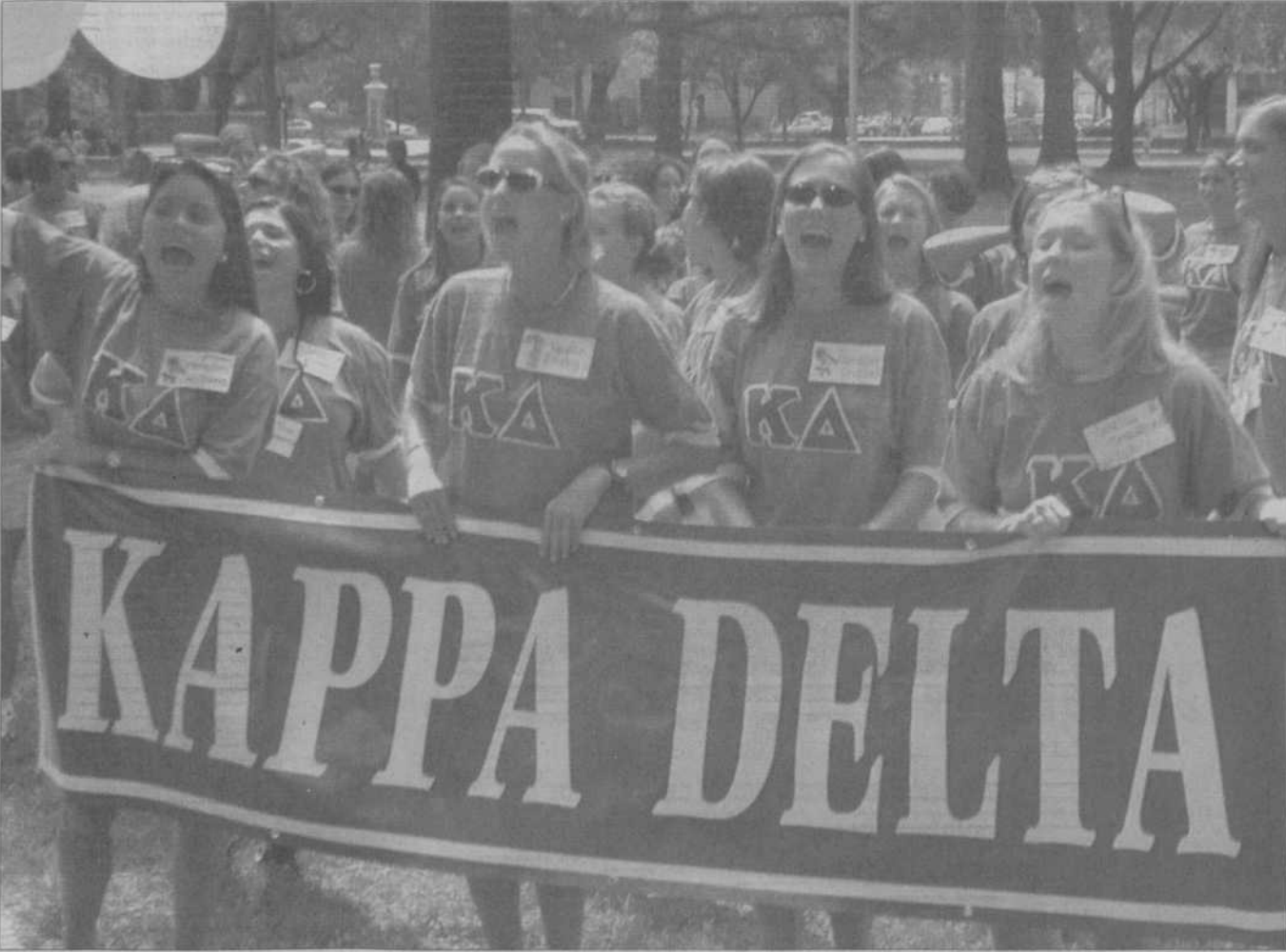


# THE GAMECOCK

## BID DAY ON THE HORSESHOE



## Teenagers to be tried as adults

*Bond hearing to be held today for four teenagers charged with shooting*

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The four teenagers charged in the shooting death of an assistant U.S. attorney will face bond hearings at the Richland County Courthouse today.

The four will be tried as adults and are eligible for the death penalty under South Carolina law, Fifth Circuit Solicitor Barney Giese said.

