

POLICE REPORT

UNIVERSITY

TUESDAY, AUG. 7

■ **Information**, Benson School parking lot. Reporting officer Pereira found a 1992 Honda Accord unoccupied in the parking lot. Officer Pereira could see the keys in the ignition and that the driver's side window was rolled down about 2-3 inches. Contact was made with the owner, Phillip K. Mixon, by telephone. Mixon said he had locked his keys in the car and he would be back with a spare key the next day. Officer Pereira removed the keys from the ignition and put them in dispatch for safe keeping for the owner to pick up.

■ **Attempted auto theft**, 718 Devine St. Employee Bryan Hanna said someone broke the driver's side front window of a vehicle belonging to USC. The ignition of the vehicle was damaged. Estimated value of damage is unknown. Reporting officer: R. Osborne.

■ **Larceny of laptops**, Russell House Bookstore. Employee Mamie Lou Jones said someone took a silver Macintosh Powerbook, valued at \$2,339, and a white iBook Macintosh laptop, valued at \$1,499. A surveillance tape was secured from the bookstore and placed into evidence. It was discovered that the items were displayed for retail sale and the theft occurred after hours. Reporting officer: R. Osborne.

■ **Grand larceny of musical instruments**, School of Music basement. Employee Timothy Crenshaw said someone removed two horns and a trumpet from a secured inventory control room, with a total estimated value of \$1,200. Reporting officer: M. Craska.

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■ **Larceny of phone**, Roost residence hall. Student Joshua Brown said someone took a Nextel two-way phone and \$20 cash from his secured dorm room, with a total estimated value of \$100. Reporting officer: J. Rosier.

■ **Weapons on school property, minor in possession of beer**, 816 Bull St. Officer Pereira encountered Devon McCoy and William Peel walking in front of McKissick Museum. Officer Pereira asked McCoy and Peel whether they were USC students. McCoy and Peel said no. Both McCoy and Peel had backpacks. Officer Pereira asked what was in the bags. McCoy and Peel said nothing and gave the officer permission to search the bags. Officer Pereira found a 24-oz. Corona in McCoy's bag. Officer Pereira asked whether they had any weapons. McCoy said he had a knife. Officer Pereira found an auto-opening knife in McCoy's front pants pocket. Officer Pereira also found two brass knuckles, one S.C. driver's license belonging to Wade Hampton Gordon and a glass pipe. When searching Peel, Officer Pereira found an auto-opening knife and a small muscleman 100,000-volt stun gun.

■ **Larceny of purse, recovery of purse**, Medical Park 15. Employee Wanda Rush said someone took her purse and its contents, with a value of \$50, from her desk drawer in an unsecured office. Reporting officer: A. Ross.

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■ **Larceny of purse**, Thomas Cooper Library. Student Carolyn Laffitte said someone took her purse and its contents, with a value of \$95, from an unsecured location. Reporting officer: C. Taylor.

■ **Auto break-in, larceny of CDs**, Senate Street garage. Student Joshua Mecca said someone entered his vehicle and took two CD cases containing CDs, with a total estimated value of \$470, from the locked center console. There were no signs of forced entry. Reporting officer: L. Forte.

COLUMBIA

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8

■ **Auto break-in**, 3301 Harden St. Mary Dillion said someone accessed her vehicle by breaking the left rear window, causing \$100 in damage. Nothing was taken from the vehicle. Reporting officer: R. Herman.

■ **Drunkness**, 1133 Colleton St. Reporting officer Sheard was dispatched because an intoxicated person was threatening people with a beer bottle. Officer Sheard was directed to Clarence Johnson. Johnson was very offensive, his breath smelled strongly of alcohol person and he was using profanity. Johnson was arrested and taken to jail.

■ **Simple possession of marijuana**, 4340 Brookridge Dr. Reporting officers McCary and McLendon responded to the incident location and found Benndon Davis parked at an abandoned house. Davis was found to be in possession of marijuana. Davis was booked, and the marijuana was placed in evidence.

■ **Larceny of bicycle**, 3449 Foxhall St. Peggy Mazzell said someone stole a dark blue tricycle-type bicycle from her backyard. The suspect fled the scene with the bicycle. No brand name or serial number for the bicycle was known. Reporting officer: J. Pumphrey.

■ **Drunkness**, 2100 Greene St. Reporting officer C. Williams found Carl Manning passed out on the sidewalk. Upon awakening Manning, officer Williams noticed he was unsteady on his feet, smelled strongly of alcohol and slurred his speech. Manning was arrested and transported to the Richland County Detention Center.

