

EXTENDED FORECAST

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
High 85 Low 65	High 83 Low 63	High 80 Low 64	High 83 Low 64	High 80 Low 58

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NEWS The HRTM school offers a workshop for schools around the country.

THE MIX The Nickelodeon is showing "Broadway: The Golden Age."

SPORTS Brian Saal previews women's tennis in this weekend action.

STATE

Fewer women killed by men, study finds

Fewer women were killed by men in South Carolina in 2002 than the year before, helping move the state from No. 1 to No. 6 in a national ranking, according to a study by the Violence Policy Center.

In 2002, 49 women died at the hands of men, the center's annual report said. That's a homicide rate of 2.32 per 100,000 residents. The 2001 data showed 64 women were killed by men in the state, a rate of 3.15 per 100,000 residents, the highest rate in the nation.

The Violence Policy Center, based in Washington, D.C., is a nonprofit group advocating gun control.

Four years ago, in a study based on 1998 data, South Carolina also ranked No. 1 for the number of women killed by men. The state has been in the Top 5 each year of the study.

NATION

Meth lab explosion destroys man's home

UNICOI, Tenn. — One man was arrested and two others were on the run after a house was destroyed by fire when a methamphetamine lab exploded, police said.

Kyle Johnson, 22, who was renting the house, turned himself in hours after the explosion early Monday morning, Unicoi County Sheriff Kent Harris said. Johnson was not at home when the fire occurred.

"He called me and turned himself in," Harris said. "He knew what was going on at the house."

He was to be arraigned Tuesday on an array of charges linked to the explosion, including manufacturing schedule II drugs and reckless burning of a house.

Two Anderson men fled the scene and were believed to be traveling back to South Carolina, Harris said.

"I understand they are injured, and we aren't releasing their names as we feel we will be making arrests in cooperation with authorities in South Carolina," Harris said.

Suicide rates on rise in storm-ridden Fla.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — It's not just roofs that have come apart and walls that are falling down. After four hurricanes in six weeks, many people in Florida are suffering emotional breakdowns.

Mental health centers have been flooded with calls from people distraught, depressed or anxious, and authorities say suicides and domestic violence are up in some places.

At an enormous, crowded relief station at a fairgrounds, one woman climbed out of her car before she reached the end of the line and began screaming. "I can't take this anymore! I don't want to do this anymore!" Relief workers calmed her before taking her to a hospital for treatment.

WORLD

Greenhouse gas levels rising over Antarctica

TOKYO — Carbon dioxide levels over Antarctica have risen 2.6 percent from six years ago — the first ever detected greenhouse gas increase above the southern continent, a group of Japanese researchers said Tuesday.

Carbon dioxide from populated continents was apparently making its way down to the atmosphere above Antarctica, said Takashi Yamanouchi, a professor at the National Institute of Polar Research.

"Everywhere on Earth is now being polluted by carbon dioxide," Yamanouchi said. "That may be contributing to the expansion of global warming, although we must check whether temperatures in the atmosphere are in fact rising."

Many climate scientists believe carbon dioxide — produced by burning fossil fuels and by other industrial processes — has caused global warming by trapping heat in the Earth's atmosphere.

BRIEFS FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Singer shocked at plane's diversion

LOS ANGELES — When he was yanked off a Washington-bound plane and sent home, the singer formerly known as **Cat Stevens** says he became the victim of an "unjust and arbitrary system" that is diminishing the United States' reputation as a defender of freedom.

In an opinion piece published in Tuesday's Los Angeles Times, Yusuf Islam said he and his 21-year-old daughter were on their way to Nashville last week to look into a music project when their flight from London was diverted to Bangor, Maine.

The captain told passengers "heavy traffic" was to blame, Islam said, but as soon as the plane touched the ground, a half-dozen uniformed



CHRISTOP STACHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yusuf Islam, formerly Cat Stevens, showed up on a U.S. watch list.

men approached, asked his name and told him to come with them. He had turned up on a list of people suspected of having terrorist links.

"I was devastated," Islam wrote. "The unbelievable thing is that only two months earlier, I had been having meetings in Washington with top officials from the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to talk about my charity work."

Since he converted to Islam in 1977, he said, there have been repeated efforts to link him to violent causes and groups.

"I denounce all forms of terrorism and injustice; it is simply outrageous for anyone to suggest otherwise," he said, noting he has spoken out against the Sept. 11 attacks and the taking of hostages in Iraq.

Ferrell's returns for 'Old School' gala

LOS ANGELES - Will Ferrell was flashing back to his college days.