The four suspects are Abram Douglas Braveboy, 18, of 2113 Tammy Drive; Cichey Levar Mayo, 17, of 8308 Old Percival Road; Bryan Murray, 17, of 7920 Spring Flower Road; and Willie James Murphy Jr., 16, of 125 Leaside Circle.

The Chicago Tribune reported

Saturday that ballistic tests by authorities have confirmed that two handguns linked to the suspects were used in the fatal shooting of Michael C. Messer, a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, and the injury of his co-worker, Richard S. Ferguson.

The victims, both from Chicago, were visiting the National Advocacy Center.

At 9:55 p.m. Aug. 20, two men waited in a gray Volvo on Laurens Street while two others attempted to rob Messer and Ferguson, police report. The victims were instructed to lay on the ground, but ran instead.

Johnny Gasser, the lead local prosecutor in the case, told the Tribune that the two weapons, a .25-caliber semiautomatic handgun and a .380-caliber semiautomatic, were fired at Messer and Ferguson.

Autopsy results show bullets fired from both weapons hit Messer, but the fatal wound came from the .380-caliber, which fired a

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## INVITATION, CELEBRATION

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♦ KAPPA ALPHA THETA PULLS OUT OF RUSH IN ROUND THREE. PAGE 4

The Horseshoe, usually peaceful, came to life Sunday as screaming sorority women in multi-colored t-shirts welcomed their new members on Sorority Bid Day.

About 700 girls participated in rush this year, one of the largest turnouts in 10 years, according to Delta Gamma president Kristen Silvermail. Each pledge class will have around 20 more than last year, said Kacey Wood, vice president of Chi Omega.

"There were so many wonderful women that came through," Silvermail said. "One of the things that we as Greeks always tell every girl that comes through is that they will be in the place that they belong. I think that every girl finds their place in rush. It was a hard time in choosing, but I think that every girl will ultimately go where they are supposed to be."

After participating in a week of rush, the pledges were finally handed their bids on Sunday afternoon and rushed across the Horseshoe to cheers from their awaiting sorority.

"It's definitely relieving that it's

all over with and that everybody knows where they're going," said Lindsey Warren, who received a bid for Alpha Delta Pi. "It's awesome because it is a whole new beginning, and you start all over and make new friends."

Warren is one of 60 girls handed invitations for Alpha Delta Pi, the sorority's president, Heath Martin, said. She said Alpha Delta Pi was the largest sorority going into rush, with 93 members.

"Well, it was a change [having so many girls], but I think everybody was able to adjust to it, and it's actually great for this campus," Martin said. "I think it'll be great for the chapter, and one of the first things we're going to do is plan a lot of things for our new girls to get to know each other better." She said the sorority would now work on its philanthropy.

Greek Life director Gena Runnion said the department had "anticipated, based on enrollment figures, that we could have as many as 700 [women], which we did."

Because the large number of girls caused "a few difficulties"



Kappa Deltas prepare to welcome the women they hope will be their new pledge class, top. PHOTO BY MACKENZIE CLEMENTS

Third-year student Laurie Ward, of Zeta Tau Alpha, hugs fourth-year student Tara Bisacco, a member of Alpha Chi Omega, above. PHOTO BY AARON HARK

with transportation, many girls had to wait several hours after rush week events before they could get back to their residence halls.

"Just because of the sheer num-

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## Preston splits into 'houses'

*New system to encourage involvement*

BY GINNY THORNTON  
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Residents and faculty associates of Preston Residential College have developed a "house" system, which has been in effect since students moved in last Saturday, to encourage resident involvement this year.

All 240 Preston residents have been divided into "houses" of 25-30 students and two or three fac-

ulty associates. Each house has a separate weekly meeting, as well as its own social activities. Students and faculty have already noted a positive response to the house system among both new and returning Preston residents.

"People have already been much more involved than last year," said junior Elizabeth Catanese, a Preston resident and co-creator of the house system.

Each of Preston's eight houses has one or two house heads who inform their houses about college activities and information.

"It's been wonderful so far,"

said Margaret Perkins, Preston co-principal. "It's helped tremendously with integrating new residents."

This year, integration will be more important for Preston than ever before. The residential college now houses 150 freshmen, in addition to the upperclassmen who are new to Preston.

Alex Barnette, house system co-creator, cited "phantoms" as a major reason for inventing the system.

"We call them phantoms," he said. "By that, I mean the students who live here and never be-

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Alicia Beard, a Preston resident, works in her room, which is part of the newly named Gryffindor house. Preston took house names from the Harry Potter books. PHOTO BY AARON HARK

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