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18 vehicles vandalized at Roost

Police reports cite more than \$8,000 worth of damage, theft

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Eighteen cars in the Roost parking lot were broken into Wednesday night and Thursday morning, and USC police reports list the total damages and stolen merchandise at more than \$8,000.

Ernie Ellis, director of USC law enforcement and safety, said the break-ins could be related to break-ins around the Columbia area.

"When these types of break-ins occur, we frequently find the city and county are experiencing similar incidents," Ellis said. "Often, these types of incidents are related to people seeking money. They're stealing things that are quickly related to cash."

Alex Alderman, a third-year political science student, has lost two CD players and was the victim of two break-ins.

"I didn't even have it two weeks,"

he said of his stolen CD player.

Alderman was angry and frustrated at the USC Police Department's inability to curb the trend of auto break-ins around campus.

"They can give me tickets, they can give me parking violations, but they can't keep my car from being broken into," Alderman said.

He suggested the university should install cameras around its parking lots.

"It wouldn't make up for lost merchandise, but at least it would help in the future," he said.

Another victim, Sean Hinson,

a second-year marketing student, said he hopes this will be the last time he is victimized.

Hinson said he plans to replace his stolen CD player.

"It's going to be one of those I-hope-lightning-doesn't-strike-twice kind of situations," Hinson said.

Despite the amount of stolen property, the people or people re-

sponsible for the break-ins do not appear to have discriminated in his or her choice of automobiles.

Joel Stanfield, a second-year chemical engineering student, attributes the break into his Corsica as bad luck.

"There's nothing you can really do to prevent this," he said. "I mean, my car is not the best-looking car in the

world. There was a black Cobra Mustang three cars down that they didn't mess with."

Ellis said the USCPD needs students and faculty members to help combat criminal activity.

"We certainly will be working in areas where we suspect break-ins, but crime prevention is a community project," Ellis said. "We encourage students, faculty and staff to be active participants in crime watch and not to leave valuable items in their vehicles."

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ALEX ALDERMAN
THIRD-YEAR POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENT

Bombs away

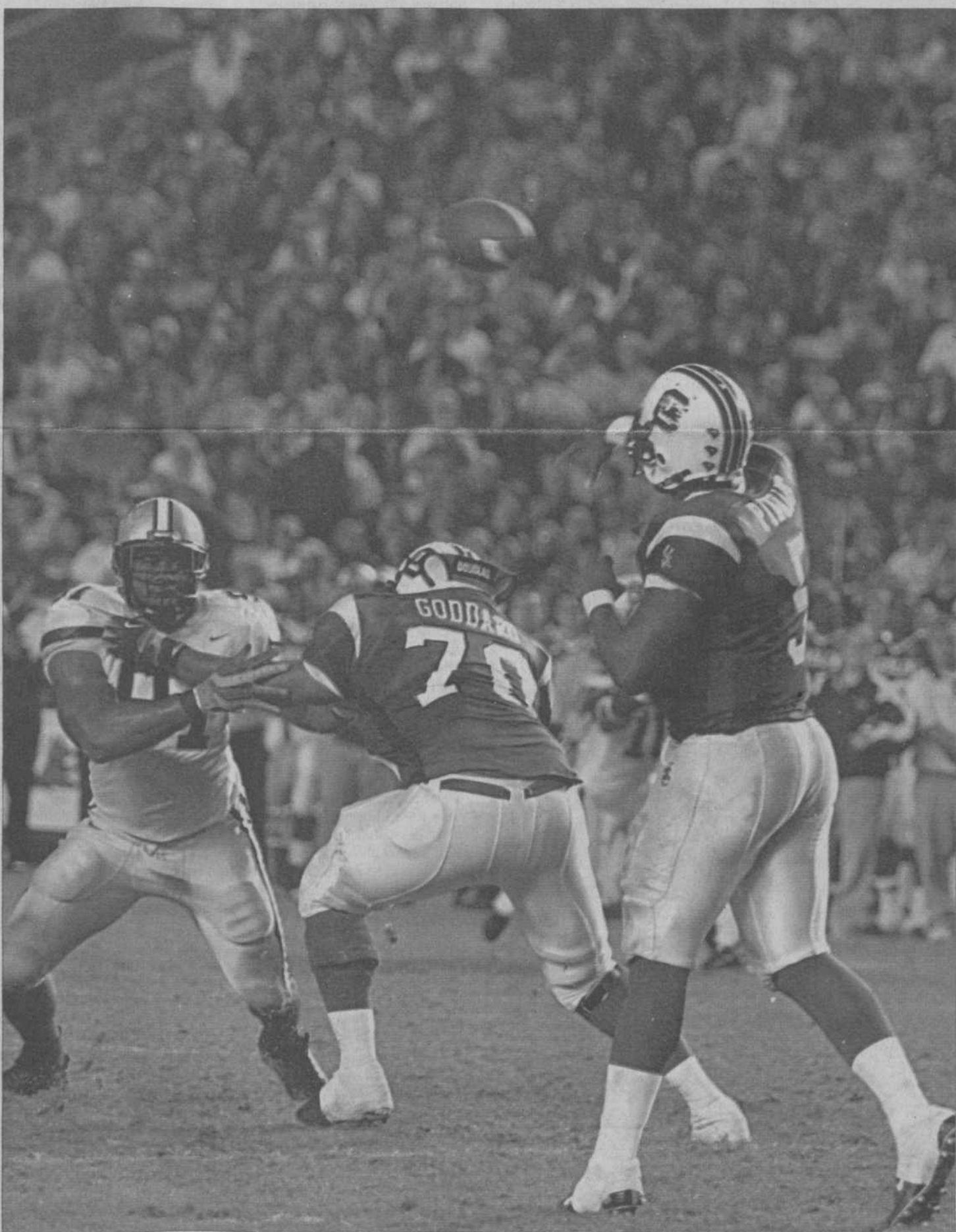


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USC quarterback Dondrial Pinkins attempts a pass in Saturday's win over Vanderbilt. Pinkins ran for three touchdowns and threw for one more as the Gamecocks defeated the Commodores 35-24 on Homecoming weekend. ♦ FOR FULL STORY, SEE PAGE 7

Dreiling to form committee of SG presidents

Panel would attempt to join USC's campus governments

BY JESSICA FOSTER
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Student Government President Katie Dreiling is working on a legislation which, if enacted, she said will ensure more effective communication between Student Government presidents of all of USC's campuses for years to come.

The legislation would form a committee of SG presidents that would work with USC President Andrew Sorensen, the Board of Trustees' Student-Trustee Liaison Committee and university lobbyists to fight future budget cuts and push for higher education.

Working to insure an increase in the quality of campus experiences, campus life and education at all USC campuses would be major functions of the committee.

According to Dreiling, the committee will "bind all of the campus presidents together to give a stronger voice to the student body as a whole, which is something that hasn't ever been done before."

Now, SG presidents only meet three or four times a year at the Student-Trustee Liaison Committee meetings, where they give reports about their respective campuses to members of the Board of Trustees, President Sorensen and other executive officers from each campus.

James A. Shuford, III, chairman of the Student-Trustee Liaison Committee, could not be reached for an interview on

Friday evening.

Dreiling said her proposed committee will set up a system to ensure more of a constant communication between the SG presidents, so that when they go to the Student-Trustee Liaison Committee meetings, they will be more prepared to discuss issues effecting students at each campus.

"A lot of times, they're talking about more menial things," Dreiling said. The presidential committee would enable them to work on huge projects to present at these meetings, using their time in front of the Board more efficiently.

While the passage of this legislation through the Student Senate is not necessary to form the committee, it would ensure that the committee continues in the future. It would give the SG president of the Columbia campus the responsibility of forming and overseeing this committee.

"Legislation is required to ensure that every SG president must do this," Dreiling said. "It's a surefire way to

implement something that will withstand the test of time."

Sorensen recommended the formation of such a committee last year, Dreiling said, when she attended the Student-Trustee Liaison Committee meetings as SG Vice President. Until recently, no initiative has been taken to put the idea into action.

Dreiling has already proposed the idea to the Student-Trustee Liaison Committee this year, and she said they are ready and willing to give their support in the endeavor.

"President Sorensen has agreed wholeheartedly that he will work with this executive committee of student government

"It's a surefire way to implement something that will withstand the test of time."

KATIE DREILING
STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT

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High 70
Low 47

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High 64
Low 45

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Chi Omega chapter celebrates 75th anniversary, new house

BY ALEXIS BASS
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USC's Chi Omega chapter celebrated its 75th Anniversary and the dedication of its new house on Sunday.

The celebration of the sorority's 1928 founding was topped off with a viewing of the house and dedication. The Rev. Laurie McAlpine, a Chi Omega parent from Murrells Inlet, dedicated the

recently completed house.

The \$1.8 million investment for Chi Omega is more than a symbol of stability, but rather the realization of a life long dream initiated by the 10 women who established the USC chapter.

While alumni reminisced about their times in Chi Omega, current sisters were dreaming of their new house and what is in store for them throughout the next 75 years. Unlike other USC fraterni-

ties and sororities, Chi Omega did not receive funding for the on-campus house through its National Organization, but raised all of the \$1.8 million by itself throughout the years. National President Mary Ann Fruge spoke about the substantial work of members and wished for the USC chapter that "... all who pass through the doors be blessed in

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Mary Ann Fruge, Chi Omega national president, speaks at USC on Sunday.