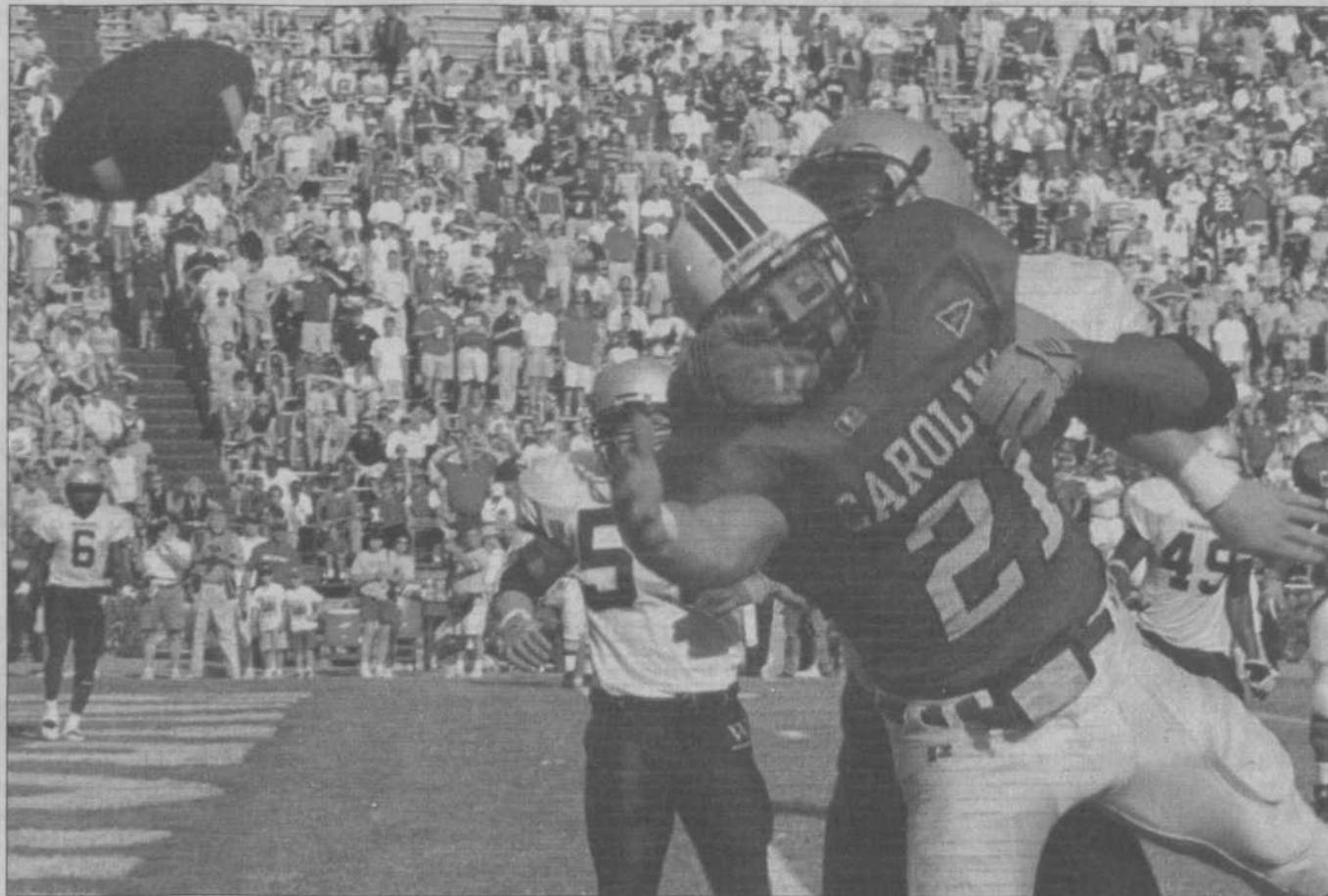


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NEXT WEEK, WE'RE REACHING FOR THE SEC TITLE



Ryan Brewer watches as a pass falls just out of his reach early in the third quarter Saturday. No penalty was called on the play. Carolina scored on the next down en route to a 38-14 victory over Wofford. PHOTO BY AARON HARK

Taliban's authority shrinking

Rumsfeld says group is losing ability to govern, plan militarily

BY GREG MYRE

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN — Four weeks of U.S. bombing has greatly weakened the Taliban's ability to operate as a government in Afghanistan, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld claimed Sunday.

