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happen today," Jacobs said. Left of the podium, one little boy clapped his hands. Next to him, a girl brought her hands to her face and shook with joy and energy. Tenenbaum emphasized the importance of early childhood education.

"A child's early years are the most important years in terms of brain development in a child's life," she said. "We know that our children's future and our state's future are one in the same." Left of the podium, one girl rested her head on a caretaker's leg. One boy clung to a stuffed woolly mammoth, his thumb in his mouth. After the speakers had finished, the children sang to the

audience and then used safety scissors to cut the center's ceremonial ribbon. Outside the center, Odum looked past the center's white columns and coral-colored walls. He will end his administrative career in August. He was smiling. Inside the center, a four-year-old boy was spread out on a little blue chair. He was smiling. Comments on this story? E-mail gamecockdesk@hotmail.com

Class

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meeting place has moved this semester from the Currell Auditorium on the Horseshoe to a larger auditorium in the School of Law. Nina Levine, undergraduate studies director for the English department, said Hospital, the class instructor and creator, has much to do with the course's popularity. "She has a lot of charisma," said Levine, adding that Hospital's success as a writer has also made the course attractive. Hospital's newest published work, "Due Preparations for the Plague," was released this year, which Levine said gives the course a certain amount of publicity. "I think it's also popular because it's proved sort of a communal book club for Columbia," she said. This atmosphere of a "communal book club" doesn't seem

unintentional. Graves said that when he was approached by Hospital to sell the books that would be featured in her class, "one of her goals was to sort of bring the university and community together." "I think the energy she's brought to readers throughout Columbia is amazing," Graves said. He said he thinks the popularity of the course comes from Hospital's teaching and lecturing skills and her ability to bring in the writers she does, as well as from the uniqueness of having the campus-community connection. "From the student's point of view, I think it'd be pretty cool to have small seminar all the sudden expanded into discussion with older folks in community," he said. To the community, he said, "it gives a unique learning opportunity," especially for those go-



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ing to school who didn't "have proper time to appreciate (the) learning process." The class doesn't just reach across the community; it also unites the campus, with guest lecturers from various fields. For instance, Honors College dean Peter Sederberg, as an expert on terrorism, will give a lecture on Thomas Friedman's "Longitudes and Attitudes." Sara Saylor, a first-year English student, enrolled in the class this year as someone interested in becoming a writer and hoping to learn about being successful in the writing business. "I hope to gain Professor Hospital's insight into the writing process" and get advice from authors about technique, said Saylor. "It seems like an opportunity like this doesn't come along very frequently, so (I thought) I'd better take advantage of it." Comments on this story? E-mail gamecockdesk@hotmail.com

Shabazz

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attended Benedict College, where he earned his bachelor's degree in journalism in 1991. But it was at USC that he began his speaking career, which came about accidentally, with his thesis about the effects of hip-hop music videos on adolescents. Kenneth Campbell of USC's School of Journalism and Mass Communications was the chair of Shabazz's master's thesis

and said that Shabazz was always finding a way to make a positive statement. "He was a student who was always very positively motivated and interested in encouraging other young people, particularly African-American males, to strive to do their best," Campbell said. Even at Wake Forest University, where he earned his master's of education, he was recognized as having the potential to do great things. John Litcher, professor emeritus at Wake Forest

and Shabazz's adviser, said it doesn't surprise him that Shabazz has been doing motivational speaking and book writing. "Being in communications and also watching him teach, I definitely felt that he had the potential for being a public speaker," Litcher said. Shabazz now lives in Frankfort, Ky., where he is an instructor of speech and communication at Kentucky State University. Comments on this story? E-mail gamecockdesk@hotmail.com

POLICE REPORT



These reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department. Compiled by Adam Beam.

