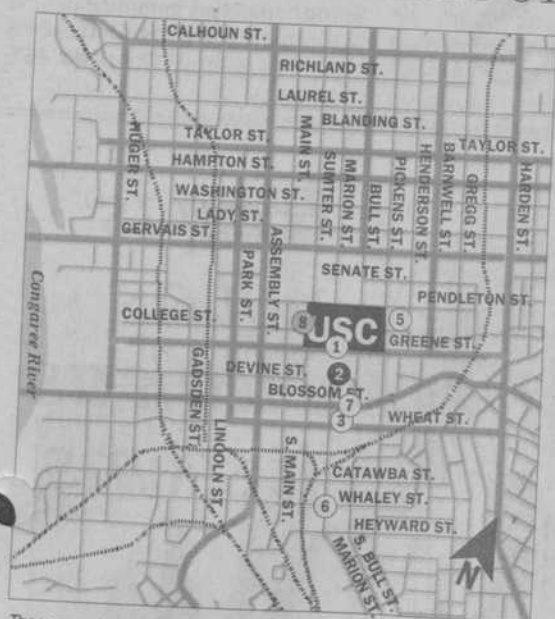


POLICE REPORT

Wednesday, Nov. 12



These reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department. Compiled by Wes Wolfe.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 11

① **PETIT LARCENY, RUSSELL HOUSE, 1400 GREENE ST.** The victim said he left his backpack unsecured at the Russell House Bookstore. When he returned, the backpack and its contents were gone. The stolen items include an organic chemistry textbook, a calculus answer manual, two notebooks and a yellow hat. Estimated value: \$320. Reporting officer: D.W. Friels.

② **ILLEGAL USE OF TELEPHONE, PATTERSON HALL, 1520 DEVINE ST.** The victim said someone called and harassed her using

obscene language. Reporting officer: S. Alexander.

③ **LARCENY OF BOOK BAG, BLATT P.E. CENTER, 1328 WHEAT ST.** Police said someone took a navy-blue L.L. Bean book bag that contained three textbooks and a TI-83 graphing calculator. Total estimated value: \$300. Reporting officer: S. Alexander.

④ **EMBEZZLEMENT, USC HEALTH SCIENCE BOOKSTORE, 6439 GARNERS FERRY ROAD (OFF MAP)** The complainant reported money missing from the bookstore. Investigation continues. Reporting officer: D.W. Friels.

⑤ **TRESPASSING AFTER NOTICE, HUMANITIES CLASSROOM BUILDING, 1614 COLLEGE ST.** Reporting officer T. Brewster responded to a suspicious-person report at the above location. Brewster said he checked wanted files and field interview cards and found that the subject, Dwayne Ahrendt, had been given a trespassing violation in 2001. Police said Ahrendt was handcuffed and transported to the Richland County Detention Center.

⑥ **NONCRIMINAL MISCHIEF, BATES LOT, 1405 WHALEY ST.** The victim said someone covered his car in silly string. The complainant said his car has been damaged several times this semester. No damage was done to the vehicle. Reporting officer: G.S. Whitlock.

⑦ **ILLEGAL USE OF TELEPHONE (THREATENING), SOUTH QUAD RESIDENCE HALL, 614 BULL ST.** The victim said that, between Aug. 20 and Nov. 11, Delilah Covendale called her about 16 times and threatened to physically harm her. Investigation continues. Reporting officer: J.M. Simmons.

⑧ **MISSING INVENTORY, PRESIDENT'S HOUSE, 900 SUMNER ST.** The complainant said several inventory items could not be located after the recent move back into the President's House on the Horseshoe. The investigation continues. Reporting officers: J.D. Patterson.

Award honors Housing's 'green initiative' program

BY CARRIE GOODIN
THE GAMECOCK

USC Housing has received national recognition for its advancements in protecting the environment.

Commended for its collaboration with the School of the Environment, Housing was awarded the 2003 Innovative Achievement in Auxiliary Services Award from the National Association of College Auxiliary Services.

Housing has been recognized for its environmental efforts before, but this award is the first national recognition of Housing's green initiative.

Housing has started several such initiatives to make on-campus living more financially and environmentally efficient.

Housing Director Gene Luna said a common misconception about environmental initiatives is that they are more expensive. He said improvements such as replacing 250 computer monitors with flat-screen LCD monitors or switching to high-efficiency washers and dryers will actually save money.

