

UNIVERSITY CRIME REPORT

Compiled by CHARLES PRASHAW

Thursday, September 28

• **Assault and battery**, room 1303 Bates West. A female resident of Bates West reported to police that two males, Darien Harris, 20, and Randy Cavern, 19, were fighting in her room. When the reporting officer arrived, the fight was already over and the two suspects were still there. After interview, both parties said neither man wanted to press charges against the other and neither wanted medical attention. The officer stated in his report that neither man had any visible signs of injury.

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• **Attempted Suicide**, Bates House. A unidentified 18-year-old white male resident of Bates House called USCPD and said he had just taken 75 Tylenol pills in an attempt to kill himself. The dispatch officer followed procedure and kept the man on the phone until they could get police and paramedics to the resident. The man told the dispatcher that he was having problems with his girlfriend and this was the first time in his life that he ever tried to commit suicide. An USCPD officer was first on the scene and found two large, empty bottles of Tylenol. Soon after the officer's arrival, Richland County EMS arrived. The man was transported to the emergency room. The report didn't state the condition of the man when he arrived at the hospital.

• **Larceny of VCR**, LeConte rooms 303B and 401. USC employee

Steven O'Dell reported to police that two VCRs were missing from the rooms. The report stated O'Dell believed someone stole the two VCRs, both of which were black Zenith models. The report didn't state whether the two stolen VCRs were related to a string of stolen items of USC classrooms. The estimated value of the VCRs is \$160.

• **Assistance Rendered**, 612 Gadsden St. 80-year-old Calton Hancock flagged down USC officer C. J. Caro and complained he was suffering from dizziness. The officer immediately called Columbia EMS, and Hancock was transported to the emergency room at Baptist Medical Hospital.

COLUMBIA CRIME REPORT

Compiled by LINDSEY MARSHALL

Wednesday, September 27

• **Simple assault, disorderly conduct**, 1800 Blanding St., 2 a.m. Mark Meetze reported the subject caused a disturbance in the incident location that disrupted normal operation. During the disturbance, the subject assaulted Meetze. Meetze works at the incident location as a bouncer.

• **Criminal domestic violence**, 1120 South Kilbourne Road. Kristen Wise stated that while involved in a verbal altercation with the subject, the subject began to choke her and strike her in the face with an open hand. Wise reported she had been living with the subject for two years.

• **Loitering for prostitution**, 1200 Oak St., 12:45 a.m. Responding Officer Melron Kelly observed Aaron A. Brown engaged in sexual activity. Upon field interview, Brown

advised Kelly that Brown had picked up an unknown black female on Heidt Street for the purposes of prostitution. The suspect and the unknown female were advised to leave area by the reporting officer. About 30 minutes later, Kelly observed Brown with a prostitute four blocks from the earlier location. Subsequently, Brown was arrested and jailed.

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• **Missing person**, 3501 Heathwood Road, 2:30 p.m. William R. Weston stated the victim left the incident location to purchase gasoline for his vehicle. Weston stated the victim has failed to return to the incident location and that this is unusual behavior for the victim. Weston reported the victim had no known physical or mental ailments, nor did he have any medication to be taken on a regular basis. The victim was driving a 1995 black Jeep Cherokee with paper tags from Hancock Buick.

• **Open door**, 901 Harden St., Hardee's, 2:30 a.m. Officer Joseph P. Edwards was responding to an alarm at the incident location. Upon checking the business, it was discovered that, when pulled, the front door of the business would come open and entry to the business could be gained. Edwards required that the key holder respond to the business. Officers at the scene entered the Hardee's, only to discover no one was inside.

USC

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has is to tell students what the University is doing about a threatening storm within 48 hours of taking action.

"We like to give students as much information as soon as we can about what is going on during a storm," Snyder said.

"We have students who drive as long as an hour to class, so these students need the information quickly so they know not to come to class when it is dangerous for them to drive," Snyder said.

The emergency management committee also prepares the University in other ways.

The committee sets up housing for College of Charleston and Coastal Carolina students who evacuate.

