

THE GAMECOCK

WHAM-A, 'BAMA, THANK YOU, MA'AM-A



Tight end Rod Trafford makes the game-winning catch from Phil Petty. The resulting 37-36 score marked the first time the Gamecocks had the lead. PHOTO BY TRAVIS LYNN

USC slams 'Bama

BY CHRIS FOY
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The 11th time must be the charm. After facing and falling to the Crimson Tide ten times since the formation of the NCAA, the Gamecocks finally got a monkey off their back Saturday afternoon as they pulled off a two-touchdown comeback victory with nine minutes left in the game to win 37-36.

Alabama quarterback Tyler Watts ran in a 9-yard touchdown to put the Tide up 36-24 with 9:01 remaining on the clock. The Gamecocks, who had struggled offensively, including a three-and-out on their previous drive, responded with a 2-yard touchdown by Derek Watson to pull within six.

South Carolina's defense, which had struggled the entire game, came out and shut down the Tide's offense, sending them three and out.

The Gamecocks then had a chance to regain the lead with just less than four minutes remaining. Starting at the 44-yard line, quarterback Phil Petty made two runs to start off the series, going for 12 yards and a first down.

After the offense lined up in the shotgun formation, Petty went back and fired a 37-yard strike to Andrea Gause, who was brought down at the 7-yard line. On the following play, Petty moved out from the T-formation and



Goalposts come down

USC fans have a reputation for tearing down the goalposts after a big win:

SEPT. 2, 2000 The goalposts fell after the Gamecocks beat New Mexico State 31-0, ending a 21-game losing streak.

SEPT. 9, 2000 USC beat Georgia 21-10, ending a string of 18 consecutive SEC defeats.

SATURDAY The victory against Alabama ended the Gamecocks' 0-10 streak against the Tide.

Losing the goalposts can be costly. It cost USC about \$9,000 to replace the goalposts torn down during the 2000 season.

PHOTO BY AARON HARK; GRAPHIC BY BRANDON LARRABEE

completed a pass to tight end Rod Trafford for the touchdown.

After kicker Daniel Weaver kicked the extra point, South Carolina led 37-36, the first time the Gamecocks had led the game. The defense came out and continued to dominate, keeping the Crimson Tide out of scoring distance and allowing the Gamecocks to win the game.

After the game, fans rushed the field and, for the third time in less than two seasons, tore down a goal post.

The win moved South Carolina up in both national polls, to No. 12 on the coaches' poll and to No. 13 on the AP poll.

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Taliban confirms bin Laden is still in Afghanistan

Ashcroft says 'serious threat' of more strikes

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bin Laden

WASHINGTON — The Taliban government confirmed Sunday that Osama bin Laden is still in Afghanistan but the White House flatly rejected an overture to negotiate his fate.

Meantime, Attorney General John Ashcroft warned of a "very serious threat" of new terrorism against Americans that may increase if the United States retaliates for the Sept. 11 attacks.

"We believe that there is the likelihood of additional terrorist activity. And it is our job to do whatever we can to interrupt it, to disrupt it," Ashcroft said on CBS's *Face The Nation*.

"We believe there are others who may be in the country who would have plans," Ashcroft said when asked about the ongoing hunt for those behind the strikes against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Also on Sunday, Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar told his people in a radio address not to worry about a U.S. attack because "Americans don't have the courage to come here."

Earlier, a Taliban envoy acknowledged for the first time that bin Laden is in Afghanistan and under the control of the Taliban. He said negotiations might be possible if the United States offered evidence linking bin Laden to the attacks.

"He's in a place which cannot be located by anyone," Taliban ambassador to Pakistan Abdul Salam Zaeef told journalists in Islamabad.

Zaeef said the Taliban, who have rejected a series of appeals to hand over bin Laden and avert a military confrontation, were willing to talk.

"We are thinking of negotia-

tion," he said, adding that if direct evidence against bin Laden were produced, "it might change things." White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card responded: "The president has said we're not negotiating."

Card said the Taliban government has been told what to do. "They've got to turn not only Osama bin Laden over but all the operatives of the al-Qaida organization. They've got to stop being a haven where terrorists can train," he said on *Fox News Sunday*.

Bin Laden must "be purged from Afghanistan and the Taliban knows that," Card said. "The United States is very patient, but we want to see justice done and we want to see it done quickly."

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was skeptical of the Taliban claim.

"It was just a few days ago that they said they didn't know where he was, so I have no reason to believe anything a Taliban representative has said," Rumsfeld said on NBC's *Meet the Press*.

The continuing threat against Americans was cited by Ashcroft as he argued for legislation he said would help confront those plotting terrorism.

He called on Congress to meet President Bush's deadline of Friday for approval of the administration's plan.

"We think that there is a very serious threat of additional problems now. And frankly, as the United States responds, that threat may escalate," Ashcroft said.

"Very frankly, we need to do everything we can here at home," the attorney general said, repeating his claim that his department needs increased powers for surveillance, the ability to use information gathered by foreign governments and the

willing to talk.