Each number on the map stands for a crime corresponding with numbered descriptions in the list below. DAY CRIMES (6 a.m.-6 p.m.) Violent Nonviolent NIGHT CRIMES (6 p.m.-6 a.m.) Violent Nonviolent CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS Violent Nonviolent

Monday, Sept. 22

- 1 MALICIOUS INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY, LABORER RESIDENCE HALL COMMONS AREA, 615 SUMTER ST. Police said someone broke the Plexiglas sign mounted in the top of a Carolina Collegiate Federal Credit Union ATM machine. There were no cameras at the ATM. Reporting officer: J.A. Patterson. 2 AUTO BREAK-IN, LARCENY OF REGISTRATION CARD, S-3 LOT, 1719 PENDLETON ST. (OFF MAP) The victim said someone broke out her left-side window and took a South Carolina vehicle registration card. Estimated value: \$1. Reporting officer: T. Means.

- 3 801 LINCOLN ST. The victim said someone cut several straps that were holding a kayak to his car and took his red Dagger Kingpin kayak. Estimated value: \$1,500. Reporting officer: J.M. Simmons. 4 ILLEGAL USE OF TELEPHONE, EAST QUAD, 1400 WHEAT ST. The victim said a female caller left a message on her answering machine, threatening to harm her. Reporting officer: J.M. Simmons. 5 LARCENY OF MONEY, WARDLAW COLLEGE, 820 MAIN ST. The victim said someone took her purse containing a cell phone, two \$20 bills, one Visa card, one debit card and one South Carolina driver's license. Estimated value: \$80. Reporting officer: R.B. Baker. 6 GRAND LARCENY OF MOTOR VEHICLE, WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM, 1000 GEORGE ROGERS BLVD. (OFF MAP) The complainant said someone took his 2000 Chevrolet Silverado truck. He said the truck was not locked and the keys were inside. Reporting officer: D. Pardue. 7 AUTO BREAK-IN, PETIT

LARCENY, SENATE STREET GARAGE, 1600 SENATE ST. The victim said someone broke out the left driver's-side window of her car and took a yellow Vera Bradley purse. Estimated value: \$100.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

- 8 DISREGARDING TRAFFIC SIGNAL, OPERATING UNINSURED CAR, WHALEY AND PICKENS STREETS Reporting officer M.I. Gooding saw Frank L. Smith disregard the stop sign at Whaley and Pickens streets. Smith did not signal his turn, had no tag light, and his paper tags had expired Monday. The subject admitted to taking the tag from another car, not having insurance. Cpl. Pereina had stopped the car before and advised the subject to get everything required to operate the car. The subject was arrested. 9 AUTO BREAK-IN, LARCENY OF MONEY, LARCENY AND RECOVERY OF BINDER, SENATE STREET GARAGE Victim one said someone broke out the driver's-side window of his car. No items were missing. Victim two said someone broke out the driver's-side window of her car. Police said there were no visible pry marks on either car. A black leather binder was taken from victim two's car and recovered by reporting officer L.M. Brandham between two other cars on the second level, about 50 feet from the victim's car. Victim three said someone broke out the driver's-side window of his car. Police said there were no visible pry marks on his car. About \$5 in coins was removed from the console. 10 LARCENY OF MONEY, LECONTE COLLEGE, 1523 GREENE ST. The complainant said someone took \$120 in cash, a brown purse, two credit cards, a debit card, a South Carolina driver's license and a room key. Estimated value: \$140. Reporting officer: C. Taylor.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

- 1 AUTO BREAK-IN, LARCENY OF CD PLAYER, 801 LINCOLN ST. The victim said someone broke into her car and took a Jensen CD player and \$6 in cash. Reporting officer J.M. Simmons did not see any physical damage to the outside of the car. 2 GRAND LARCENY OF KAYAK,