However, the University hasn't housed a significant number of other students from coastal colleges since Hurricane Hugo in 1989, Snyder said.

Most college students went to Clemson University and Converse Col-

lege during Floyd, he said.

The University will take the highest number of students possible from other colleges to shelter them from the storm, Snyder said.

USC is prepared to put some students up for the night in the P.E. Center, he said.

As for evacuating USC students, the University tries to encourage students who live to the north and the northeast of Columbia to go back to their hometowns in case the university has to take in students from other colleges.

But Luna, whose job during a hurricane is to get housing staff and RAs prepared for the storm, said he would prefer students stay on campus instead of trying to drive home during a hurricane.

"We try to make the university as prepared as possible when an emergency happens," he said.

In most cases, USC immediately puts on its Web page updated information about extreme weather, and whether classes are canceled.

Luna said he tries to give as much information to RAs and the

TV channel WHRA so they can inform students.

According to Brewer, during Floyd, housing decided to allow no one, not even residents more than 21 years old, to bring alcohol into the dorms.

Housing limited some dorm visitations during the storm.

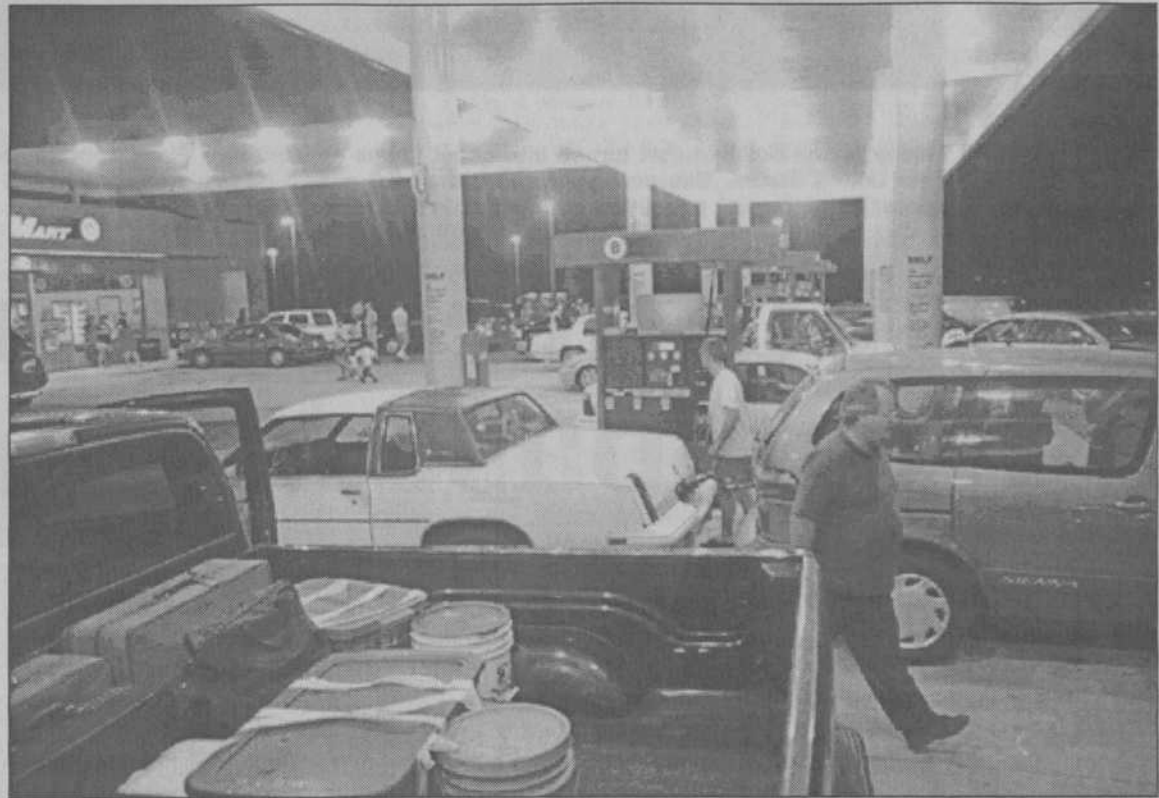
"The police have enough to do during a storm than worry about people having big social gatherings," Brewer said.