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HEALING HANDS

Campaign will promote the prevention of domestic violence



First in a series

BY GINNY THORNTON
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As part of Creed Week, the USC Office of Sexual Health and Violence Prevention will sponsor "These Hands Don't Hurt," a month-long campaign during October to promote awareness and prevention of domestic violence. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"These Hands Don't Hurt" will begin this week with a display table on Greene Street every day through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students are encouraged to come trace their hands on a large

canvas to pledge their commitment to ending interpersonal violence. Workers from the Sexual Health Office will distribute stickers, flyers, brochures and banners throughout campus to promote awareness of relationship violence on campus.

Students can also submit creative writing and art in all forms of media for a campus-wide art contest. All work, which should feature the themes of hands, relationship violence, surviving violence and practicing non-violence, is due at the Sexual Health Office

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Internationals show unity at State House

BY MICHAEL STUTZ
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Members of Columbia's international communities converged on the State House grounds Sunday afternoon to express sympathy for the victims of the tragedies of Sept. 11 and to show solidarity with America.

The event, sponsored by the International Friendship Ministries of the Midlands, took place on the north steps of the State House. The flags of 79 countries flew on the steps.

While people arrived, Katya Slyeptsova from Ukraine played the flute softly. Initially, the PA system for the event was not working, so the crowd had to move in very close in order to hear.

State troopers encircled the perimeter of the north grounds, some looking tense while others stood leisurely. The mood was reverent and inviting. People representing many ethnicities walked around speaking quiet-

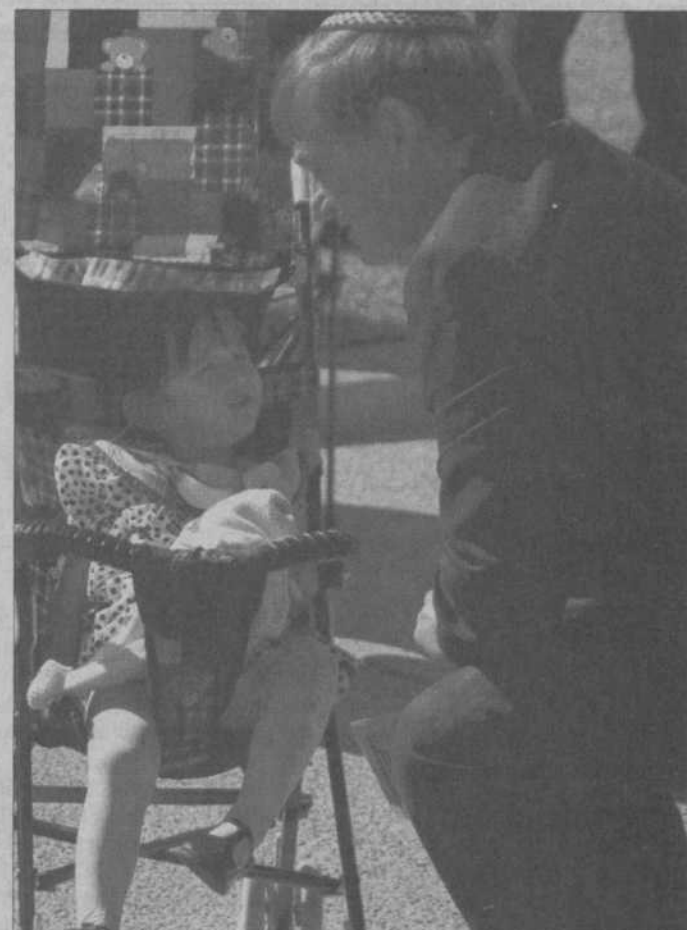
ly with each other. There were couples pushing strollers. Some children ran around, playing lightheartedly with each other.

The ceremony officially began with Pastor Satish Raiborde, originally from India, giving a prayer of sympathy, compassion and unity. Formally introducing the ceremonies, Dr. Raj Aluri, the president and founder of IFM, described the attacks on New York and Washington as being "the deepest sorrow this country has experienced."

Aluri feels the message of the day was not a message of politics, but one of unity. "We are all one human race," he told *The Gamecock* before the event. "We come from one root, one heritage. Under the skin, we are the same. All of us but the Native Americans trace our heritage to somewhere else."

One of the most stirring mo-

♦ RALLY, SEE PAGE 5



Sidney Speakman, visiting from Israel, watches over the daughter of two friends at Sunday's rally. PHOTO BY AARON HARK

USC'S PAST

October 7, 1873

Henry E. Hayne, South Carolina secretary of state, enrolled in USC medical school and became the university's first African-American student.

WEATHER



Today
Sunny,
76/51



Tomorrow
Sunny,
83/56

All that glitters isn't gold

A review of Mariah Carey's new movie *Glitter*. ♦ PAGE 6

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USC beats College of Charleston

Men's soccer improves to 6-1 with latest win. ♦ PAGE 8

ONLINE POLL

Budget cuts

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