- 3 AUTO BREAK-IN, PETIT

U.S. forces might remain in Iraq through next year

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON —Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Thursday that "significant forces" from the United States probably will remain in Iraq through the end of next year. Pressed by House Democrats about whether the administration planned to withdraw U.S. troops right before the 2004 presidential election, Wolfowitz assured them that no decisions were being made on political grounds. "These are national security decisions, they have to be made on that basis," he said. Wolfowitz said that doesn't mean that "we're not trying to, in fact, get more Iraqis on the front lines, get them dying for their country so fewer Americans have to." While he declined to estimate how long troops would have to remain, Wolfowitz said "certainly no one I know believes that we are not going to be in Iraq with significant forces right through the end of next year." Wolfowitz appeared before the House Armed Services Committee with the U.S. civil administrator for Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, and other Pentagon officials. They were seeking support for President Bush's proposal for \$87 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bremer was speaking at three congressional hearings Thursday, his fourth consecutive day on Capitol Hill as the administration's main salesman for the \$87 billion proposal. Before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Bremer rejected suggestions by Democratic and Republican lawmakers that the United States offer loans or

loan guarantees to cover part of the proposal for rebuilding Iraq. Bremer said Iraq already has too much debt and will need the revenue for reconstruction. Using it as collateral for a loan could create the appearance that "we are in some way taking a lien against oil revenues and therefore that's why we fought the war," Bremer said. But committee members said Americans have already paid a high price for Iraq. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said, "Wouldn't it give the Iraqi people more of an investment in their own infrastructure for us to structure" as a long-term loan the part of the spending bill used for rebuilding? Democrats have accused the administration of trying to ram the plan through Congress without giving lawmakers enough time to consider it. Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., urged Bremer to "use your good authorities to impress upon this administration the need to slow down this train." Senate leaders have said they hope to begin floor debate next week. But the Armed Services Committee chairman, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., told Byrd that he believed the leadership was trying to work out a schedule that would satisfy Republicans and Democrats. Though the spending request probably will be approved, Democrats have stepped up criticism in particular of \$20.3 billion sought for Iraq reconstruction and are considering ways to separate that money from the larger plan. They also are thinking about trying to suspend new tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and using that money to pay for the rebuild-

ing. Both ideas would face opposition from Republicans, who control both the House and Senate. But some Republicans have joined Democrats in calling for Iraq to use oil revenues to cover at least the \$15 billion of the proposal for Iraqi infrastructure. "In the long run, Iraq will be a prosperous country," Collins said. "Therefore it seems logical to many of us to come up with a way to structure part of the construction costs as a long-term loan." Added Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the committee's top Democrat: "We're troubled here by the fact that we're being asked to put up \$15 billion for reconstruction funds and that the Iraqis have this huge asset." Bremer said that even if Bush's proposal were approved, Iraq would need about \$40 billion more over five years to pay reconstruction costs. If the United States insists that Iraq use oil revenues to repay American loans, "then necessary investments that the Iraqis should be making in their country will not happen," he said. Sen. Jim Talent, R-Mo., noted that the United States was seeking international contributions at a donors' conference next month. He said "old Europe" is unlikely "to give money to Iraq if we're loaning it to Iraq." Bremer also said Iraq does not have a government that can take on long-term debt. Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., said that means Iraq may honor the \$200 billion in international debt run up by ousted leader Saddam Hussein, while the governing council is seen as lacking the authority to take on new loans.

Garden

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Since the garden will be close to the USC campus, it will likely affect students more so than other citizens. "I think with the Cancer Survivors Garden, more people will go to the park, partly because

of safety," said Hope Christmas, a second-year geography student and nearby resident. While the Columbia Parks and Recreation department will oversee the park and garden, volunteer opportunities are available for students and on-campus organizations — another way in which the garden will involve USC. Commemorative bricks,

which will be placed in the new garden, can be purchased for \$50 and engraved with a comment or statement. The bricks are for sale at the Cultural Council's office. Where? For more information, contact Katy Cauley at (803) 799-3115. Comments on this story? E-mail gamecockdesk@hotmail.com

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