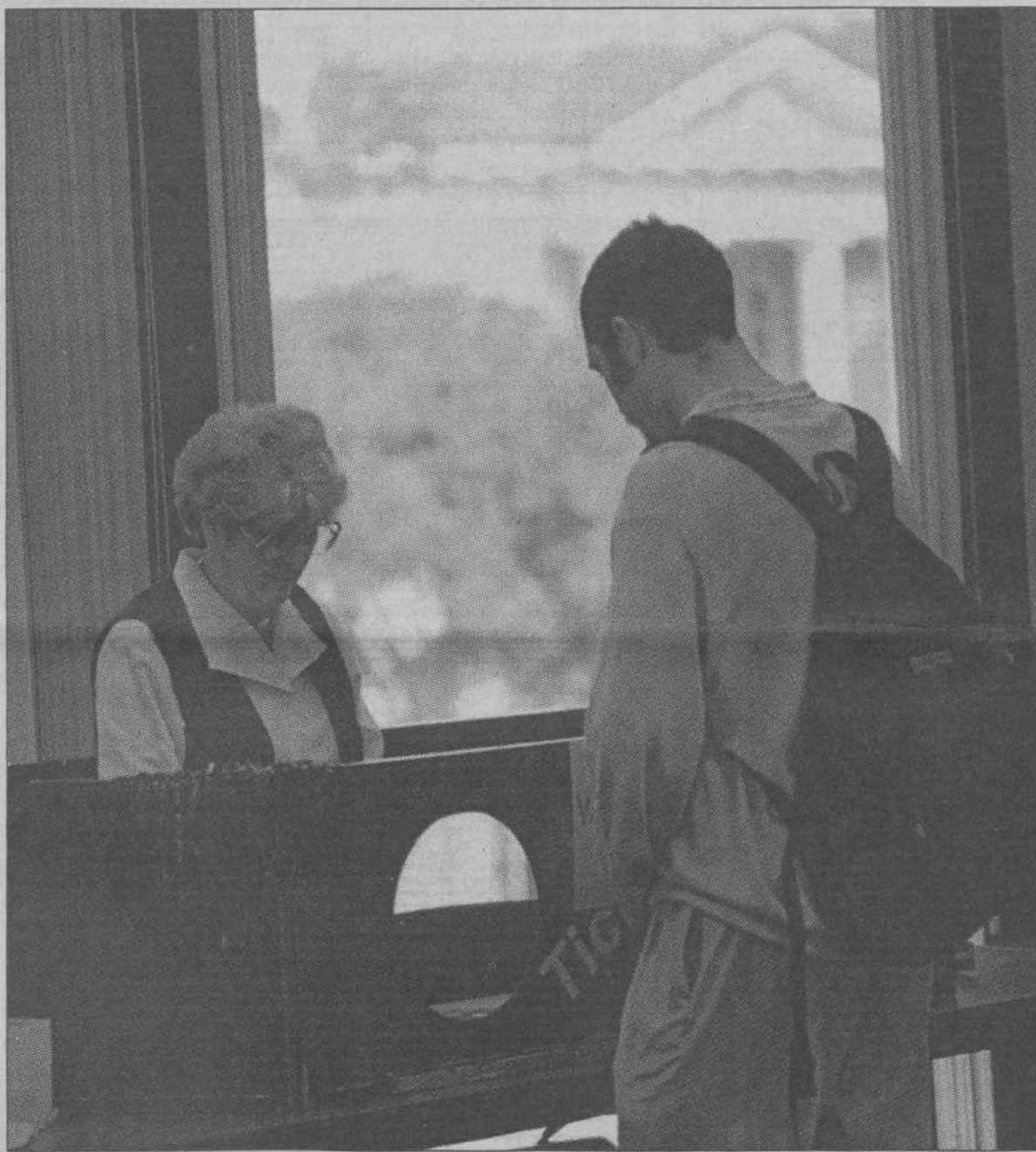
Students will join an array of organizations that are helping to sponsor the event including Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, the Sorority and Fraternity councils, Carolina Productions, Omicron Delta Kappa, Mortar Board, Alumni Association, Student Government and The Gamecock.

ODK President Carrie England said ODK members were enthusiastic about participating. They'll be beautifying the ODK Sundial Garden outside Currell College.

"Because practically everyone on campus is involved, there is going to be an edge to get out there and do the best cleaning while having fun," J.J. England said.

Attorney General Chris Dorsel also emphasized the importance of having fun. He helped organize the event with Jones and used his positions with SG and as president of Mortar Board to get those groups involved.

LEFTOVERS Almost 1,000 student tickets weren't picked up



A lone student picks up football tickets at the Russell House during ticket distribution. The football team had its worst attendance of the season Saturday against Kentucky.