"The Taliban (are) not really functioning as a government," Rumsfeld said after arriving in Pakistan, the latest stop on a trip that has taken him to Russia and a pair of Central Asian states bordering Afghanistan.

Militarily, the Taliban are "using their power in enclaves throughout the country to impose their will on the Afghan people," Rumsfeld said. But he added, "they are not making major military moves. They are pretty much in static positions."

Rumsfeld said the Taliban were trying to prevent U.S. strikes on their military targets by using mosques as military command centers and for storing ammunition and placing tanks near hospitals and schools. The Taliban are "actively lying about civilian casualties," he added.

Rumsfeld, who arrived from Uzbekistan, spoke after talks with Pakistan's President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who has called for a break in the bombing during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which begins around Nov. 17.

President Bush already has said the bombing is likely to continue through Ramadan. Rumsfeld gave no indication that stand had changed.

"The reality is that the threat of additional terrorist acts is there," he said. The United States will be sensitive to the views in the region, he added, but he wouldn't outline military plans.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar, who appeared with Rumsfeld at a news conference, said his country wanted the military campaign to be as brief as possible — but it also needed to achieve its objectives.

At his earlier stop in Uzbekistan, Rumsfeld told reporters the anti-terrorist campaign was "proceeding at a pace that is showing measurable progress."

Rumsfeld's stopovers in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan — two nations on Afghanistan's northern border — came at a time when Washington is looking to send more troops into Afghanistan to scout out targets and train opposition fighters. Many experts have

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Hodges pushes S.C. tourism

BY DARRYL GREEN

THE GAMECOCK

Worried about the condition of South Carolina's tourism industry, Gov. Jim Hodges has proclaimed November as South Carolina Travel and Tourism Month.

Like in most other states, the events of Sept. 11 and the downturn in the economy have deeply impacted the state's tourism industry.

"Every town or city we visit and every dollar we spend helps our state's economy," Hodges said.

Bringing in about \$14 million a year, tourism has become the state's largest industry. Tourism comprises the bulk of the service industry, which has overtaken the manufacturing industry in size and revenue. The tourism industry also employs more than 200,000 South Carolinians.

The decline of tourism in South Carolina is largely because of the lack of travel nationwide, said Thomas L. Sponseller, Hospitality Association of South Carolina president and CEO.

"Travel is tourism," Sponseller said. "During the two to three weeks after the attacks, people would not move." Sponseller said he thinks the travel business is suffering because many businesspeople aren't traveling. "They are making telephone calls now, rather than actually traveling."

Sponseller said he couldn't specify the exact amount of revenue and taxes lost because of the terrorist attacks, but said it has most likely resulted in the loss of millions of dollars.

He also said the attacks caused many in the tourism industry to lose their jobs.

"I don't know the exact number, but layoffs are up as a result of the attacks. That is due

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Hurricane Michelle's eye blasts Cuba; Florida Keys evacuated

BY CORALIE CARLSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KEY WEST, FLA. — The Florida Keys were ordered evacuated Sunday as meteorologists warned that the chain of islands likely would be brushed by Hurricane Michelle. Rain spread into the state as the eye of the hurricane blasted down on the south coast of Cuba.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami issued a hurricane warning for all of the Florida Keys, projecting that

winds of 75 mph or more could reach the area Sunday and remain into Monday. Gusts — up to 52 mph in Sobe Key — and heavy surf were already pounding the area's beaches.

Bennie Sweeney, who owns a Key West T-shirt shop, opened his store but only to prepare for the storm. Sweeney said he was going to hang a picture of a rabbi on the window.