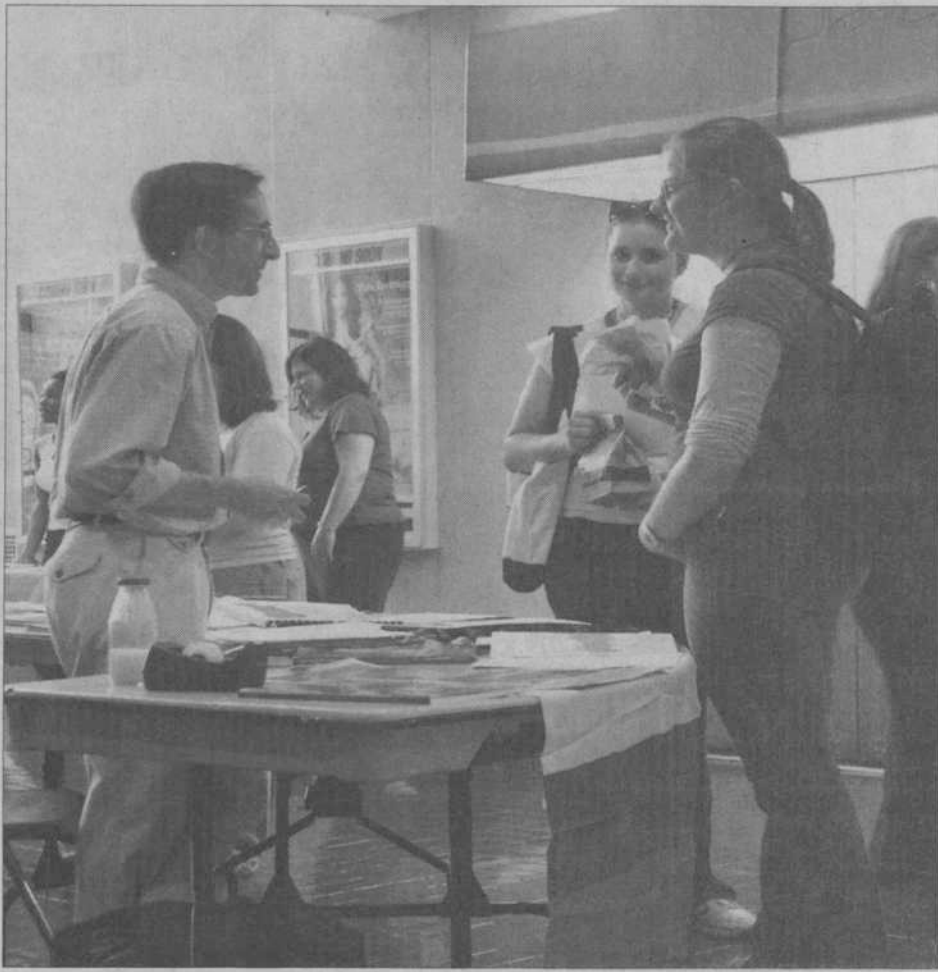
The star of "Elf" and "Anchorman" returned to his alma mater to show what he's made of himself — and to show his bare backside like he did in his comedy "Old School."

Ferrell, a graduate of the

DAY

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EXPANDING HORIZONS



JASON STEELMAN/THE GAMECOCK

Elyse Walker, right, a first-year marine science student, and Jenny Taylor, a first-year chemical engineering student, find out information about study abroad programs from Russian and Linguistic professor Curt Ford during the study abroad fair in the Russell House on Tuesday. Ford, who studied abroad as a student, said, "Studying abroad is an important experience for a foreign language student. It is the most enjoyable, challenging and enriching experiences for undergraduates."

University of Southern California, hosted the 75th anniversary gala for its School of Cinema-Television on Sunday, commemorating the first college in the country to offer courses in filmmaking.

The event opened with the screening of a short, silent project that was described as the school's first student film: It was black-and-white footage of Ferrell wearing the school's Trojan mascot headdress and running bare-bottomed around campus.

"It's amazing what they turn up in those archives," Ferrell deadpanned. "For those of you who don't know me, my name is Will Ferrell. I am a professional entertainer, actor and exhibitionist."

Although he was there addressing the school of cinema and television, the former "Saturday Night Live" regular cannot be counted among that department's graduates.

"This is such a thrill for me because I'm also a graduate of USC, class of 1990, with a degree in sports information," Ferrell said, drawing laughs from the crowd before adding: "Which is... true."

Filmmakers from USC's school of entertainment include **Ron Howard, John Singleton, Robert**

Zemeckis and "Star Wars" creator **George Lucas**, who were among the more than 1,200 people attending the celebration.

Renowned fashion designer dies at 77

NEW YORK — Geoffrey Beene, the award-winning designer whose simple, classic styles for men and women put him at the forefront of American fashion, died Tuesday at 77.

Beene died at his home from complications of pneumonia, according to Russell Nardoza, vice president of Geoffrey Beene Inc.

