

POLICE REPORT

Each numbered symbol on the map represents a single crime that corresponds with the numbered descriptions in the list below it.

DAY CRIMES (6 a.m.-6 p.m.)

- Violent crimes
- Nonviolent crimes

NIGHT CRIMES (6 p.m.-6 a.m.)

- Violent crimes
- Nonviolent crimes

● ● CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS



Tuesday, Aug. 28

1 GRAND LARCENY OF LAPTOP, 801 LINCOLN ST.

Joann McFarland said someone stole her Compaq laptop. The laptop was unsecured and unattended. Estimated value: \$5,000. Reporting officer: J.D. Rosier.

2 LARCENY OF BICYCLE, 1400 GREENE ST.

David J. McNamara said someone cut his lock and stole his Gary Fisher bike. The bike was secured to the bike rack in front of the Russell House. Estimated value: \$500. Reporting officer: J.D. Rosier.

3 LARCENY OF BICYCLE, 918 BARNWELL ST.

Michael C. Hiers said someone stole his black and blue Magna bike. The bike was secured to a bike rack. Estimated value: \$100. Reporting officer: J.D. Rosier.

Wednesday, Aug. 29

4 SIMPLE POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, 1423 WHALEY ST.

Reporting officer J. D. Patterson received a complaint of a strong smell of marijuana coming from Bates House.

Officers continue to investigate.

Thursday, Aug. 30

5 AUTO BREAK-IN, LARCENY OF CD PLAYER, 438 MAIN ST.

Sabrina D. Moss said someone busted out her rear driver's side vent window and stole an Awei CD player and a 2Pac CD. Total estimated value: \$240. Reporting officer: J.D. Aspedon.

6 LARCENY OF CREDIT CARD, 600 MAIN ST.

Eric Hudson said someone stole his Visa credit card. Estimated value: \$1.00. Reporting officer: C. Taylor.

7 LARCENY OF BICYCLE, 918 BARNWELL ST.

Robert V. Hilton Jr. said someone stole his black Huffy bike. The bike was secured to a bike rack with a cable lock. Estimated value: \$60. Reporting officer: C.N. Ettenger.

8 HARASSMENT, ILLEGAL USE OF TELEPHONE, 736 PATTERSON HALL.

Katrina M. Wilson said "Kevin" has called her dorm room repeatedly. He has also appeared outside the residence, harassing her.

Reporting officer: L.M. Branton.

9 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, 1705 COLLEGE ST.

Dolores E. Murtaugh said someone sprayed a red substance on the passenger side of her car. The car wasn't damaged. Reporting officer: M.P. Moore.

10 AUTO BREAK-IN, LARCENY OF BOOKS, 400 PICKENS ST.

Crystal A. Sox said someone broke her left rear vent window and stole several books, including one anatomy and physiology textbook and workbook and one college algebra textbook. Total estimated value: \$260. Reporting officer M.P. Moore.

Friday, Aug. 31

11 LARCENY OF CELL PHONE, 1705 COLLEGE ST.

Sheronda M. Irick said someone stole her black and silver Ericsson cell phone from her book bag. The book bag was unattended and unsecured. Total estimated value: \$50. Reporting officer: C.N. Ettenger.

Students can save with new Web site

BY NIKKI GASKINS
THE GAMECOCK

Only one thing could make USC students more fed up with bookstore prices — going online and seeing what they could have saved.

Half.com, operated by eBay, is a new marketplace that has exploded onto the World Wide Web and promises to save college students from 70 percent to 90 percent on more than 5.7 million of the newest and hardest-to-find textbooks.

The site has joined the likes of Varsitybooks.com, Textbookx.com, and Ecampus.com by claiming to save consumers big bucks with discounted items.

Half.com has become increasingly popular among college students.

"My most recent textbook purchase was for a book that cost over \$40 new, and I paid only \$11 for it," said Lauren Slagen White, a graduate student in the College of Library and Information Science.

With the prices of textbooks continuing to be high, students and professors might soon opt for other alternatives to book shopping.

Tara Fennell, a first-year art studio major, says, "Honestly, it sucks. Books are way overpriced. There needs to be more places to go that offer greater discounts on textbooks."

USC English professor John Carpenter tries "to keep costs down in the courses over which I have any control."

"Book costs can function as a hidden cost in higher education," Carpenter said. "I wonder why prices aren't lower, considering the presence of several competing bookstores."

Half.com isn't only a part of the new wave of online shopping, but also of online selling — the site lets you make money by selling your unwanted textbooks.

Student upset about Incubator picks

BY CHARLES TOMLINSON
THE GAMECOCK

In the spring 2001 semester, six USC students' business proposals were accepted into the USC Technology Incubator program, and one spot was given to an incoming freshman.

Joel Stevenson, Technology Incubator director, said the incoming freshman was accepted into the incubator but not as a part of the student program. Instead, he was admitted into the "standard" program.

Andrew Rogers, a fourth-year marketing major at USC, is a partner in Mobile Marketing, a business named as an alternate in the student incubator. He claims Jeremy McGee, a first-year student, was unfairly allowed to participate in the program and

was given a space in the business incubator without having to apply as the other businesses did.

He also said McGee was "highly recruited" by both USC and Clemson.

"He circumvented the process because he was special," Rogers said. "But he's not special. He's a student at USC, just like everyone else."

McGee approached Stevenson during the summer and expressed his desire to participate in the incubator. Stevenson said he advised McGee to wait until the fall when he could apply for the student program. McGee instead opted for a spot in the standard program, Stevenson said.

Stevenson said the incubator didn't make any deals to entice students to enroll at USC.

The main difference between

the student and standard incubator programs, Stevenson explained, is that the businesses involved in the standard program must pay for their office space.

The businesses involved in the standard program must pay \$10.80 per square foot for their office space. They receive only an Internet connection and a phone line as part of this program, as opposed to the benefits received by the businesses in the student program.

"[McGee] pays the freight," Stevenson said. "We're not paying it for him. It wasn't part of his deal to come to South Carolina."

The student program offers the students free office and meeting space for two years, as well as Internet and telephone service and access to a copier and fax machine at minimal costs. The mission of the program is to help es-

tablish students' technology-based companies.

Initially, 17 applicants submitted their business proposals to a student advisory committee, which was headed by former student body president Jotaka Eaddy.

The student committee selected 12 businesses to send to the incubator advisory committee, which is chaired by John Shafer.

The committee also selects the participants in the standard incubator program.

Ultimately, the committee selected six businesses for the student program. Eight were accepted for the standard program, including McGee's business.

The business incubator program is a student-oriented program, the product of a partnership between the South Carolina

Research Institute, the Office of the USC Vice President of Research and USC student government.

Currently, six businesses are in the incubator. Four more will be accepted this fall, Stevenson said.

"I'm sorry that Mobile Marketing didn't get in," Stevenson said.

Stevenson said if Mobile Marketing should re-apply this fall, their previous application should put them in good standing with the committee. "It is going to be very much in their favor that they are [currently] alternates," he said.

Eaddy, who had been at a conference in South Africa for the past two weeks, stated that she had no knowledge of these events and declined to comment.

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