■ **Burglary, petty larceny**, 2329 Main St. Monica Riga said she heard the alarm sounding from Auto Electric Exchange. Reporting officer Dock arrived at the store and noticed that the front door was forced open. The contents of the store were left

undisturbed with the exception of a removed security keypad with an estimated value of \$120.

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■ **Malicious injury to private property**, 5031 Holmes Ave. Millie Plateau said someone shattered the front passenger window of her vehicle. Reporting officer: N. Dow.

■ **Petty larceny**, 3401 Wilmont Ave. Martha Stroup said someone stole her two gray cement Chinese "foo" dogs, with an estimated value of \$200. Reporting officer: J. Dimbauer.

■ **Shoplifting**, 421 Bush River Road. Sharon Jones said Sharon Cooper placed some pants, a shirt, a belt and baby clothes in a rainbow bag. Cooper exited the store without paying for the items. Security staff recovered the items. Cooper was arrested and transported to the Richland County Detention Center.

■ **Drunkness, possession and consumption of alcohol in public**, 1800 Taylor St. While on a routine patrol, officer Rijers saw Leo Geiger passed out on a bench. Contact was made with Geiger. Geiger's person and breath smelled strongly of alcohol. He was unsteady on his feet and had slurred speech. Geiger was found to be in possession of a 200 ml bottle of Yukon "Mad" Jack 100-proof alcohol, which was almost half-empty. Geiger was arrested, booked and transported to the Richland County Detention Center. The bottle of alcohol was tagged as evidence.

■ **Strong armed robbery**, 2400 Waites Road. Jennifer Baughman said someone snatched her purse from her vehicle. When she tried to reach for it, he pushed her away and exited the vehicle, leaving the scene on foot. Reporting officer: J. Fisher.

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■ **Petty larceny**, 425 South Edisto Street. Michael Dollar said that when returning to his house, his female yellow labrador was missing. The dog has an estimated value of \$400. Reporting officer: L. Diaz.

TIPS eliminated, replaced by VIP

BY SARA HOLLOWAY
THE GAMECOCK

The Telephone Information Processing System (TIPS) will be retired later this semester after serving USC students for more than 10 years.

This means total dependence on computers for activities such as checking grades and registering for classes through the Visual Information Processing (VIP) Web site.

University Registrar Barbara Blaney said, "[The university] studied it to death, and it's the right thing to do when you consider the value versus the investment."

According to a student survey, fewer than 5 percent of grade inquiries and registration activities were performed via TIPS. Furthermore, only about 9 percent of students used TIPS for registration transactions in the spring 2001 semester.

The investment to upgrade the system would be \$200,000 - an investment that would have come at a time when the university is already strapped for cash.

TIPS currently runs on the DOS operating system, which is antiquated by today's software industry standards. To continue supporting TIPS would require updated technology and systems.

Many students had no qualms about the loss of TIPS, considering the majority of students who already use VIP for registration and checking grades.

"It's about time they got rid of it," said Leslie Haberacker, a senior in the Darla Moore School of Busi-

ness. "Nobody used it anyway."

Lauren Vaughn, a junior in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications, said she supported the retirement of TIPS if it helped to keep tuition prices lower.

"I feel that with the abundance of computers on campus, as well as the large portion of students who have personal computers, that VIP will be entirely sufficient," Vaughn said. "If USC can cut funding in this area, then I think the TIPS program should be halted."

But some students are concerned about the loss of alternate access to grades and registration.

Stephanie Moore, a senior student in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications, said, "What if the computer goes down and you can't get online to register?"

According to Blaney, "We are aware that there are some times when the computer can't be used ... we are developing a back-up plan."

If there's a problem with the VIP Web site, students can register for classes on campus through the dean's office of each college or at the registrar's office in Petigru.

Another alternative the registrar's office is working on is a way for students to check grades through a service provider.

If used, this plan would allow students to check their grades through a telephone, but there would be no other registration activities available.

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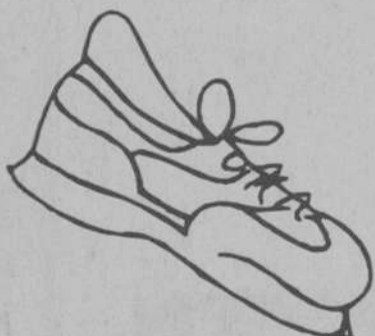
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