

UNIVERSITY CRIME REPORT

Compiled by CHARLES PRASHAW

Monday, October 23

• **Simple possession of marijuana**, Douglas, room 408. Reporting officer M. Moore responded to a call of marijuana smoke coming from the above location. The reporting officer confirmed the smell was coming from the above location by walking out onto the neighboring balcony with the resident's consent. At that time the complainant (the floor's RA) knocked and announced his presence and gained entry into the room. The officer followed behind the RA, and in plain view was 6.1 grams of a leafy, green substance

on the top of a desk. One of the residents, Lucas Scoggins, gave the officer consent to search the rest of the room. Outside on the balcony, the officer found a large blunt that was still burning. Also in the room was about 18 grams of a leafy, green substance inside an upside-down Frisbee.

• **Reckless driving, failure to stop for blue lights, operating uninsured vehicle, improper display of license tag, violation of beginners permit, failure to register vehicle**, corner of Blossom and Sumter streets. At above incident location, reporting officer R. Osborne attempted to initiate a routine traffic stop for recklessly driving on a sidewalk. The subject continued heading east on Blossom. In the meantime the officer thought the subject was dangerously close to hitting several objects and people. Subject drove for

another block or two and still didn't stop for the blue lights and siren. Also, while driving, he disregarded several stop signs. Finally, he stopped after hitting a building and causing minor damage to his car and the building. After the minor accident, the subject bailed out of the car and head north from Blossom Street on foot. After calling in several other units, including the Columbia Police Department, the subject was found lying under a truck in a parking lot.

• **Accidental damage**, Bull Street garage. A USC student stated that as she was exiting the Bull Street garage, the arm of the barricade located on the first level came down on the rear of her car. Her car, a 1990 black Nissan, received damage to the rear antenna and a big dent in the trunk.

• **Trespassing after notice**, Byrnes Center. Henry Grady Ward, 53, was found by reporting officer E. Pereira in the parking lot behind the Byrnes Center. Ward had previously been warned for trespassing on USC property on Oct. 14 and a written report of the incident on the 14th was filed. After a quick field interview, the officer placed Ward under arrest and he was later transported to Richland County Detention Center.

Sunday, October 22

• **Larceny of football tickets**, McBryde Quad. Butler Mullins, 19, stated to police that an unknown person(s) removed 38 football tickets from the above location. Mullins also stated that he left the tickets in his unsecured desk drawer. Estimated value of the ticket is \$1,064. Mullins said the tickets were in section 24, rows 34 and 35.

Web site offers money for election predictions

BY JOHN HUIETT
THE GAMECOCK

A New York-based Internet site is offering \$1 million in cash prizes for people who correctly predict the outcome of the 2000 presidential, gubernatorial and Senate races.

Wintheelection.com, billing itself as "America's first and only cash prize game site created exclusively for the 2000 U.S. elections," will give away \$1 million to the participant who identifies the winners of the presidential race, 11 races for governor across the country and the 34 Senate seats up for grabs.

To win the entire \$1 million, one must correctly pick the winner for all races. Aside from the grand prize, the site is also offering \$10,000 to one player who correctly predicts the winner of the presidential race between Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore, if the player is the one who comes closest to predicting the popular vote.

The site is offering participants the chance to voice their opinions on hot-button topics such as gun control and school prayer, complete with a real-time forum allowing site visitors to see how others feel about the issues.

However, no cash prizes are offered for voicing opinions or participating in forums.

The site was made possible through technology developed by the Internet technologies company On-Line Design and is hosted by the Web gaming site Game-sAlive.com.

On-Line Design spokesman Tony Rizarro said the site was developed not only to attract visitors by offering cash prizes, but also to tap into the fervor that often surrounds elections by giving people a chance to be involved.

"People bring a lot of passion to the election process," Rizarro said. "Casting your ballot on Election Day is important, of course, but WintheElection.com provides an exciting, public forum for voters to share how they feel about the candi-

dates and the issues before the election."

Wheatleigh Durham of Game-sAlive.com prefers to play up the cash prize angle, saying players could significantly benefit from the political process without getting tangled up in the process itself.

"By playing ... you could walk away with a cool million, and you won't have to attend all those boring Cabinet meetings and press conferences," Durham said.

And Durham can't resist the cash metaphors when comparing voting to winning money through WintheElection.com.

"Your vote in November counts, but your vote on WintheElection.com just might have you counting — money, that is," Durham said.

But Durham is serious in discussing the site's overall goal, "to get people, particularly young people, involved in the election process."

Alarmed by low voter turnout in the past couple of presidential elections, Durham said he felt moved to try to reach out to those not caring enough to go to polls.

"We've seen a lot of apathy, but add some flash with the cash prizes, and hopefully we can get [young people] interested," Durham said.

Durham admits, though, that the odds of winning the \$1 million prize are about the same as playing a state lottery.

"It depends on how many people play," he said, adding that the site has received about 500,000 hits so far.

But the \$10,000 prize is guaranteed. "Someone's definitely going to win that," Durham said.

Although there is no limit on the number of times a player can cast votes, the site quits accepting players on Nov. 6, the day before the elections.

Winners must be legal U.S. residents and at least 18 years old to claim prizes.

The city/state desk can be reached at gamecockcitydesk@hotmail.com.

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Sr. Julienne Guy OSU
Director of Christian Formation
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Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 11:00am, 7:30pm
Newman Club Tuesday 7:00pm

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday 3:00pm-4:00pm
or by appointment

COLUMBIA CRIME REPORT

Compiled by JOHN BAILEY

Monday, October 23

• **Simple Assault**, 2436 Forest Drive, 10:35 p.m. Carolyn Matthews said that while she was trying to give an order for food at Church's Chicken, she was pushed by unknown subjects who then fled the scene. Matthews refused medical attention.

• **Grand larceny**, 5400 Forest Drive, 11:30 p.m. James Harris stated that between 11:30 p.m. Oct. 23 and 11 a.m. Oct. 24, unknown subject or subjects removed a bank bag containing \$7,228.04 from the office of Red Bone Alley.

• **Malicious injury to personal property**, 1600 Greene St. Helen H. Jordan stated that between 11 p.m. Oct. 19 and noon Oct. 23, unknown subject or subjects damaged her vehicle while she was away.

Tuesday, October 24

• **Drunkness, confiscated weapon**, 3800 West Ave., 2:05 a.m. Gregory Eugene Brown was observed by responding Officer Wilson as being unsteady on his feet. Brown had slurred speech and a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and person. Incident to arrest, a set of brass knuckles was found near Brown.

• **Malicious injury to personal property**, 2200 Oak St., 11 p.m. Levi Bing Jr. reported that at incident location at the above time he heard his car alarm going off. Upon inspecting his vehicle, he noticed dents on the right and left front fenders.

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