Also, the committee decides what to do about USC property such as trash can lids, outside tables and chairs that might be damaged during the storm.

"We try to secure as much property as possible depending on the situation and the time we have before a storm," Snyder said.

The committee decides what to do about graduate and science buildings that house dangerous chemicals and equipment that might cause explosion and fires if damaged by high winds.

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Sean Rayford THE GAMECOCK

Motorists wait in long lines for gas at the I-95 in Goose Creek S.C. during Hurricane Floyd.

Poor roads hamper evacuation

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It's becoming more difficult to evacuate people from barrier islands and other coastal areas because roads have not kept pace with rapid population growth, the U.S. Department of Commerce and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration said.

There are about 45 million permanent residents living on hurricane-prone coastlines, and the population is still increasing.

"If a hurricane threatens South Carolina this season, it's important for people to know that there will be

a phone number to call and that the command center will be at City Hall," Columbia Mayor Bob Coble said.

Hodges said in the event of another hurricane, residents should remember that good preparation is important and that preparation begins at home.

"Make sure you and your family already have a plan for what to do in the event of a hurricane.

"Talk to your children about it. Pick an inland city or a relative's home where you could stay a few days during a hurricane.

"Keep the phone numbers of inland motels handy. Call the Red Cross and find out where the nearest hur-

ricane shelter is," Hodges said.

If South Carolina faces another hurricane and evacuation this season, it's also important for people to know Red Cross shelters will not accept pets, said Henry Brezinski, director of the Humane Society of the Midlands.

"If people with pets are leaving town, they should call their local animal control agency or the Humane Society for a list of inland hotels that are taking animals," Brezinski said.

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every aspect of the evacuation and re-entry process — what worked in the past and what didn't," Stubblefield said.

"We've made changes in everything from the logistical end of the evacuation process to finding better ways to keep the public informed throughout the emergency," he said.

Stubblefield stressed, however, residents should still expect heavy traffic in the event of another evacuation.

"I want to emphasize, though, that even under ideal conditions, traffic during an evacuation will still be slow and heavy. This is unavoidable. When you have as many as half a million people trying to leave the coast

at once, there are bound to be delays. There simply isn't sufficient roadway capacity to evacuate coastal residents and visitors as quickly as they would like."

At first, it looked like Hurricane Floyd would strike South Carolina, but it ended up smashing into the North Carolina coast on Sept. 15 and 16 of last year.

More than \$1.9 billion in federal and state disaster relief was provided to North Carolina residents victimized by the storm.

It was the worst disaster to hit North Carolina in modern times, North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt said.

According to the U.S. Dept. of Commerce and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), hurricanes are products of a tropical ocean and atmosphere and are powered by heat

from the sea.

They are steered by their own energy as well as easterly trade winds and temperate, westerly winds. Winds grow with great velocity around a hurricane's core, generating turbulent seas.

Moving ashore, they pull the ocean inward while spawning tornadoes and producing torrential rains and floods.

Every three years, on average, about five hurricanes strike the U.S. coastline.

Of these five, two will usually be major hurricanes, category 3 or higher on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane scale.

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SENATE

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ity to on-campus students, the resolution failed on a roll-call vote. The vote at Wednesday's meeting was much more decisive than the vote on the first draft of the resolution. The first draft failed by a 17-16 margin.

Sens. Hunter and Phillips expressed their disappointment at the result of the vote.

"We're looking out for people's best interests, not discriminating against off-campus students," Hunter said.

The meeting closed with a guest speaker, sophomore religion studies major Rod Scott who expressed his feelings about the derogatory notices found over the weekend in the Humanities building regarding Catholicism.

Scott warned students about the ability personal opinions have to hurt others.

He urged the Senate members to be on the lookout for such thinking and strive to discourage it.

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