

Roberts sworn in as 17th chief justice



John Roberts gets sworn in Thursday as the 17th chief justice of the United States by Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens in the East Room of the White House.

Senate votes 78-22 for young conservative after 3-month process

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WASHINGTON — John G. Roberts Jr., a conservative protege of the late William H. Rehnquist, succeeded him Thursday and became the nation's youngest chief justice in two centuries, winning support from more than three-fourths of the Senate after promising he would be no ideologue. Roberts, at 50, becomes the 17th chief justice, presiding over a Supreme Court that seems as divided as the nation over abortion and other tumultuous social issues. The court opens a new term on Monday.

"The Senate has confirmed a man with an astute mind and kind heart," President Bush said just before Roberts was sworn in by acting Chief Justice John Paul Stevens. "All Americans can be confident that the 17th chief justice of the United States will be prudent in exercising judicial power, firm in defending judicial independence and above all a faithful guardian of the Constitution."

Bush is expected to make his second Supreme Court nomination within days, one that conservatives hope will move the court to the right. Replacing Rehnquist with Roberts keeps the court's current balance, but replacing the moderate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor with a conservative could tilt it rightward.

Roberts called the Senate's 78-22 bipartisan vote for him "confirmation of what is for me a bedrock principle, that judging is different from politics." All of the Senate's 55 Republicans, independent James Jeffords of Vermont and half of the 44 Democrats supported him.

He said he would try to "pass on to my children's generation a charter of self-government as strong and as vibrant as the one that Chief Justice Rehnquist passed on to us."

"What Daniel Webster termed the miracle of our Constitution is

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SIGMA NU PROBED IN HAZING INQUIRY

Student Life investigates complaints against USC fraternity

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USC's chapter of Sigma Nu has received complaints regarding incidents of hazing in the fraternity's pledge program, resulting in an investigation from its national headquarters.

"There were some questions regarding their pledge program," said Jerry Brewer, director of Student Life. "Over the last couple weeks, we've had several informal complaints. We go ahead and take the complaints as far as we can."

The complaints were e-mailed to Sigma Nu national headquarters and to The Gamecock.

"We are working closely with the Student Life office and Greek Life to look into a complaint that we and the university received," said Brad Beacham, executive director of Sigma Nu headquarters.

Members of the headquarters staff at USC are reviewing the situation and talking with Sigma Nu members, including commander Matthew Palka, a fifth-year public relations student, and the pledge class.

"At this point, we don't know a lot. We're in the midst of responding to the complaint," Beacham said.

"It may or may not merit a disciplinary review," Brewer said.

The headquarters will issue a report

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Music school to orchestrate relief concert

Koger Center benefit to aid Katrina victims in first of charity series

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USC's School of Music will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Koger Center to benefit Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

"USC Cares: Renewal Through Music" will benefit South Carolina Cares, a private non-profit organization aiding Hurricane Katrina victims who have relocated to the Midlands. Seating is first-come, first served, and \$10 contribution is encouraged. The school of music is providing transportation for hurricane victims to attend the concert as guests of honor.

"Certainly we can all empathize with people who have been thrown out of their homes by a natural disaster, and anything we can do seems like a good idea to help them out," said saxophone professor Cliff Leaman.

He will perform the jazz piece "Czardas" at the benefit concert. Leaman was supposed to be on tour in the Louisiana and Gulf areas during the next week, but that tour had to be postponed because of the damage from Hurricane Katrina.

"It's cemented some of the small-worldness of the situation," Leaman said. "It brings home to roost how lucky we are not to have a hurricane come our way."

Choral professor Larry Wyatt first came up with the idea for a benefit concert about a week after Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast, but after suggesting it to his colleagues the idea

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USC police investigate running back

Woman says Cory Boyd threatened to slash her tires

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USC tailback Cory Boyd is under investigation by USC police for an incident Monday night in which a female student claimed he verbally abused her and threatened to slash her tires.

Third-year hotel, restaurant, and tourism management student Aisha Carey told police Boyd became verbally abusive with her and her roommate, fourth-year technical support and training management student Tericka Sanders, according to an incident report. Carey also told police Boyd threatened to slash Sanders' tires if Sanders did not settle a debt with him.