"We went to the synagogue, we prayed. We came here just to make sure nothing happens," Sweeney said.

As of press time

- ♦ Coordinates of Hurricane Michelle were 22.9N, 80.4W.
- ♦ Currently crossing Cuba; mild impact expected in Florida.
- ♦ Storm has claimed 12 lives so far in Caribbean.

Monroe County officials ordered a mandatory evacuation for all the Keys early Sunday, and Miami-Dade County officials or-

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Anthrax traces found in N.Y. City Hall, Washington Veterans Affairs' hospital

BY PAUL RECER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Traces of anthrax were reported Sunday on a package sent from NBC to the New York mayor's office and at a Veterans Affairs' hospital in Washington.

Health investigators were stymied in efforts to find the source of anthrax that killed a New York woman, but experts said they were relieved no new cases linked to her unique exposure have surfaced.

On Capitol Hill, workers prepared to sterilize the anthrax-con-

taminated Hart Senate office building with chlorine dioxide gas. Officials at the Mayo Clinic were to announce Monday a new DNA test that can give a quick answer about any possible anthrax sample.

At the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 140 health-care workers have been vaccinated against smallpox, a precaution that will protect medical workers who would be the first to respond to any outbreak of the highly contagious disease.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani of New York said "there's no reason to be concerned" about traces of

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anthrax found on a package containing a videotape sent to his office from the office of NBC anchor Tom Brokaw. The tape contained footage of a White House briefing Sept. 18 in which a Giuliani aide was mentioned.

The mayor said there was no evidence that anyone at City Hall was infected from the package, handled by four or five people. Technicians conducted environmental tests at City Hall on Sunday.

City health officials said the tape was associated with an anthrax-laced letter sent to NBC on Sept. 18

'SERVANTS OF ALL'

Two fraternities hold cookout to thank, befriend campus police

BY GINNY THORNTON
THE GAMECOCK

Alpha Phi Alpha and Delta Upsilon fraternities held a joint cookout for the USC Police Department in McBryde Quad on Sunday afternoon.

Damian Williams of Delta Upsilon said the event was intended to thank the USCPD for its services as well as to help build a closer relationship between local law enforcement agencies and the Greek community.

"We wanted to help build better campus relations with the police, especially in the Greek community," Delta Upsilon junior Adam Rauh said.

About 25 USCPD representatives drifted in and out of the cookout, playing basketball and eating with fraternity members.

"The fact that we're even here is a huge success," said Sgt. Henry Garbade of the USCPD. "Hopefully, this will be the first of many. We're talking about how we can reciprocate, maybe in the spring."

Garbade also mentioned his interest in destroying negative views about relationships between law enforcement and the Greek system.



Eddie Nance, left, and John Pellet, right, fix themselves something to eat at the USCPD picnic. PHOTO BY ROBERT GRUEN

"Those negative perceptions exist on both sides. And no matter what anyone says, the Greek system leads trends on campus. So I can't say enough about what these guys are trying to do here to build good relationships among us," he said.

Williams said: "We want to focus on our commonalities and foster communication so we can prevent bad things before they happen."

Williams thought of sponsoring the event because of the friendship he had developed with Garbade several years ago while working with USC Housing. He invited Alpha Phi Alpha to join in sponsoring the event because of the chapter's

reputation for campus involvement.

"We like participating in things like this because part of our motto is 'servants of all,'" said Derrick Cattenhead, Alpha Phi Alpha president. "For us, doing this is not about being recognized. We want to encourage each other and other chapters to develop a sense of tolerance."

"We're hoping that maybe next year, more fraternities will want to join us, and we can make this a Greek-wide event," Williams said. "Besides, you can never have too many friends on campus."

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USC'S PAST

November 6, 1909

U.S. President William Howard Taft became the first sitting president to visit the USC campus.

WEATHER

Today
Sunny, 74/38

Tomorrow
Sunny, 69/37

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USC puts Terriers in the doghouse

Gamecocks now poised to take on Florida. ♦ PAGE 8



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Club Nishi meets every week for nonstop anime. ♦ PAGE 5

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