

**UNIVERSITY
CRIME REPORT**

Compiled by
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Thursday, October 5

• **Illegal use of telephone**, South Tower front desk. Lashawn Hessel, USC employee, told police someone called her at the incident location and hung up several times. Reporting officer was G.S. Whitlock.

Wednesday, October 4

• **Malicious injury to private property**, Pendleton Street Garage level 4A. Aaron

Hark, 20, told police someone placed animal feces on the hood of his car. Estimated damage to the car was \$200. Reporting officer was J.F. Asdedon.

• **Malicious injury to private property**, women's tennis court. Fred Godwin and Geoffrey Lopes told police someone vandalized their cars. Godwin was driving a red Toyota Paseo that had a broken sunroof, broken rear-view mirror, dents in the hood and a chipped front windshield. Estimated damage to Godwin's car was \$1,500. Lopes' car, a black Chrysler Lebaron convertible, had repeat slashes to the convertible top. The damage to his car was estimated at \$1,000. Reporting officer was L. Forte.

• **Malicious injury to private property**, E-2 lot, 1300 block of Wheat Street. Clarissa Gasque, a USC student, told police someone damaged the rear passen-

ger side window by unknown means. Estimated damage was \$100, and the reporting officer was C. Extenger.

• **Indecent exposure**, Level five of the Thomas Cooper Library. A 21-year-old female student observed a male fondling himself. Victim notified library staff, and the library staff called the police and searched the building. When reporting officer C. Extenger arrived on the scene, he also searched for the subject with no luck.

• **Assault and battery**, Capstone loading area. USC student Jesse Shawver told police someone approached him asking for money. Shawver said that, after a brief verbal exchange, the subject struck him repeatedly about the face and throat. Reporting officer was M. Craska.

**COLUMBIA
CRIME REPORT**

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Wednesday, October 4

• **Simple assault**, 7501 Garners Ferry Road, 5:05 p.m. Daniel Sallings stated that while at the incident location, a subject interrupted a conversation between he and the maintenance supervisor and threatened Sallings with bodily harm. Sallings stated that the subject used profane words toward him, got in his face and told Sallings he was going to "kick his ass."

• **Criminal domestic violence**, 1400 Trinity Drive, 7:30 p.m. Angel M. Wells said she and the subject were in a verbal altercation that turned physical when the subject struck Wells in the face with a closed fist. Wells and the subject have a child together, but do not reside together or have a physical relationship. The subject fled the incident location after the altercation, and he has been put on trespass notice by the management of the apartments at the incident location.

• **Malicious injury to personal property**, 525 Galway Lane, 5 p.m. Charlie Caughman reported that unknown subject or subjects turned over two Johnny on the Spot porta-johns on the construction site at the incident location. Extent of the damages was not determined at the time of the report.

• **Criminal domestic violence**, 908 Tree St., 7:30 p.m. Alma Ewim stated that after an argument with the subject, the subject slapped her in the face with an open hand. After more argument, the subject struck Ewim in the face with his fist. Ewim refused EMS.

• **Threatening phone calls**, 341 South Woodrow St., 5:30 p.m. James Brabham reported that the subject called the incident location approximately 12 times cursing and threatening bodily harm to the residents.

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• **Stolen motor vehicle**, 1412 Oak St. Jamal A. Baker stated that between 11 p.m. Wednesday and 6 a.m. Thursday unknown subject or subjects removed his 1998 Jeep Wagoneer from the incident location. Estimated value: \$5,000.

Student Media

New business dean to focus on reaccreditation

BY CHARLES PRASHAW
THE GAMECOCK

The new dean of the Darla Moore School of Business will have plenty to keep him busy in his first few months as dean.

One of the challenges Joel Smith faces is the accreditation of the business school. Last year, the International Association of Management Education, which reviews business schools' accreditation every ten years, visited the school.

The group of reviewers listed six areas in which the school was below par. On April 8 of last year, the accreditation board placed the business school under a three-year continual review, at the end of which the board will decide whether to renew the school's accreditation or suspend it.

Smith said the two most important areas the accreditation board was concerned about at the time was the lack of a permanent dean and the school's \$400,000 deficit. Both those problems have been solved, Smith said.

"I'm spending a lot of time on that [the deficit] to make sure it doesn't happen again. We have got the support of the administration concerning that," he said.

Another area that needs improvement, according to Smith, is graduates' job placement. Smith said some programs at the business school are respected by outside companies, while others don't have the same prestige and respect.

"We need to work on gaining recognition among people and companies that hire business graduates," he said. "We are not placing graduates like we should compared to our peer group."

Smith said the business school should also work on its connection to the state's and the nation's business community.

"Our relationship to the external business community is not as strong as it should be," he said.

Although "how good the business school is" isn't part of the criteria for membership into the Association of American Universities, Palms and the administration have made it clear that

the business school's status plays an important role in the process.

Part of that reason is that most members of the AAU raise a lot more money than USC does through endowments and personal gifts. And the business school leads the university in raising money through these two outlets.

While Smith said he couldn't say whether joining the AAU will make USC a better university, he did say, "There aren't any AAU schools that don't have a really good business school — that isn't just by coincidence."

The Darla Moore School of Business has earned national and international recognition, particularly for its international business program. For the past 11 years, the school's graduate program in international business has been ranked No. 1 or 2 in *U.S. News and World Report*.

The magazine also has ranked the undergraduate program No. 1, and the business school 51st.

Recently, the school earned two prestigious

rankings. *The Financial Times* of London ranked the business school 34th in the world, and a study by professors at the universities of Georgia and Illinois and Southern Methodist University ranked the school 30th nationally in research productivity.

But the real question is: Can graduates from the school compete with graduates from business schools at UNC-Chapel Hill, the University of Virginia and the University of Georgia for jobs?

"We have a shot to be in that league," Smith said. "But one of things it will take to get there is money, make no mistake about it."

"It's probably unrealistic to think we can compete with some of the larger private colleges, but we can compete with most of the public schools," he said.

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