Sanders told police two hours later that the right rear tire on her Jeep had been flattened, causing an estimated \$150 in damage. According to the incident report, no suspects were named at the time.

Major Eric Grabski with USCPD said the case was still open and an investigation was being conducted.

Boyd was suspended for the season in June for an unspecified violation of athletics department policy. The junior can still practice with the team but is not allowed to participate in games. Boyd did not attend practice Wednesday.

Sanders declined comment.

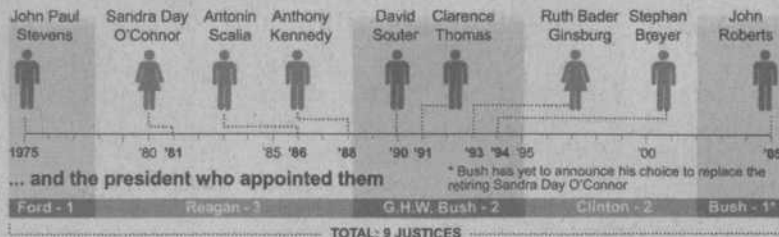
In 2003, Boyd had 58 carries for 232 yards and three touchdowns as a true freshman. He also had 11 catches for 145 yards and a touchdown while being named USC Freshman of the Year. Last season, Boyd was the team's second-leading rusher with 309 yards on 62 carries.

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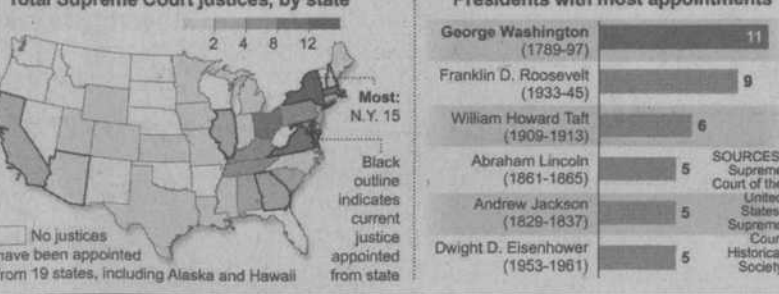
Confirmation puts first Bush Supreme Court pick on bench

With the confirmation of Judge John Roberts as chief justice of the Supreme Court on Thursday, the Senate approved President Bush's first lifetime appointment to the nation's highest court.

When current members of the Supreme Court took their oath ...



... and the president who appointed them



The Associated Press

University to change television providers



First-year business student John Jefferson watches television Thursday night in his dorm room.

Ian Chamberlain
FOR THE GAMECOCK

USC will switch its television provider from Dish Network to Direct TV on Saturday, one USC official said Wednesday.

If an average person switches cable providers, it usually involves a couple phone calls and a technician installing new hardware.

When an entire university does it, the process is slightly more complicated.

"It's all about improving Gamecock Cable TV," said Ron Segroves, cable television coordinator for Housing.

The change will add several channels to the university lineup, including ESPN U, the NFL

Network, Spike TV and AMC, among others. Other channels, including Boomerang and PAX TV, are being dropped from the university roster.

Segroves said USC is trying to "replace the least-watched channels with better programming."

"Also, different vendors offer different programming," Segroves said. "Our goal in changing from dish to Direct TV is to greatly improve programming and add many quality channels to Gamecock Cable TV."

While the change is taking place, channels are being moved around on the campus cable system on a nearly daily basis.

Jeff Hostilo — an official with

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Aaron Brazier protests the growing trend of over-political correctness in university classrooms; Chase Stoudenmire praises heartbreakers and urges us to thank them.

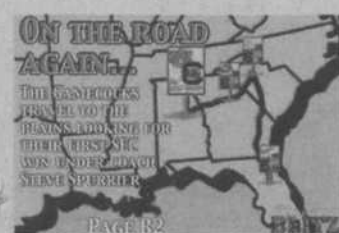
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Crawl, don't walk The Free Times is holding its Music Crawl on Saturday. Proceeds will help Habitat for Humanity and the Katrina relief effort.

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