The LCD monitors are projected to save \$8,000 a year, and

the washers and dryers are expected to save \$19,600 a year as well as 2 million gallons of water.

Housing is also using alternative fuel vehicles that Luna says will save \$16,000 a year.

Housing partners with local charities to participate in the Take It or Leave It program, in which students and staff members are encouraged to recycle old cardboard, cinder blocks and other useable products. In

one year, 40 tons of cinder blocks were donated to Habitat for Humanity, which used them to build four houses. Also, 1 million pounds of food have been donated to the Harvest Hope Food Bank.

According to Luna, the biggest breakthrough so far in the sustainability efforts was having the new West Quad residence hall become the first building on campus to gain certification as environmentally responsible.

"It's started a trend and has served as a catalyst for others," said Luna.

USC's Arnold School of Public Health is also going to be certified, as well.

Luna encouraged students to offer suggestions and get more involved by sharing ideas about how to make USC more environ-

mentally sound. "I think it's great that the university is trying to save energy and help recycle," said third-year geography student Meredith McKeever.

In the future, Housing plans to take the environment into account when looking at any new materials.

Furniture will be partly made of recycled material and will use low-emission glues. West Quad will be used as a demonstration site for students to discuss and learn from displays about fuel cells, solar panels and other environmentally friendly materials and techniques.

"I think it's great that the university is trying to save energy and help recycle."

MEREDITH MCKEEVER
THIRD-YEAR GEOGRAPHY STUDENT

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Japan puts off sending troops to Iraq, might deploy next year

BY BASSEM MROUE
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BAGHDAD, IRAQ — Japan put off a decision Thursday on sending troops to Iraq, a day after the deadliest attack on coalition forces since the war, and South Korea stepped its contribution at 3,000 soldiers — new setbacks to U.S. hopes for easing the pressure on its forces.

U.S. troops pounded suspected guerrilla targets in the capital for a second-straight night under a new get-tough campaign against the insurgency.

And the top American administrator, L. Paul Bremer, headed back to Baghdad after two days of White House talks with orders that Iraqis should take more responsibility for governing.

On the eve of a visit to Tokyo by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Japan decided the time isn't right to send its forces to Iraq, indicating its deployment might be delayed until next year.

Japan had hoped to send troops to Iraq to help rebuild the country by the end of 2003, but chief Cabinet Secretary Yasuo Fukuda backed off, saying Iraq is still too unstable.

"Japan has said it wants to think about the timing" of its deployment, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said in Washington. "We understand that."

South Korea also decided to limit its contribution to 3,000 troops, President Roh Moo-hyun announced. Denmark also rejected a push by two Danish soldiers' unions to bolster its 400-member force by 100 more troops.

Many countries and agencies in Iraq, including Spain, the Netherlands, the United Nations and the international Red Cross, have been reconsidering their presence since they became targets.

The reassessments came a day after Wednesday's suicide truck bombing at a base for Italian forces in the southern city of Nasiriyah killed at least 32 people — 18 of them Italians — and wounded more than 80. Officials said several of the wounded are not expected to survive.

Speaking to reporters Friday en route to Asia, Rumsfeld said countries that decide to participate in military operations in Iraq should do so only if they believe it is in their own interest.

"It's a dangerous country, it's a violent country," Rumsfeld said. "It's been a violent country for a long time and it very likely will be for a long time. Certainly people need to participate there with their eyes open."

Bremer headed back to Baghdad to work with Iraqis on developing a plan to speed up establishment of an Iraqi government.

In Washington, a senior U.S. official said the Bush administra-

tion is proposing elections in the first half of next year and formation of a government before a constitution is written.

For months, the administration has insisted that Iraqi leaders write a constitution and hold elections before power shifts from U.S. occupiers to Iraqis.

But on Thursday, Rice said the Iraqi Governing Council has resisted that American timeline.

"It is still important that the Iraqi people have a permanent

constitution and elections for a permanent government. Nothing has changed," Rice said. "But what is also important is that we find ways to accelerate the transfer of power to the Iraqis — they are clamoring for it; they are, we believe, ready for it."

President Bush also expressed resolve to curb the violence against coalition forces.

"We're going to prevail," he said. "We've got a good strategy to deal with these killers."

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