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Music moguls come to media arts classes

BY BROCK VERGAKIS
NEWS EDITOR

Students taking Music Management 490 are being introduced to some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry.

Rusty Harmon, the manager of Hootie and the Blowfish, is teaching the class, and he's using his connections to bring in an impressive list of guest lecturers.

At the last class meeting, record producer Don Gehman and Hootie drummer Jim "Soni" Sonefeld were guests.

Gehman has produced such artists as John Mellencamp, Hootie and the Blowfish, Tracy Chapman, Bruce Hornsby and R.E.M.

Media arts chairwoman Sandra Wertz said Harmon is teaching the class as part of the media arts department's celebration of moving into McMaster College this semester.

The program was previously housed in the Coliseum.

Gehman and Sonefeld talked with students about the role of a producer in making an album and what the producer's responsibilities are.

"The producer's job is to get that [magic] out of you. To go from playing drunk at night to playing sober at 9 in the morning in front of a bunch of suits behind the glass [in the recording studio]," Sonefeld said.

"It's a lot different with no beer, no jaegermeister, just one guy [the producer] behind the glass."

Gehman said that oftentimes, a producer will have to tell recently signed band members that their songs have to be cut.

He said that most songs are initially long because bands are used to having to

put on two-hour shows at bars from 12 to 2 a.m.

"We cut 'Hold My Hand' from 5:15 to 3:35 for the album," Gehman said. Having songs a certain length is part of what Gehman said is a formula. "Ninety percent of music on the radio is a sort of formula," he said.

Harmon played music from such bands as Tom Petty and Santana featuring Rob Thomas to illustrate what the formula is. "Get to the chorus before you bore us. If you don't get to the chorus before one minute comes up, you'll bore us," Gehman said.

Sonefeld drew a time line that he said most successful pop/rock bands use when deciding where the verse, chorus and bridge go in a song. "It took me nine years to figure all that stuff out, and you guys just learned it in a few minutes," Harmon said.

Gehman said he doesn't lecture at schools often but does so whenever he can.

"I've done stuff with UCLA and the Grammy people before. Whenever people ask, it's kind of important to give something back," he said.

In addition to bringing in Gehman and members of Hootie and the Blowfish, he has already had such guest lecturers as Doc McGhee, manager of Kiss.

Also listed on the class syllabus are Pat Magarella, the manager of the Goo Goo Dolls and Green Day, and Evan Lamberg, senior vice president of EMI Music Publishing.

Wertz said the class has been so popular that they've had to limit enrollment to media arts majors. "We can't market it [the class] because we've got too many now," Gertz said.

Football attendance lowest of season

BY BROCK VERGAKIS
NEWS EDITOR

Attendance at Saturday's football game against the University of Kentucky was the worst this season for a USC home game, according to figures released by the athletics department.

According to the figures, nearly 10,000 fewer fans were present for Saturday's game than at the season opener against East Carolina, and at the Mississippi game.

The announced attendance at the game was 73,500; however, these figures include event and concession workers, as well as those in the press box.

The stated capacity for Williams-Brice Stadium is 80,250. But by including event staff attendance, figures can exceed capacity as they did at the ECU and Ole Miss games this year.

Associate Athletics Director of Ticket Operations Chris Massaro said fall break was part of the reason for low student turnout.

"Absolutely, our students have been terrific, but I know a number of students who decided to stay home with the long break," he said.

Other fans decided to go to the State Fair instead. Charlotte resident Michael Moore said he normally goes to all the home games but decided to go to the fair Saturday since the team is doing so poorly.

"It really wasn't a tough decision. I'm tired of seeing them lose all the time. At least if I go to the fair I know I'll come away happy," Moore said.

Gamecock wide receiver Jermale Kelly said it was frustrating to see all the empty seats Saturday.

"It's very disappointing ... I believe the fair is keeping a lot of people away," Kelly said.

Helping boost Saturday's attendance was a strong showing of Kentucky fans. However, USC's next home opponent is Vanderbilt, and its fans have already returned 2,000 of their allotted tickets.

Massaro said that Athletics Director Mike McGee is responsible for scheduling the games, but that he's given little leeway with SEC games.

Head coach Lou Holtz said he had more important things to worry about than Saturday's attendance.

"Dr. McGee is far more intelligent about that [scheduling games] than I am. I've got far more problems dealing with quarterback center exchange," Holtz said.

Business sophomore Matt Jenkins said he thought it was a bad idea to schedule a home game the same weekend as fall break and the



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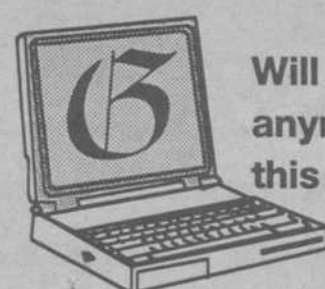
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