The designer launched his own company on a shoestring budget in 1963 and turned it into a fashion empire. Along with Bill Blass, Beene was regarded as one of the godfathers of American sportswear.

Beene, who had planned to be a doctor and found himself daydreaming instead about fashions, was an eight-time winner of the Coty Fashion Critics Award and the first American designer to show his clothes in Milan. He was widely hailed for his innovative and iconoclastic work.

"A designer's designer, Geoffrey

Beene is one of the most artistic and individual of fashion's creators," read the plaque given to him on New York's Fashion Center Walk of Fame. A 1993 New York Times article described him as "an artist who chooses to work in cloth."

Agassi credits wife as key to his success

LAS VEGAS — The secret to success in life? Easy, says **Andre Agassi**: Find a wife like **Steffi Graf**.

Agassi has found it trying at times to juggle family life, a demanding tennis schedule and his charity work. He concedes he's thought about retirement for the past five years.

"The first key to a great sense of balance is having a great wife," Agassi said by telephone recently. "Without a support system, it wouldn't be possible."

Agassi and his tennis star-wife are raising two children.

"It's a challenge," Agassi says. "As hard as it is at times, the things that are enjoyable are more enjoyable now."

Agassi, 34, is ranked seventh in the world and has committed to a full tournament schedule next year.

COMING UP @ USC

TODAY

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP: 1600 Hampton Street, room 101, 8:45 a.m. to noon.
WORKSHOP USING POWERPOINT EFFECTIVELY: Thomas Cooper Library classroom 3, 2-3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM COURSES WITHOUT "WF.":
CLEAN CAROLINA FALL KICKOFF CELEBRATION: Russell House, noon to 2 p.m.

FRIDAY

USC WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. GEORGIA: Stone Stadium, 7 p.m.
USC VOLLEYBALL vs. KENTUCKY: Basketball Practice Facility, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

UNITED WAY BED RACE: Between Wachovia Bank on Main Street, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

USC SOCCER vs. GARDNER WEBB: Stone Stadium, 4 p.m.
USC WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. TENNESSEE: Stone Stadium, 7 p.m.

MONDAY

SPURS & STRUTS: Davis Field, time to be announced
FIRST DAY OF HOMECOMING WEEK

TUESDAY

HOMECOMING SHOWCASE: Koger Center, 8 p.m.
PRE-MEDICAL ACADEMIC & CAREER EXPLORATION SERIES: Towers Classroom, 8 p.m.

USC BRIEFS

Journal to publish professor's article

A study by USC geology professor Tom Owens will be featured in *Nature* magazine, making him the second USC geology professor in the last month to appear in the publication. His study found that unusual geologic deformation has caused a major earth boundary under the San Joaquin Valley, called the Moho, to disappear.

Owens, collaborating with researchers from the University of Arizona, the University of Colorado and the California Institute of Technology, used seismic studies to examine the layers of earth beneath the southern Sierra Nevada Mountains in California. Their research, featured recently in *Nature*, found that the Moho — a boundary between the Earth's rocky crust and the underlying mantle — is missing.

NanoCenter lecture series begins today

Registration is under way at the USC for the S.C. Citizens' School of Nanotechnology, an innovative lecture-and-discussion series exploring the scientific and societal implications of nanotechnology. The series, sponsored by USC and its NanoCenter, will begin today and continue on consecutive Wednesdays through Nov. 10. The programs will be at 7 p.m. in USC's Sumwalt building on Greene Street.

The non-credit series will feature USC faculty members who study nanotechnology and its societal implications and who are nationally respected for their expertise in this growing scientific field. For information and registration, e-mail Christopher Toumey at 777-2221.

POLICE REPORT



Reports taken from the USC Police Department.

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

① **Vandalism, Field House, 116 Marion St.**

Someone let the air out of a car's tire, bent the rear windshield wiper, scratched the rear window and dented the hood. Estimated damage is \$325. Reporting officer: J. Simmons

② **Suspicious Activity, Thomas Cooper Library, 1322 Greene St.**

A white male in his 20s, wearing dark overalls and a light blue shirt, identified as Steve, hung around the library for about two hours acting strange. He asked a woman several times if she had anyone in her family from Africa. He then got into a verbal altercation with an unknown black male.

Reporting officer: J. Silcox

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

③ **Grand Larceny of Laptop, South Quad Room 412 A, 500 Sumter St.**

Someone took a gray Dell laptop

from the room. Estimated value is \$1,200.

Reporting officer: P. Morant
④ **Larceny of Laptop, West Quad A Building Room 409, 438 Main St.**

Someone took a Compaq laptop from the room. Estimated value is \$1,700.

Reporting officer: J. Silcox

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